

GKAISA Minutes—Spring Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2011

1. Call to Order at 7:10 PM, Cherokee Country Club
2. Approved minutes of Fall General Meeting – October 26, 2010
3. Representatives from JAWs, Ed Paisley, and Swim and Tri, Bev Burgin, spoke to membership. Deadline to apply for Jake Thomas Scholarship through Swim and Tri is the end of June.
4. Treasurer's Report: attached
5. **Old Business –**
 - Introduction of board. Assistant Secretary position is open; however, there is a potential candidate to fill the position.
 - Proposed Rules Changes for 2011
Championship Rule Changes: 2.1.3 Meet Entry Limit—a swimmer may only be **entered in** 4 events with a maximum of 2 relays or a maximum of 3 individual events.
 - General Rule Changes: 3.3 Previous Participation on Collegiate Team—No one who **has trained as a member of an NCAA, NAIA, or NCAA sanctioned collegiate swimming or diving team may compete in a GKAISA meet** regardless of age.
 - 7.3 Scoring Heats in an Event—In all Dual or Tri meets, the first heat of each event shall be the only one scored ... and agreed upon by all coaches. **All additional heats in an event, after the first, are considered to be EXHIBITION without the requirement that it be explicitly stated.**
 - 9.1 Requirements for all Officials—All Referees, Starters and Stroke and Turn Judges must be certified in that position **and must be a minimum of 18 years old.**
 - 9.2.2 Requirements for Starter—Certification as a GKAISA Starter will require the person to attend an Officials Clinic at least once every two years **and successfully complete the Starter written exam.** (This will be required for 2012).
 - 10.4 Requirements for Officials working a meet—all persons working as Referee, Starter, or Stroke & Turn Judge must be GKAISA certified in that position. **A person participating in a meet as either a coach or swimmer may not also serve as a certified official in that meet.** In the case where a team does not have the necessary certified official(s) then, **they must ask the other teams in the meet whether they can supply those additional certified persons.** Only in the case when none of the involved teams are able to supply a person certified in a position should the meet proceed with a non-certified person.
 - 10.10.2 Meet Correction Request Notification—Replaced “GKAISA board” with GKAISA President” to clarify who should be notified when registering an official protest of results of dual or tri meet.
 - Above Changes were passed for the second time.
 - Should U6 Breast and Fly be limited to who can swim legal in order to keep the meet moving will be a suggestion only.
6. **New Business –**

- Proposed rule change to allow a non USA swimmer to be able to swim 4 individual events. Discussion among members indicates that this change needs to be across the board and not to exclude USA swimmers. Motion made to approve and passed. Will need to pass a second meeting of the members. S. Hampson will send out an email as to which meeting the second vote will take place at.
- Scheduling meeting must have a team representative or coach from each team in attendance.
- Official's clinic to be held at the Student Aquatic Center at UT on June 4, 2011.
- Smoky Mountain Invitational will be July 9th and 10th
- City Meet will be July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.
- **MANDATORY FOR ALL COACHES**—Sexual Assault Training—this is a free computerized course through the Redwood Institute. All GKAIISA Coaches and must complete testing. Results will be sent to GKAIISA President and **City Meet Coaches bands will not be given to any coach who hasn't completed the test.**

7. **Other Business –**

- Rich Waldis with www.swim-team.us made a presentation for his free swim team websites. He sponsors 4 leagues and over 200 teams.
- Smoky Mountain packets were handed out at the meeting. Tents will be placed in order of payment received. Coaches' packets will be given out at the scheduling meeting.

8. **Adjourn at 8:00 PM.**