

Fort Leavenworth Lancers Swim Team Parent Board

Meeting Minutes

3 April 2009

FACILITATOR	Brian Vogt, President
NOTE TAKER	Debbie Boll, Outgoing Secretary
ATTENDEES	Fred Harper, Emily Johnson, Helen Lochow, Jeff Lochow, Debbie Boll, Brian Vogt, Marie Tennant, Becky Lenzmeier

Agenda topics

Points of Discussion	
1.)	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information at this time
2.)	<p>New Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian, Marie, and Becky were representing the incoming Lancers Board. Welcome! We hope to have at least two joint meetings to ensure continuity with the outgoing members
3.)	<p>Missouri Valley Spring Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTLL bid to host our home meet in the fall was accepted. Book pool now and order Meet Manager software. • Summer and fall meet schedules were approved and published to the Missouri Valley website. • Coaches must now certify each swimmer for shallow water dives. • Heavy fines will be levied for non-registered swimmers at swim meets. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In order to ensure that all Lancers are registered prior to competing at a meets and avoid possible fines, the Board decided that our new swimmers (with pending US Swimming registrations) will not swim at meets until they've been on the team at least one month. That should allow enough time for the registration process to be completed. • Missouri Valley seeking new Electronic Timing Coordinator • Spectator fees now in effect at for meets held at the Mizzou pool • Lancers should try to get our pool certified with the world governing organization (FINA) in the event that records are set at our pool. There is no cost associated with the certification.
4.)	<p>MWR/Skies Compliancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen discussed MWR's planned assumption of the administration of the team in August. MWR's higher headquarter has recommended to all of their installations that youth activities fall under the SKIES. According to the SKIES Director, the following changes would occur: • MWR/SKIES would collect all fees • Volunteer coaches • No reimbursement of coaches' travel expenses • MWR/SKIES would select which meets the team participates in (and reduce the number of meets per year) • MWR/SKIES would choose events for swimmers • MWR/SKIES would take over the team database, registration, and meet entries • Non-military children not eligible to participate • The Board expressed concern with the plan and the impact it would have on the large number of families who are satisfied with the team as it is currently administered.

- MWR has not sought the Board's input or Lancer parents' input on the decision to change the administration of the team.
- Most parents want a competitive swim experience for their children – limiting meets limits swimmers' chances to compete and measure success.
- MWR may not be aware of the complexities involved with the registration/entry process
- The team is a historic part of the Ft. Leavenworth community – changing it with a view to eliminate the competitive nature of the team or get rid of the team altogether would be a big change.
- There is not another competitive swim team option in the local community – impact on the large number of families who want the team as is (including non-military).
- Teams on other posts are private organizations – not under MWR.
- The MCOMM policy about SKIES and youth programs is a recommendation, not a requirement. This is a HUGE undertaking on MWR's part if their only goal is check a box on a report to their headquarters.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Continue discussion on privatization versus compliancy	Board	ongoing
Begin meetings with MWR officials	Fred/Brian	ongoing
Shallow water dives certification	All coaches	ongoing