

SAL Annual Meeting Minutes May 27, 2008; 6:30pm @ Cedardale Health and Fitness, Haverhill, MA

1- Election of League president. Nominations are open and will be taken from the floor. Michael Horgan re-elected

2- Vote on adding any new team and placement of that team in an appropriate division, if any. GCC moves to DI and Shirley Penguins added to DII

3- Any changes/modifications of League rules? None

- Seed cards, everyone gets the same. Additional cards available at cost (500 min/color/order). Note: this might be the last year we purchase seed cards. the cost is skyrocketing. Many teams use 3X5 cards instead.
- In 2005 we established the second weekend in August as Championship weekend <u>every</u> year. (this helps teams schedule their seasons better). Will remain the same
- Where are the Championship plaques? They will be in my hands at appropriate time.

4- Set up meet schedule for entire League plus Championships.

Comments:

Financially speaking, we are still in good shape, all major bills are paid for this year (seed cards, ribbons and medals). As was suggested five years ago, seed cards are available to those that want them. Teams <u>do not</u> have to take any.

An upgraded version of <u>Meet Manager 2</u> for widows was purchased this year (*only pc version available, sorry*). Each team will receive a copy of this software and a startup file for the Championships will be provided to the teams hosting the championship. Please load and test the software as soon as you can. <u>Do not wait until the last week</u> <u>before Championships</u>. Entries for the Championships <u>MUST</u> be done on and supplied to the host club using, the MM software only!

New this year: <u>*Team Manager Lite*</u>. A copy of which is provided to each team that doesn't have TM already. A startup database can be provided. Time will come when all meets will be run using Hy-Tek software.

Manual scoring sheet masters are provided in team packets for clubs to copy/use.

Dues should probably remain at \$160.00. (If medals and ribbons are \$1500 and cards are \$300, etc.). Remain at \$160

We are **STILL IN NEED OF CERTIFIED OFFICIALS TO RUN THE DUAL MEETS**. It's in the "League Rules". It's nice having parents helping out but it really doesn't do any good for the swimmers - particularly at Championship Time. Experienced officials make a big difference. Meets move faster (more heats can be run in the same time). No surprise DQ's at the League meet. And much more.

It's also in the rule that I get a copy of every team's roster by July 1st and all meet results... have seen VERY VERY few. It would be nice to get the rosters in the Hy-tek format, this will give you experience in using the program. *Birthdays are required.*

Finally, I would appreciate everyone reading over their <u>own</u> information sheet, and give me any and all changes and updates for the record. I will sent to each team an updated league rules and team/coach data list. I had a few postcards returned this year due to bad mailing addresses.

For any and all changes to this and all documents, go to www.geocities.com/the_leagues, changed documents will not be mailed to clubs.



Stacy Roberts brought up the fact that parents should be barred from behind the blocks and ONLY officials, timers and coaches shall be permitted. Discussion followed and while everyone totally agrees with the proposal, the method of enforcement of the "rule" was also discussed. I will purchase orange safety vests for the person(s) to wear.

Stacy also brought up the fact that certain coaches were still attempting to make changes in their entries after the deadline for the Championships.

THERE ARE TO BE NO CHANGES ONLY SCRATCHES AFTER ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED !!!!

Michael Horgan 6/08