

FINAL REPORT
HISTORY COMMITTEE
Sept. 13, 2006
Dearborn, Mi.

Dawn Bean called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Taylor Payne, staff, and Scotti Nichols, Executive VP, were introduced. The following members signed in: Barbara Eaton, Elizabeth Knowles, Jeanne Struck, Nan Zack, Ike Eytchison, Louise Wing, Tori Johnson, Joy Cushman, Barbara Longstaff, and Re Calcaterra,
Athletes: Bianca Johnson, Chelsea Brassfield, Kenyon Smith, and Brittany Hipp,
Guests: Terri Shannon, John Milevic, Yuliya Roysenthol, and Ruth Zink.

Discussion was held regarding the living history video project. Elizabeth Knowles has a video camera and tapes. Living histories will be conducted beginning in the West Zone Suite at 5:30 pm on Thursday at the first meeting of the 50+ gathering, organized by Sue Ahlf..

Athletes suggested that scanning materials and print matter to CDs would be a good start for the history project. It was further suggested that a high capacity external hard drive would be a more reliable and long lasting method of storage.

Discussion was begun on how best to determine material to be saved.

What do people want to look at?

1. Photographs – labeled and in color
2. Short stories
3. A website dedicated to history with photos, small descriptions and synchro information. Material that would be of assistance for a research project.

Material will be collected by Nan Zack using communication with association chairpersons. Material can be put in a pdf file and sent to Nan. A small committee will be needed to decide which materials should be retained and archived. This will start at convention 2007.

The communication from Nan will ask the chairperson to refer to an older person in the association who may have a long history with synchro in the association. Information sought will include time frames of materials, early history of the association and significant events. The information is to be returned to Nan by January 1, 2007. The information/materials should come to Nan electronically, not in bulk.

Nan will ask in her letter to the associations about clubs and alumni association records that individual clubs have maintained. Jeannette Chase offered to take on the collation of such materials and information. Jeannette also suggested that we begin to capture current history rather than waiting 20 years from now.

As to what historical materials are out there, Nan Zack is working on retrieval of materials in the Chicago area. The chair reported that the AAF in Los Angeles has old rule books and Jeanne Struck will get a complete listing of available magazines from the USOC Training Center Library. Joyce Lindeman is winnowing out material and may be a good resource.

A discussion was held as to where historical items may be displayed and stored. Jeanette Chase mentioned that universities have the ability to archive print materials. It was mentioned to investigate this with Ohio State University because of their long standing synchro club.

Because most of synchro's historical items are currently being held or displayed at ISHOF, without a specific synchro museum, we will continue to send appropriate materials to them. Dawn Bean will check with ISHOF about storage space for trophy display and storage. Members were encouraged to join ISHOF and to visit the ISHOF museum and library.

A Canadian swimmer at the World Masters competition this summer said the Canadian Swimming Hall of Fame Museum in Winnipeg was being closed. The trophy from the first US National Championships in 1946 was given to Canada for display since the US had no such museum. Taylor will investigate whether it might be possible to return that trophy, which was won by the U.S.

Question: What happens to the memorabilia of those who have passed away?

If the office or an individual receives significant materials, please refer to the History committee regarding disposition.

No system of universal notation, as in dance, seems feasible. It is part of history, a novelty. That issue will be dropped.

Scottie Nichols discussed how the History and Awards Committee would be combined.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am,
Jeanne Struck, Secretary.