

Our Kids Initiative Annual Meeting Minutes
September 2013

Thomas welcomed OKI attendees and guests to the meeting. A brief introduction was held for the OKI representatives. Thomas concluded his remarks with a short background of his assuming this position after many outstanding years of service from Pat Lunsford.

The purpose and mission of Our Kids Initiative was presented. Each of the organizations represented has played a major role in the success of OKI. Thomas reminded the group of the services and material provided on the OKI web site. Each rules organization was reminded of the various charts on the web site that are to be reviewed and confirmed or edited for accuracy.

The meeting progressed with each organization providing an update on their respective constituencies and major topics of the sport being discussed and/or addressed by their membership. For those rules writing organizations, their reports included a succinct overview of their rules writing process. The report for FINA again proved to be valuable to all organizations as the information addressed current and future rules which many times filter in some form into the other levels of the sport.

The group had considerable discussion on the technical rules of the breaststroke. This stroke currently has differences in the rules. FINA is continuing discussion on possible changes. The high school rules were changed and the placement of the dolphin kick is the major difference.

Competition schedules and promotion of the sport were briefly discussed.

Thomas welcomed comments as to the date and location of the next year's meeting. It was agreed to continue to hold the meeting with the convention in September. In closing, all in attendance agreed that the OKI has and continues to play a very positive role in the sport of swimming and OKI should continue with its work for the sport at all levels.

Thomas thanked all those for making the effort to attend the meeting, their willingness to serve and reminded all to complete review of materials for the OKI web site. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beck Oakes