SAL 2014 Winter Meeting Team Representatives January 6, 2014

<u>Call to Order:</u> Chair Roberta Lichter called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

EAST	#	CENTRAL	#	NORTH	#	WEST	#
NeshCore	1	DCAA	2	CBEast	2	LoMer	2
Centennial	1	PlyWhmrsh	1	SWAC	2	Methacton	2
CounRock	3	Springfield	2	NorthPenn	3	Norristown	1
LoMoreland	2	UpDub	3	HatHorsh	2	PerkVal	2
Pennsbury	2	Wissahickon	3	Souderton	3	Radnor	1
				Pennridge	3	UpMer	3

List can include: Boys Rep Girls Rep Diving

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Upper Merion, seconded by Pennridge. Approved by acclamation.

Reports:

Treasurer: Tom McManus was absent. We are still in need of a new Treasurer, as Tom's day job has become too demanding.

Championships: The following dates and locations were announced for Division and League Champs

Divisions: Swimming: Saturday, Feb 1

EAST: Council Rock, Boys and Girls CENTRAL: UDAC, Boys and Girls NORTH: North Penn, Boys; SWAC, Girls WEST: Lower Merion: Boys; Methacton, Girls.

Diving: Sunday, Feb 2 CB South

Leagues: Swimming: Sunday, Feb 9 at LaSalle

Boys in the AM; Girls in the PM

Diving: Saturday, Feb 8, at CB South

11 AM warm up. Order: 11 and under first, then 15 and ups, then 12-14's.

<u>Important Information for League Swim Champs (the event):</u>

*Doors will open for the AM session at 7:30 AM – no earlier. Workers should report to the table by 7:45 AM PROMPTLY. Timers and officials report at 8; scratch meeting at 8:15. (Timers should bring 2 watches each.)

- *Team job assignments have been changed from previous years, so be sure to check the website for your team's assignments. ALL teams are required to provide 1 parent, for the duration of the meet, to patrol the facility; you can split this up however you want as long as there is one person per team on duty at all times.
- *Mike Dunn is looking for volunteers for Stroke and Turn. USA or PIAA-certified preferred, but he would not turn down any SAL-cert-only folks who would like to work!
- *Remember: we are only allowed in the pool area at LaSalle. Do not bring basketballs! Supervise non-swimming children at all times and make sure they stay in our part of the building.
- *Warm up times and lane assignments will be posted on the website after the seed meeting.

<u>Important Information for League Champ Entries (swim and dive):</u>

Key information for preparing Champ Entries is posted on the website, and was handed out at the meeting. Key points include the following:

- *Entries are due by email to Jeff Fox <u>jeff@elzorrodiablo.com</u> AND <u>divingregistrar@suburbanaquaticleague.org</u> BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, at 6 PM. All entries will be acknowledged by email.
- *Entries received between 6:01 PM and 7 PM will be fined \$200. Entries received after 7 PM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
- *ALL divers should be listed on the Champs Entries, as Divisional entries will also be determined at the seed meeting. (No need to update diving scores by the 26th, however.)
- *Times updates ONLY are due by Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 5 PM. The same fines and policy applies \$200 for up to one hour late, no updates accepted after 1 hr (6 PM), and NO EXCEPTIONS. (If a coach will not be available on Sunday to submit the updates, s/he should designate someone else to do this.) Please note that no new athletes or events can be entered on Jan 26; times updates ONLY are permitted.
- *Preliminary Psych Sheets will be posted on Tuesday, 1/21, and final psych sheets on Monday, 1/27.
- *Athletes are limited to a total of 3 individual events and 2 relays across all Champs meets (Division and Leagues, swimming and diving). Remember that diving COUNTS AS AN EVENT. The one exception to this rule: Alternates at Leagues may swim that event at Divisions.

The Seed Meeting will take place on Monday, January 27, at 7 PM promptly, at the Upper Dublin township building. Teams should bring hard copies of all their meet records (diving as well as swimming). Diving coaches should also bring dive sheets for Divisions and Leagues – the form is in the Form Library, on the SAL website. Be sure to print your sheets on the correct color paper for Divisions and white for Leagues. Two (2) copies for each diver.

