

SAL Meeting April 1, 2003

President Brian McMillin called the meeting to order promptly@7.

Present:

East-- Bensalem, Centennial, Central Bucks, Council Rock (1), Hatboro-Horsham.

North-- Methacton, Norristown, North Penn, Upper Dublin, Wissahickon (1), Souderton (1), Perkioman Valley (1).

South-- Plymouth-Whitemarsh, Abington (1), Lower Merion (1), Radnor (1), Upper Merion (1)

Absent:

East-- Lower Moreland (2), Pennsbury (2), Council Rock (1)

North-- Wissahickon (1), Souderton (1), Perkioman Valley (1)

South-- Abington (1), Lower Merion (1), Radnor (1), Upper Merion (1)

Meeting Notes:

Officers will be voted on during the Fall Meeting. If you're interested, please contact Brian McMillin.

Diving- Great News! Jim Davidson stated Diving Clinics are planned for both coaches and officials. Clinic location and times to be determined.

We need someone to schedule Diving events for "B" Champs and Last Chance.

Diving insurance procedure will remain the same as last season. Each team must provide a certificate of insurance to Diving President, Jim Davidson.

Legal Dives: Coaches/Jim need to define a list of qualified dives.

Rosters:

- 1. Teams must submit a separate legitimate roster of divers. Teams must have a bonnified Diving Team to dive in meets**
- 2. Divers must be on the swimming master roster (e.g. master roster must include all swimmers and divers).**

Webmaster-Great job by Mike Brown. Mike, thanks for your continuing effort. Overall most clubs did a good job with rosters and meet results.

Two very important meet result and roster procedures that **MUST** be followed: 1. You **MUST** name the meet results file (ex: Team A v Team B xx/xx/xxxx). 2. One and only one person per team should email the results (this should help standardize information format and accuracy).

Special Meets- Discussion on a more equitable distribution of “Special” meets to strengthen the whole league. Clubs who host special meets usually do not host Championships, leaving the Championship burden on a few. Another special meet might dilute the whole too much. Perhaps a lottery?

Dual Meet Scoring System-- The new system may not be perfect but it seems to be working well. Many additional children now have a chance to be recognized as a “scorer.” Quantitative analysis shows about 25% more “scorers” and an analysis done by Gene Langerfeld of PWAC shows no overall change to team standings. Thanks to Stu Kukla for focusing on the children.

Tri-Meet scoring will remain the same.

Order of Events: Event order will remain the same for 2003-2004 season.

Constitutional Review – Mark McElwee: tabled to be studied over the summer. Quorum needed at the meeting.

Pool Depth Discussion: Any addition to the pool deck (e.g. any addition of height above a zero depth entry or for entry any greater than several inches, the entry depth **MUST** be 4’0” or greater**--see United States Swimming Amendment in effect since 1/1/03.

Warm Ups: Team REPS **MUST** communicate and enforce “Feet first entry during warm ups unless the lane is a designated sprint lane”. It’s too easy for a child to get hurt w/ dive entries into a crowded, anything goes lane.

Meter v Yards Discussion: Tom McManus presented conversion for PIAA. General consensus was to use Hytec’s Meet Managers default values (statistics show meter pools will be at a very slight disadvantage). **FALL MEETING:** must vote on-- 1. Accept meter pools 2. Accept Team Manager conversions.

Officiating: Attend Clinics—Officials are expected to attend yearly clinics. An issue arose where it became apparent that some officials are not keeping current.

Sportsmanship: Coaches should act professional. Running up scores should be discouraged.

Qualifying for A Champs: Q Times v A/B Times—Consensus suggests Q Times make it easier to select eligible swimmers for A Champs. Q Times would eliminate the troublesome scratch meeting. A Vote will be taken at the Fall meeting—talk to your coaches!

Designated (& gracious) Secretary for the Fall meeting: Mark McElwee

Designated (& gracious) Secretary for the Winter meeting: Karen Palumbo

Enjoy Your Summer!