

LOWER BUCKS SWIM LEAGUE

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League Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2006

The Lower Bucks Swim League meeting was called to order by League President Jack Cataldi at 7:45 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance were Jack Cataldi, Pat Ryan, Maria Kolokithias, Sally Lewing, Tim Schenkel and Kathy Gillespie.

Stan Salwach was not in attendance.

Swim team representatives in attendance were: Bensalem, Brookside, Bustleton, Eddington, Hatboro Y, High Point, LMT A, LMT B, Northampton, Oxford Valley, Phoenix, Somerton, Torresdale, and Warrington.

Breezypoint, Newtown, Newtown Crossing, Quartett, Richboro A, Richboro B and Winchester were not in attendance.

2. MINUTES

President Cataldi asked if everyone present accepted the minutes of the July 10, 2006 meeting as written. All present were in favor of accepting the July 10, 2006 minutes.

3. REPORTS

A.) PRESIDENT

President Cataldi distributed three (3) proposed 2007 LBSL schedules for review and discussion. The three (3) proposed schedules are attached. Schedule 1, which allowed for two (2) meets in the first week of the season was scratched by the team reps because the city schools do not finish school until June 15, 2007. This would not allow for any practice time prior to the first week of competition. Schedule 2, which allowed for one week of practice between school dismissal and competition was also scratched because it required a dual meet on July 5, 2007. The 4th of July week is considered a poor week to have dual meets because so many swimmers and their families take vacation that week. Schedule 3, which allows for practice time prior to the first competition and also allows for no dual meets the week of July 4th, was not scratched.

After review and discussion of the proposed schedules, a vote was taken to accept a 2007 schedule. All team reps voted in favor of Schedule 3, no reps were opposed.

Next, a discussion ensued on how to resolve re-aligning the Lower Bucks Swim League due to the withdrawal of Morrisville and Navy. The discussion began by suggesting that the teams that should move down a division at the end of the 2006 season should still move down; however, the teams that should move up at the end of the 2006 season will not move up. This would put seven (7) teams in each division. From the Red Division, Torresdale would move down into White and from the White Division, Newtown Crossing would move down into Blue.

The Operating Procedures state “if possible, the league shall divide the teams into equal divisions.” Bustleton made the following motion to re-align the league and Northampton seconded this motion:

At the end of the 2006 swim season, the appropriate teams will move down (Torresdale from Red to White; Newtown Crossing from White to Blue) per the Operating Procedures; however, the second step of one team from White and Blue moving up a division will be disregarded for the 2006 season only.

Prior to a vote on this motion, Somerton made the following amendment to it and Brookside seconded it:

If the LBSL is approached by a team (or teams) that would like to join our league for the 2007 season, this team(s) will be entered into the Blue Division per guidelines of the Operating Procedures and the two teams that did not move up at the end of the 2006 season will be allowed to move up.

A vote was taken to have 7 teams in each division for the 2006 season unless one team joins the LBSL in the Blue Division. One team will move down out of Red and one team will move down out of White without any teams advancing upward. There were 13 swim team representatives present at the September 11, 2006 meeting. 12 reps voted “yes” and 1 rep voted “no” for the proposed re-alignment.

This re-alignment will be re-visited at the April, 2007 league meeting.

B.) VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President Pat Ryan advised that any known discrepancies and/or missing awards situations from Champs/Finals were corrected. Vice President Ryan had bags of awards with him at the September 11, 2006 meeting for distribution. If you were not present at the meeting and want to make arrangements to get your team’s awards, please contact Pat through the LBSL website, www.lbsl.org.

There is still an investigation going on into two (2) different situations in which a swimmer swam a race, but the results showed a notation of “no swimmer.” In one of these situations, the child won the heat, but the timers in the lane and the computer all showed that there was no swimmer in that lane during that specific heat.

906 athletes participated in this year’s Champs/Finals, with 2,506 overall entries. The numbers are up from previous years. Thank you for everyone’s participation!

