

Lower Bucks Swim League

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League Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2005

The Lower Bucks Swim League meeting was called to order by league President Bob McDowell at 7:39 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance were Bob McDowell, Stan Salwach, Maria Kolokithias, Sally Lewing, Tim Schenkel and Kathy Gillespie. Jack Cataldi was not in attendance.

Swim team representatives in attendance were: Bensalem, Breezypoint, Brookside, Bustleton, Hatboro Y, High Point, LMT A, LMT B, Morrisville, Navy, Newtown, Newtown Crossing, Northampton, Oxford Valley, Quartett, Richboro A, Richboro B, Somerton, Torresdale, Warrington and Winchester.

Council Rock, Eddington, and Phoenix were not in attendance.

2. MINUTES

LMT made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting as written and Brookside seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS

A.) PRESIDENT

President McDowell introduced the Board members and welcomed all the representatives to the meeting, thanking them for their support and leadership. He also reminded everyone of the LBSL goal to promote good sportsmanship and fun through swimming and diving.

Updated summer swim meet schedules were distributed. Changes were made on the White Division schedule because Morrisville's competition pool was destroyed by flooding caused by recent storms.

Somerton will hold the Odd Age meet on Saturday, July 9, 2005.

The following clubs will be hosting officials clinics:

Hatboro Y
High Point
LMT
Newtown
Somerton

Dates and times will be posted on the website (www.lbsl.org) as soon as Dale Carmody completes coordination of all necessary arrangements.

This will be Dale Carmody and Marie Slowey's last season as LBSL officials. Please advertise these vacancies and help us to find replacements.

Navy volunteered to host Blue concessions at Champs. We still need a Blue host and an 8 & u host. Names will be drawn at the next meeting if we do not receive volunteers.

Coleen Long volunteered to handle the Senior Awards this season. Please submit Senior essays to Coleen Long by July 12, 2005. Coleen's mailing address is: Coleen Long, 335 Margaretta Avenue, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

B.) VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Cataldi was not in attendance at this meeting. President McDowell introduced and welcomed our new Assistant Vice President, Stan Salwach, to the LBSL.

C.) TREASURER

Financial reports were distributed.

Please remember to write your club name on ALL checks given to the LBSL and to clearly designate divers on the recap sheets.

2005 Swim/Dive season insurance rates:

Swimmer only:	\$6.00
Diver only:	\$15.00
Swimmer/Diver:	\$21.00

Treasurer Kolokithias requests that all teams make a good effort to submit their invoices, insurance papers and payments by the end of May.

D.) OPERATING SECRETARY

Insurance forms are available on line at www.lbsl.org.

ROSTER MEETING

QUARTETT JUNE 23, 2005 7:30 P.M.

At least one coach must attend the Roster meeting.

E.) RECORDING SECRETARY

Please provide any name, telephone, address, and/or e-mail changes for Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and League Reps to Kathy Gillespie.

F.) DIVING VICE PRESIDENT

Breezypoint needs a diving coach. There are approximately 30 divers on the Breezypoint team. Any interested individuals may contact Diving Vice President Schenkel through the LBSL website, www.lbsl.org.

4. COMMITTEE NEEDS

The following clubs volunteered for duties at Champs:

Senior Awards: Coleen Long

Champs Meet Hosts

8 & U	Vacant
Red	Bustleton
White	Phoenix
Blue	Vacant
Finals	League

Champs Concessions

8 & u	Richboro
Red	High Point
White	Morrisville (tentatively)
Blue	Navy
Finals	Brookside

5. OLD BUSINESS

Issue regarding changing the age-up date will be discussed further. It cannot be

changed for the 2005 swim season, so it will continue to be a topic after the season. Changing the date will have a lot of effect on the league, and President McDowell would like the league to thoroughly review all issues/concerns prior to any major changes being made.

The idea of doing away with place judges in the LBSL was discussed. While some teams feel place judges are not a necessity, a majority of the teams feel place judges provide a vital service during dual swim meets, especially in instances where timers are not paying attention and/or balloting issues arise at the scoring table. The LBSL will continue to utilize place judges at swim meets and the importance of the duties of place judges and timers will be addressed during the officials clinics.

At the April 11, 2005 meeting, Vice President Cataldi asked for ideas/opinions regarding the possibility of the LBSL providing financial assistance to teams that could not afford the computer software to run meets. Vice President Cataldi said the league would like to go “computer” and was looking for ways to bring everyone on board. President McDowell continued this discussion at the May 9th meeting. Concerns were presented about the pros and cons of starting financial aid among the LBSL teams. Teams do not have to purchase laptops, just the computer software. Laptops can be borrowed to record the dual meet times and the software only costs about \$50.00. Since the League still requires paper copies of meet sheets, it is not necessary to put out the money for “team” laptops. Laptops were donated to some clubs for meet use. If financial aid is started, where will it go? A suggestion was made to give each team in the LBSL \$50.00. This equal distribution would keep things fair and each team could put the money toward their computer needs, or any other need that would enhance their swimming/diving program. The idea of using a “rebate program” rather than an assistance program was discussed. Other ideas for a good use of money were: to enlarge the scholarships awarded to senior swimmers/divers; sponsor a swimmer/diver that cannot afford club/team fees; have the league sponsor one swimmer/diver per club that cannot afford to join otherwise; waive league fees for a team for a year and/or upgrade the awards given at Invitationals and Champs. A couple of ideas to raise money were: to invite a nationally recognized swimmer/diver to give a speech at a league sponsored function; and promote the league more to draw more members. The 50th anniversary of the LBSL is approaching and would be a good milestone to plan a celebration/fundraising event. The discussion got everyone thinking and some good ideas brewing. President McDowell is looking forward to more input and cooperation in coming to an agreeable means to raise and distribute funds to benefit the LBSL as a whole.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Please advertise Senior awards!

Warrington Cold Water Classic information can be found at Warrington's website: wstdragons.org or by going through the Warrington link on the LBSL website, www.lbsl.org.

7. NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

June 13, 2005 7:30 p.m. Somerton

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.