

GKAISA Spring Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2015

7 pm, Cherokee Country Club

1. Welcome & Call to Order – Mollie DeLozier
2. Roll - \$25.00 fine for lack of representation
3. Presentations:
 - Lauren [?] from UT's Swim Camp program gave a brief outline of the camps available this season. New this year is the opportunity for a team's staff to be able to participate if 5 of their members sign up for a particular camp session.
 - Jaws Swim Shop: Bill Bethmann presented on behalf of Sally Paisley
 - Swim & Tri: Brian Smith updated us on offerings from Swim & Tri this season.
4. Treasurer's Report (John Lewis):
 - Ending bank balance: \$11,231.00

At the current rate of income from City Meet fees and income from heat sheet sales, our cash flow is unsustainable for the long term. Heat sheet sales are down considerably, probably due to the ability to follow the meet on Meet Mobile.

Tom Horne pointed out that income/swimmer is about \$11.50 while the City Meet cost per swimmer is \$25.00.

Suggestions about how to increase income:

 - Increase entry fees? Mollie DeLozier indicated that there will probably be an increase in the entry fees for 2016.
 - To reduce the Green Shirt costs, increase the workers needed from each team.
 - Chet Carbaugh: Rent ad space for visual sponsorships around the pool. It was not thought that Aquatic Center management would not look favorably upon this idea.
 - Someone suggested renting space on the Jumbotron.
 - Accepting political ads in the Heat Sheets.
5. Approval of Minutes from the Fall General Meeting October 21, 2014: No corrections, unanimous approval
6. Old Business: None.
7. New Business:
 - New Team – Ft. Saunders Health & Fitness Center. Kimberly Pemberton presented an outline of their request for GKAISA membership. About 40 swimmers have expressed an interest thus far with good parental support. They have a 6 lane outdoor pool with 4 lanes available for meets since there are only 4 blocks available at this time. Membership for Ft. Sanders in League 6 was unanimously approved.
 - League Assignments for 2015 are as listed in the GKAISA 2015 Leagues handout.
 - Mollie DeLozier:
 - ✓ Hope to have the new GKAISA website go "live" sometime in March.
 - ✓ Meet Management training sessions at the Whittington Creek Club House on March 28: Leagues 1 & 2 at 9 am; Leagues 3 & 4 at 10:45 am; Leagues 5 & 6 at 1 pm. These sessions are highly recommended, but not mandatory.

- ✓ Participation in the Swim-Team.us website platform is not mandatory this year, but it is hoped that participation by all teams will eventually lead to electronic scoring at meets being utilized. It was suggested that individual team plans be discussed at the March 26 scheduling meeting.
- ✓ Coaching Certification Requirements:
 - ALL coaches MUST complete all requirements by June 1, 2015. Late Deadline: June 8, 2015. Teams will be fined \$25.00 per coach per training late fee. ANY COACH WHO DOES NOT MEE THE JUNE 8 DEADLINE WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED AS A GKAIISA COACH AND WILL BE DENIED CITY MEET DECK ADDESS.
 - Concussion Awareness Training: Must be completed every year before team practice starts. If completed previously, e.g. high school team, send a copy of certificate to GKAIISA. Training will be offered at the Mandatory Coaches meeting, May 6 at 7 pm (Cherokee Country Club). There will be a makeup opportunity on May 28 @ 7 pm at the Whittington Creek Clubhouse.
 - Athlete Protection: may be completed every 2 years, but be aware of the expiration date. The USA and Redwoods programs are both acceptable.
 - Links for both Concussion Awareness and Athlete Protection will be posted on the GKAIISA website.

8. Rules Clarification for Tom Schumann:

Splashes in 2 league meets are required for City Meet participation. The Smoky Mountain Meet counts. In the case of a meet rainout, one splash counts as a meet participation. Intrasquad meets do NOT count.

9. Important Dates: Please refer to the Meeting Agenda. Correction: The makeup Concussion Awareness Training is MAY 28, 7 PM @ Whittington Creek (not May 27th).

10. Other Business:

- Denise Gardner for SMI: The SMI meet will be held July 11 12. New this year: Tents will be ordered through SMI and payment will be made with the entry fees.
- Jefferson City Swim Club proposed reviving the Relay Meet. No date has been set and will depend upon interest.
- Gulf Park Blue Sharks (Lori White?): It would be a GREAT help to the Clerk of Course workers at City Meet if ALL swimmers had their names written on their backs.
- Balanced School Year: Knox County member teams need to make their families aware of the public meetings to be held to get public input concerning the proposal for a Balanced School Year. It was felt that summer swimming could survive a 9 week summer break, but not a 6 week summer break.

11. Adjournment at 8:15 pm.