

SMSC Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes
Sunday September 13, 2015
@ YMCA in Sikeston, MO

SMSC Team Representatives in attendance: Jason Cravens (RCA), Loretta Bell (RCA), Steffan Troxel (CCC), Don Collins (KST), Chantel Burton (SST), Johanna Klein (SGST), Spence Royer (BHR), Jeremy Pruden (SCST), Christi Todd (PBST), Jarrod Thomas (PVST), Brandy Thomas (PVST)

Teams who did not have a rep present: Paducah, Farmington, Charleston

Chantel Burton (SMSC President) called the meeting to order at 1:17pm.

SMSC Champs Discussion

- The t-shirt vendor for the past two championship meets has been John Martin. Mr. Martin's treatment and behavior towards multiple team reps and the City of Cape Girardeau staff was discussed. It was also noted by various team reps that his communication of the pricing for the t-shirts was inconsistent. He was not willing to put the names of each conference participant on the back of the t-shirts, which was done by prior vendors on championship t-shirts in the past. The team reps present agreed unanimously that Mr. Martin would not be used as a t-shirt vendor for SMSC Championship meets in the future.
- The SMSC Champs meet format was discussed and suggestions for improvement were considered. They are as follows:
 - We will split the bullpen into two separate sections (girls and boys) to cut down on the number of swimmers in the bullpen area and provide an environment that is more ideal for successful communication between the swimmers and the bullpen workers.
 - We will add a couple of additional chairs behind the blocks in order to have a few heats out of the bullpen and ready to race throughout the competition.
 - We will use pink/blue cards for the 10&under session to assist in swimmer identification at the blocks. This will provide the timers with an opportunity to confirm that each young swimmer is in the correct heat/lane and cut down on DQ's for delay of meet. The timers will continue to use the lane/timer sheets provided by the host team to record the backup stopwatch times.
- The number of disqualifications at the SMSC Championship meet was discussed with an emphasis on the contrast between the # of DQ's during the regular season meets and the # of DQ's at the Championship meet. The fact we have more officials on deck at the Championship meet was stated as part of the reason. It was also stated that we need more officials working our regular season meets and making the calls that will be made at the Championship meet throughout the season. No action was taken, but each team was encouraged to continue recruiting and training new officials each season to improve the coverage at the regular season meets and better prepare the swimmers for the Championship meet.

SMSC Treasurer Position

Julie King submitted her resignation as treasurer for the SMSC via email prior to the meeting. She had been filling in on a temporary basis after the prior treasurer moved out of the state in late 2014. There were no nominees put forward at this meeting as a replacement. The team reps requested that Chantel Burton request a detailed job description from Julie. The discussion was tabled until the Winter 2016 meeting. Each team was encouraged to consider possible qualified nominees to bring forward for the election at the Winter 2016 meeting.

SMSC Bylaws

Jason Cravens and Steffan Troxel were assigned the task to bring a draft of updated conference bylaws to the Winter 2016 meeting for approval so that we have an updated set of bylaws available on the conference website prior to next season. We have an older version (circa 2007-2008) available and there is some editing that needs to take place to bring the bylaws up to date. The team reps will be sent a copy of the draft prior to the Winter meeting for review.

Winter 2016 Meeting Date

The SMSC Winter Meeting will take place at the Sikeston YMCA on Sunday January 24, 2016 at 2:00pm.

Winter AAU Swim Meet Opportunities

Spence Royer (BHR) and Steffan Troxel (CCC) plan to offer a few AAU sanctioned meets during the winter. Team reps may contact them directly to find out more information regarding participation in these meets. There was some discussion about the vision for these winter meets and the need to separate the summer SMSC activity with the winter meet offerings due to the fact there are SMSC teams that will not be participating in the winter meets.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jason Cravens (SMSC Secretary).