

SAL 2017 Spring Meeting

3/30/2017

Call to Order 7:36 p.m. by Roberta Lichter

Roll Call

All teams had at least one representative present (no fines to be assessed). Numbers of reps eligible to vote at beginning of meeting were as listed below (probationary teams cannot vote so are not included here, and each team may only have one vote each for girls swimming and boys swimming and one vote for diving only if they have a diving team). Note that at this time there were 23 swim teams and 21 dive teams so the numbers below constitute a quorum.

- 13 boys reps
- 17 girls reps
- 14 diving reps

Approval of Minutes from January meeting

North Penn motioned to approve.

Upper Dublin seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to approve minutes from January 4, 2017 meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer – four year comparative spreadsheet with additional notes was presented

1. Gratitude expressed to Lori Gillick who got data from old paper records into QuickBooks
2. Started QB for 2013-14 to have good champs costs comparisons as 2013-14 was last champs at LaSalle prior to two years at CB South
3. Bank balance as of 3/30/2017 is \$17,748.93 which reconciles to QuickBooks balance of \$16,683.93 (3 checks outstanding)
4. \$6,012 of the cash balance is SAL charities and \$10,671.93 is the general fund (separate accounts to be opened shortly)
5. SAL is in good shape to cover expenses that will need to be paid prior to next season's dues coming in
6. Roughly \$10,000 was saved by having champs at CB South for two years, covering a good portion of the professional fees needed for incorporation
7. Looking at costs going forward, dues charges should stay flat next year (same splash fees and basic dues as this year) given that the insurance policy amount and any remaining legal fees for incorporation are unknown, but after that each year in the summer board will be able to evaluate if dues charges can go down or need to go up
8. See report attached to these minutes for additional notes/detail

- Souderton motioned to approve.
- Centennial seconded the motion.
- Unanimous vote to approve treasurer's report.

Secretary – Had volunteers read senior award applications (with names removed); eight scholarships awarded \$500 each

Registrars:

- Boys – everything went well; thanks for good job with meet results, etc. – very good year
- Girls – same as boys (nice not to have to chase anyone down for results)
- Diving – very good year – work on getting parents to help volunteer at champs (pretty good with training but tough to get them to come help); good job with diving sheets

League Presidents:

- Boys – good year; got some questions about obviously incorrect info in results/top 50 lists (ages/times) directly from parents – please tell all your team members that such information gets weeded out automatically for champs
- Girls – good year – thanks to all teams from Council Rock for helping when they didn't have a pool
- Diving – heard nothing negative regarding any champs meet; everyone did a good job at league champs (well run and fairly judged); UDAC did a great job with Central division champs (sure other hosts did as well though wasn't at those meets)

Division Reps – only a couple contacts with questions (NPAC and CR – other reps not present)

Championships – went well – workers all showed up; let your parents know we always try to avoid super bowl Sunday but rarely can as we're subject to LaSalle's availability and they have a lot of basketball and swimming using the facility in our timeframe; Lori Gillick will get champs division reports to Karen Palumbo for awards ordering purposes; records for swim updated on SAL site – diving will be up in a few days

Old Business

Fall meeting minutes were approved in January but there was a request after approval to discuss any related questions at the spring meeting. No current questions.

8 & under use of blocks – operating procedures state that “all swimmers” must go off the blocks – intent of this provision is to ensure that if blocks are available swimmers will have the opportunity to use them (history – to save timers from having to walk to the other end some teams would have 8u swimmers dive from end without blocks); this is really no longer a concern as all teams use the blocks and teams are expected to work together to handle any circumstances in which swimmers cannot comfortably/safely use the blocks so this provision was removed from the operating procedures

New Business

1. Need members for new committees – please give names and contact tonight or email Roberta; Committees are:
 - Audit and Finance
 - Nominating
 - Charities
 - Hall of Fame
 - Senior Awards
2. All teams - Update directories now and cc Roberta so new people get emails during off season
3. CCA has completed their probationary season. A discussion was held regarding accepting CCA as a regular member of the league. Teams in CCA’s division said it was great to work with CCA (swimming and diving) – they had volunteers and officials. At this point CCA representatives left the room and further discussion was held. One rep commented that parents on their team were concerned as CCA’s facility had a scoreboard but it wasn’t used at their dual meet. Other teams noted that later in the season it was used. In any event, scoreboard use is not required by the league. All teams in the division again agreed that CCA was very nice to work with.

North Penn motioned to accept CCA as a regular league member.

Hatboro-Horsham seconded the motion.

Two PWAC reps abstained from the vote; remaining representatives voted unanimously to accept CCA as a regular league member.

Per role call notes above and the fact that CCA had one rep each for boys, girls, and diving, reps eligible to vote at this point are as listed below. With 24 swim teams and 22 dive teams these numbers constitute a quorum.

- 14 boys reps
- 18 girls reps
- 15 diving reps

4. Review of previously circulated documents to be included with corporate filings. Financial controls, Bylaws, and Operating Procedures – previously circulated questions/comments were discussed and documents were adjusted based on group consensus.

Perkiomen Valley motioned to approve all documents as revised during meeting.

Council Rock seconded the motion.

Unanimously voted to approve all documents as revised during meeting.

5. Question regarding making rules for conditions under which a release may and may not be withheld. Releases must have no restriction as all circumstances cannot be predicted and league cannot be put in position to decide validity of each withheld release. This is a team leadership decision.
6. Request regarding swim meets – please print out timing sheets – some teams are not able to do this and it can delay the meet start, and it is not required - teams should request it when making meet arrangements and if planning to do it be sure coaches arrive very early with line-ups completed on flash drive and ready to go to avoid meet delays.
7. Request regarding dive meets – some teams like to have boy and girl diving meets separate and some don't prefer that and/or can't due to coaching/volunteering. Can teams compel opponent to have boys and girls dive together? No – teams usually do combine the meets but they are technically separate meets. Hopefully teams can work together to accommodate everyone's needs.
8. Question regarding missing someone who has been on the team for many years when rostering. Can there be an exception to the rules in that case? No, cannot have any exceptions. Check your rosters carefully and have multiple people check them. Roster everyone you haven't released, not just those who signed up for the current year to minimize risk of missing someone. Also, to help ensure you don't have an athlete who needs a release but doesn't have one ask boys and girls registrars for prior year list of full league and check all new participants against that.
9. There are two divisions in need of reps to finish out the current two-year team which will end at the spring 2018 meeting:
 - a. Central - Wendy Davis of CCA was nominated
 - b. Southwest – Darren Hardel UMAC was nominated

Lower Merion motioned to vote them in.

Upper Dublin seconded the motion.

Unanimously voted to approve both reps.

10. Vote called for two-year team for chair as current term was expiring.

Radnor motioned to vote in Roberta Lichter for an additional two-year term as league chair.

North Penn seconded the motion.

Unanimously voted to approve Roberta Lichter as chair.

Meeting adjourned 9:06 p.m.