

AKMS Annual Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2012

Joanne Wainwright opened meeting 1:21 pm

## Roll Call

**Present:** Joanne Wainwright, Chair; Stan Steck, Treasurer and Coaches Chair; Paula Smith, Top Ten/Records; Ken Winterberger, Web Master/Communications and Fitness Chair, Kristi Nepturn, Registrar (via phone)

**Absent:** Jamie Evans, Asst. Chair/Secretary; Elizabeth Thompson, Sanctions; Dana Hyams, Officials

**Read and Adopted meetings from 2011** - motion made by Shannon Titzel, Ed Mjolsnes seconded, no discussion, passed unanimously

## Officers and Committee Reports

Chair, Joanne Wainwright, thanked participants

Treasurer, Stan Steck

Meet cost approximately \$3000

Bank balance \$12996.72 - \$1100 in savings, \$7929 in checking; three savings certificates of \$1,300 each

Top Ten/Records, Paula Smith

Lengthy report made by Paula

Sanctions, Elizabeth Thompson (absent) - presented by Joanne

3 Open Water (Sitka, Pennock Island, Chena)

2 Masters Meets - SCY and SCM

2 Dual Sanction Meets with USA and USMS

Registrar, Kristi Neptune (telephonic via Stan Steck)

AKMS has 269 members, 16% growth

45 new members

Online registration and meet registration working well

Need assistance in correcting workout groups

16 workout groups registered online

28 listed with Registrar

Scholarship Committee Report - from Joanne (Chairperson of committee)

Katy Dalton selected from 4 applicants

Coaches Chair - role is still being defined

Stan Steck is on National Coaches Committee, so has taken this chair  
Discussion of Places to Swim - national database maintained by USMS  
needs to be updated

Stan needs points of contact and information for coaches of local workout groups

Send to [sasteck@me.com](mailto:sasteck@me.com)

USMS registration is the only requirement for coaches

## Safety Committee

for USMS insurance to be valid, must only swim - no water polo, or other activities must segregate non-USMS swimmer from USMS swimmer there is a grace period for participation of non members before they need to join  
If there is an incident, insurance is not valid unless all members in pool are registered

## Old Business

Discussion of money in treasury

More meets?

Coaches Certification

Request to bring trainers to Alaska in conjunction with February Meet

Consider travel scholarships

Motion by Ruth Carter to explore coaches certification clinic and financial assistance for traveling coaches; second by Shannon Titzel

Discussion -- want to post online to solicit input from membership  
Committee formed to discuss, Stan Steck, Maura Shea -- NEED one additional member for committee

Motion amended by Ruth Carter to consider coaches certification clinic and financial assistance as presented by committee

Seconded by Kevin Knox

Passed unanimously with no additional discussion

## New Business

Check Off Challenge Fitness Event, USMS

Ruth Carter and Joanne Wainwright are putting together a proposal for Alaska to host the 2013 check off challenge.

It will be presented at convention in November - Iditarod Theme

Need graphic artist for tee -- Robyn Murphy will participate

Other discussion - Nome team does "IditaSplash"

2013 AKMS has bid for Zone Open Water Championships

Chena Lakes - possible venue

Committee: Ken Winterberger, Matt Dixon, Beverly Williams, and Jim Lima

ByLaws Review

LMSC, Workout Group versus Swim Group, and other housekeeping

Committee: Paula Smith, Joann Wainwright and Beverly Williams

Monetary Donations to support AKMS (501C3)

Can solicit tax deductible donations, meet sponsors

NEED volunteer who's a good fundraiser

Matt Dixon elected as Open Water Chair

Fitness Chair, LMSC

Ken Winterberger on National Committee

Discussion of meet attendance and membership

More meets?

Change meet dates to Sat/Sun versus Fri/Sat

Just Saturday?

Move December SCM meet to late Sept or early October

Move February SCY meet -- would conflict with triathlon season

Traveling teams indicated will only travel once a year; can't conflict with kids meets

Tracie Harang (Sitka) suggested advertising (posters, etc)

Posters send to USA and AKMS teams and workout sites

Posters could highlight swimmers and masters swimming

Titzel - need dates and entry form out earlier

More media (google group, Facebook, etc)

August meet in Sitka coupled with Open Water event

Paula -- mini-meets piggybacked onto kids meets?

AKMS Parkas or Sweats

Shannon Titzel will post information to membership

USMS has advertising video that can be posted to membership (Ken Winterberger)

Sitka - Open Water Event in Sitka Sound

Change Your Latitude (10K, 5K, 1K)

1K dual sanctioned with USA swimmers

Same weekend as Pennock

Pool Meet Saturday, Open Water Sunday

wetsuit and "naked" categories

Adjourned 2:25 pm