The Voice of Experience suggests the following strategies for negotiating this process successfully:

- 1. Submit names of ANY SWIMMERS who have a CHANCE of making it into Leagues. You cannot add swimmers after your initial list is submitted!
- 2. One suggestion to make sure no one is missed: make up the champs entry list early and post it at the pool. Tell swimmers and families to let you know if anyone is missing.
- 3. Weed bogus times out of your data base before submitting Champs entries, and be sure to include USA ID #'s ONLY for USA registered swimmers.
- 4. Consult with swimmers who are likely to be eligible for more than one event to find out their preferences, in advance of the seed meeting.
- 5. Teams should send a MINIMUM of 3 coaches to the seed meeting: Boys, Girls, and Diving. New coaches should be accompanied by someone with experience. Larger teams should consider sending additional helpers (coaches or parents) to help keep track; the seed meeting moves FAST, event by event, and once an event is closed, it will NOT be reopened.
- 6. Any swimmer who is inadvertently entered into more than 5 events (3 individuals and 2 relays) will be dropped from the LAST EVENT. No appeals! So pay attention at the seed meeting!
- 7. The Upper Merion Last Chance Swim meet is held on the day before the Updated Champs sheets are due. UMAC will post the meet results on their website as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meet, on the evening of the 25^{th.}
- 8. If you have questions about any of this ASK SOMEONE an experienced coach, Sandy Hartman (meet director this year cell # 215-206-7343) or John McGinley (meet director emeritus cell # 609-209-5409).

DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULING

Jamie Forlini, master scheduler, reported on the implementation of a new system this year, which should ensure that all teams get to swim new opponents, evenly matched, both weeks of the dual meet champs series, and host only one meet each week (ideally, one home and one away for both boys and girls). Teams at the #1 and #2 positions will continue to face (potentially) different opponents for boys and girls, but other teams will, insofar as possible, be swimming the same team on both sides (as in a regular dual meet). Match ups for the Jan 18 meets are already being finalized for all but the #1 and #2 teams in each division, and will be posted on the website shortly.

New system notwithstanding, all teams are urged to report the FINAL SCORE of their Jan 11 meets to the Boys and Girls registrars as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meet.

REGISTRAR REPORT - no report

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

- *Remember that swimmers and divers who did not swim or dive in at least TWO meets in Nov/Dec are not eligible for any dual or championship meets in January except for Divisions. Participation in exhibition heats only for a meet counts as a meet participation.
- *As in the past, the League will supply the starter and ref for the Dual Meet League Championship meets (boys and girls) on January 18.
- *Divers are reminded that divers may dive up in the January meets, but they may NOT do jumps when diving up. (Jumps are OK when diving within their age category.)

COACH'S REPORT - no report

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *Terry Pederson Sportsmanship Award: nominations are due to Roberta at richter@cbsd.org by January 25. An email with details will go out on 1/7/14. Teams are reminded that they may only vote for other teams in their DIVISION, and that the voting results should be clearly communicated, in the following form: "(your team name) casts their votes for the Sportsmanship award as follows: (Team X in your division) for the Girls, and (Team Y in your division) for the Boys."
- *SAL Senior Award applications are due on WEDNESDAY, 1/8. Information is on the web. All seniors are encouraged to apply; this award is NOT about speed, or points scored it's about dedication to your team.
- *Senior Recognition at Leagues. Teams are asked to send Roberta the names of their senior swimmers and divers, with gender clearly indicated, by 1/20. Senior names appear in the League program, and it's your responsibility to make sure your seniors are listed!
- *Roberta will be sending information shortly on how to buy program listings (from business card size, to quarter, half, or full pages) for the Leagues program. This is a great opportunity for business advertisement, or to wish your swimmer or their team mates good luck! Proceeds from the sale of these listings support Champs and SAL Charities.
- *SAL Hall of Fame Nominations: Send your nominations for the SAL Hall of Fames Coaches, Athletes, or Volunteers to Mark McElwee. Include the person's name, role (athlete, coach, or volunteer), and the reasons you want to nominate them. Keep in mind that this is a recognition for work at the LEAGUE level; parents or coaches who make major contributions to an individual team but not to SAL as a whole are not eligible. (But you could think about starting your own team hall of fame!) Votes are due by January 25 at 9 PM.

New Business:

LAST CHANCE DIVING is being held at Upper Dublin; details are now posted on the Champs page.

UMAC reminds everyone that the Last Chance Swim meet is USA-approved again this year.

The Spring Representatives Meeting will be held on March 20, 7 PM, at the Upper Dublin township building. On the agenda will be discussion of SAL operating procedures, so if there are any changes you would like to see made, please contact Roberta so they can be included. Elections for new Board positions will also be held.