

The meeting was called to order at the new time of 7:00 by Steve Engel at the home of Suzanne Dills. Present were Sue Dills, Russ Hall, Maxine Carlson, Janet Russell, Tom Foley, Audrey Gilbert, Valerie Boen, and Trudy Krastins.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. B.E.S.T. Meet

Janet Russell reported that the meet was successful, but that the majority of swimmers felt it lasted too long. She made the following suggestions to alleviate the problem.

- a. In the future use only pools with 6 lanes. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board that for 75-76 season all meets be scheduled in pools with 5 or more lanes.
- b. A Head Timer be appointed for each meet to assist, advise, etc. It was decided to make each Meet Director aware of the fact that this information is already in the "How to Run a Meet" sheet.

2. Questionnaire Submitted to members at B.E.S.T. Meet.

Steve reported that 48 members responded to the poll. Results were reported to the Board and discussion followed. In accordance with the wishes of the majority, the following decisions were made:

- a. Entry fees should be lowered starting with fall season.
- b. Awards will be at the discretion of the Meet director within the budget.

3. Mailing List

Since the mailing list had not been completed, a discussion ensued as to who was responsible. Russ, Valerie and Janet will complete the list by the next meeting.

4. Swimathon

Steve reported that 10 swimmers participated in the Swimathon and that over \$1200 was collected. There was excellent TV coverage and publicity. Let it be noted here that Board expresses much appreciation to Mike Bryant, who planned and handled the event.

5. Regionals and PNA Championship meets

May 2, 3, 4 are the dates for the next Regional meet. It will be held at the Redmond Forward Thrust Pool. Steve posed the question whether Team Championships and trophies be awarded at Regionals. No decision was made and this question was tabled until March meeting.

A suggestion was made that a no-host cocktail hour be planned for Saturday, May 3 after the meet. Janet agreed to locate the place close to the pool.

The PNA Championship Meet date is May 29. Steve reported that the pool had not been acquired yet. He is contacting Milt Orphan at Highline Swim Pool to request the use of their pool and to ask that they host the meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. By-Laws

Tom Foley passed out copies of tentative By-Laws. These were discussed carefully point by point, suggestions made and changes implemented. Valerie will have copies to pass out to members at the February 23 meet.

Information will go out to the membership in the next newsletter as to the importance of the meeting at the April 6 meet where the vote on the By-Laws will be taken.

Nominations committee will be selected, and nominees selected by April 6. Interested persons can also be solicited at the April 6 meet.

Ballots will go out in the April newsletter.

2. Pro-rate schedule for membership

Russ Hall made several suggestions as to how to pro-rate the dues. After a discussion the decision was made to drop dues \$1.25 each quarter.

The question of over-payments came up, and it was decided to either refund or credit to the following year.

3. Letter to Swim Master

It was suggested by Janet Russell that a letter be sent to the Swim Master publication to stimulate interest in other Regions for the 20-24 year old competition. The letter was read, approved and submitted to the Secretary to write and sign it from the Board.

Janet also suggested that the Board consider fund raising projects in the future to assist any of the top 10 swimmers (National Standings) financially to attend National Meets.

Next meeting, March 19, will be held at the home of Audrey Gilbert, 10415 Forest Av. S., Seattle (772-2438) in Lakeridge. Lakeridge is approx. 3 mi. North of Renton on hill above Rainier Ave. Turn off of Rainier Av. through Lakeridge pillars--go 2 blocks to Forest Av.--turn right, stay on Forest to end of road. (Red house*)

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Gilbert, secretary