

GKAISA Spring Meeting 2014
March 4, 2014

1. Call to Order 7:15 PM
2. Welcome-Tom Horne
3. Roll- \$50 fine for lack of representation, Kelley Perkins
4. Approval of minutes from the fall meeting. No corrections, unanimous approval.
5. Swim Shop Presentation.
 - a. Patrice and Brian from Swim and Tri introduced themselves to the GKAISA swim community and explained what they offer summer swim teams. Patrice also discussed the scholarship they give away at Smoky Mountain for any swimmer, ages 13 and up, who has been with their team for at least 4 years.
 - b. Sally Pasley from Jaws also reviewed what they can offer summer swim teams. She also discussed her husband Ed. Ed is the co-owner of JAWS and is fighting Leukemia. She will be in Nashville for several weeks while he undergoes a bone marrow transplant. She wanted everyone to know that it will be business as usual at Jaws and they have an excellent team to handle all summer swim needs.
6. Treasurer's Report, John Lewis
Current bank account total is \$48,697.54. There are no outstanding checks or deposits. Accounts receivable are \$347.00 in club fees from 2013 and \$150.00 fines for missing meetings. Accounts payable are for Allan Jones Aquatic Center for City Meet. The estimate given from UT was for \$43,809 for 2013. 2012 fees for City Meet were \$30,062. We are hopeful the actual cost will be somewhere in between those two numbers. Our actual ending balance will be somewhere between \$5000 and \$18,000. We were able to give \$9,000 in scholarship money last year.
7. Motion to change date in the 2014 Constitution was made. Unanimous approval to change date to 2014.
8. Motion to change date in the General Rules to 2014 and the approval of the updated league assignments was made. Unanimous approval. The update leagues are posted on the website.
9. Motion to change the date to 2014 in the Championship Meet Rules was made and approved unanimously.
10. Clinic Schedule, Tom Schumann
 - a. GKAISA will undergo a change in the process to certify officials. After participating in a clinic, those that want to be certified as an official will take an on line test. KISL, the high school swimming association, has gone to this system. It replaces the need to print and take a paper test, mailing the test in to be graded, and having to have

someone able to grade the tests. It will be easier and more efficient. GKAIISA is using the same test company as KISL and will share the cost with KISL. The test will be specific to GKAIISA rules.

- b. The list of officials will become small as yearly certifications expire. Referees will become stroke and turn judges or starters until they re-certify. Please encourage your swim parents to get certified to be a referee. It is important to have a qualified individual to run swim meets so that the meet will be fair for both sides. Please let GKAIISA know in advance if you do not have someone qualified and we will offer support for your team for that meet.
8. Mandatory Concussion Awareness training and policies
- a. The state of Tennessee has passed legislation requiring all youth sports organizations and schools to increase awareness of the dangers of concussions and to create safeguards for children who suffer concussions don't return to play until cleared by a medical professional. The bill requires parents and athletes to sign a concussion information sheet before being allowed to participate and requires coaches to complete concussion training. It also requires any athlete who shows signs of a concussion be removed from competition and can't return until cleared by a health care professional.
 - b. Coaches will have to be trained on a yearly basis and will have to sign a form to be passed on to GKAIISA.
 - c. Parents must sign a consent form.
 - d. These documents must be kept for three years.

9. 2014 Meeting Schedule

- a. The scheduling meeting will be March 27 at 7:00 PM at Cherokee Country Club. A coach or team representative must be present. Coaches can work on the schedules ahead of time, but must come to the meeting.
- b. The Coaches' Meeting will be May 7 at 7:00 PM. Head coaches must attend.
- c. There will be a referee clinic held at the Student Aquatic Center for anyone who may need to attend. The time and date will be announced as soon as possible.
- d. There will be a meet manager meeting at the Student Aquatic Center. The time and date will be announced as soon as possible.
- e. The dates for City Meet are July 25-27 at Allan Jones.
- f. The dates for the Smoky Mountain Invitational are July 12-13.

Old Business

1. GKAIISA Fees

A raise in GKAIISA fees from \$8 to \$10 was approved in the fall. The proposed rule change 2.1.6 is up for a second reading. Tom Horne reminded us that we have not raised fees in several years despite the cost of City Meet almost doubling.

Proposed: A check made payable to GKAIISA in the amount of \$10 per swimmer must be turned in with the completed computer sheets.

There was no discussion. Everyone was in favor and the vote was unanimous to raise the dues.

Other Business

1. Middle School Swimming

Molly Delozier spoke on swim community's interest in developing a program for Middle School swimming in our area. Molly indicated there were about 300 MS swimmers who love summer swimming and aren't year round swimmers who are interested in continuing to swim during the school year. She passed out an informational letter and asked GKAIISA members to get the word out.

2. Presentation from Rick Waldis from Swim-team us. His company provides free websites designed specifically for swim teams. Several GKAIISA teams have used the site for their teams. It offers several team related functions such as roster, online registration, email team news, a place for pictures and video, team records, volunteer sign ups, RSVP for meets, etc. The company is working on meet management software and Whittington Creek will be piloting the software this summer. The summer league in Chattanooga will also be trying it this summer. Andy Barre and his wife (from Whittington Creek) are happy to answer any questions other teams may have about using this site and vouches that the tech support from Rich has been timely and good.