A discussion was opened to get feedback concerning the 2006 decision to change venues for Champs/Finals from Trenton to Central Bucks South. President Cataldi noted that the air conditioning system had failed during the meets and that this should not be a problem next year. He also advised that Central Bucks South is buying mats for the hallway floors to address the slippery floor issue and that bleacher rental is being researched for team seating for next year. Pros and cons were aired. Both Trenton and Central Bucks will be solicited for the 2007 Champs/Finals meets and the location will be voted upon at the April, 2007 league meeting.

The topic of having enough workers available from your team was visited. Every 6.2 swimmers entered at Champs/Finals requires one (1) parent worker. Each team must provide enough workers/reliefs to cover their assigned jobs. As a reminder, the snack bar is a privilege for your club to make income – it is not considered a job assignment. Your team still has to provide meet workers.

C.) TREASURER

Financials were distributed.

There are very few outstanding bills, so if your team is on the attached list, please pay your outstanding fees as soon as possible.

Hodges badge order must be in by February 14, 2007 to receive the discount. Ordering the badges (awards and ribbons for Champs) by February 14th saves the league \$3,000.00. Also, using the pool at Central Bucks South saved the league an additional \$3,000.00 this year.

D.) OPERATING SECRETARY

Sally would like to see every team designate one individual as the head table worker and make sure that person attends a table working clinic. Audit procedures and who should be present during an audit should be reviewed. She would also like this one individual’s presence to be mandatory at the Roster Meeting to receive current table instructions, league records and the U.S. swimming guide. Also, table workers have to be alert to records being broken during dual meets so this information can be officially recorded and

the league records can be updated. If your team is aware of any records that were broken during the 2006 season, please send the information to Sean Kelly for additions to the records on the LBSL website.

E.) RECORDING SECRETARY

The most current, updated copy of the Operating Procedures is available on the LBSL website. Thank you to Linda Rios, Bustleton for noticing that the Operating Procedures needed to be updated, and thank you to Sean Kelly, High Point, for his maintenance of the website all season!

Please provide any changes for the league directory to Kathy Gillespie at gill751@msn.com.

F.) Diving Vice President

Diving Vice President Schenkel said everything went well with the Diving Champs at Central Bucks South.

4. OLD BUSINESS

The nominating committee, which consisted of Nancy Conard and Joan Poli, submitted the attached slate of individuals nominated to comprise the 2007 Lower Bucks Swim League Board. Bustleton made a motion to accept the slate of nominees and Northampton seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Stan Salwach had introduced the idea of pre-ordering Champs t-shirts for the 2006 season in order to avoid the recurring problem of not having enough t-shirts for each session of Champs/Finals. The idea was researched and discussed; however, the individual teams did not choose to act on it for the 2006 season. Although we tried to evenly sell the t-shirts this year (setting aside equal amount for each session), we have again received information that there was a t-shirt problem. This year, the White Division ran out of shirts while the Red Division had leftovers. We try to rectify this problem each year, but don't seem to come to a happy conclusion. Please give consideration to re-visiting Stan Salwach's idea of pre-ordering t-shirts for your teams. We can discuss this dilemma again at the April, 2007 meeting.

T-shirt proceeds go to the League. 50/50 proceeds go to the League. Snack bar profits go to the club that volunteers to run the snack bar. Senior ad profits go directly to the Senior scholarships that are awarded to the winners of the senior essay contest.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Standardized dive judging – swim officials go to officials' clinics and receive training, but dive officials do not receive any formalized training. The diving teams would like to form a diving clinic for the 2007 season. It will be requested that one individual from

each team attend the training. Diving rules will be gathered from the U.S. rule book, a diving judge video will be obtained and a mock meet will be held with coaches and parents for training purposes.

Bustleton asked President Cataldi if a starter/referee needs dual confirmation on DQ decisions. President Cataldi said there are no written rules about confirmations. Some pools require dual confirmation, some do not; however, the starter/referee is running the meet and he/she is the decision maker on whether or not dual confirmation is needed.

To be discussed at the April, 2007 meeting: Team reps would like to discuss writing change cards when there's a rain out and the meet is resumed at a later date. Should the coaches re-write the meet sheet, or hand in 100 change cards?

6. NEXT LEAGUE MEETING

TENTATIVE

MONDAY APRIL 9, 2007 7:30 P.M. SOMERTON

Warrington made a motion to end the meeting and Phoenix seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.