

Arkansas Masters Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2015

Board members present: Whitney Sutherland, Mike Booth, Brent Tininenko, Aaron Thomas, Anita Parisi.

Others in attendance: Tonya Vandermer, John Amsden, Stacy Bigelow, Carie O'Banion, Sarah Murdes, Shawn Klosterman, Bonnie Adams, Scott Halliburton

Meeting called to order at 12:06

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Approve Previous Meetings
 - 2) Committee Report
 - 3) Election of Officers
 - 4) Proposal on Scholarship for coaching clinic
 - 5) Proposal on National Convention Attendance
 - 6) New Business
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- 1) Meeting minutes were supplied via email. Anita moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of Feb 2014 and supplemental minutes regarding transition of treasurer from May 31, 2014. Aaron 2nd the motion. Minutes were approved by the membership as written.
 - 2) Committee Reports –
 - a. Registrar – Membership down 20% in Arkansas while national down 2%. Membership is 103 with 67 male and 36 as female. Majority of membership is located within Northwest Arkansas with around 20 in Little Rock and a few spread out in other areas.
 - b. Treasurer – Year ended 2014. Tax return submitted and filings shared with USMS. \$1700 revenue, \$565 expenses. \$18,000 remains on the balance sheet at close of 2014. So far in 2015 collection of \$1200 in dues and swim meet revenue with expense of \$200 resulting in \$19,000 in holding in the bank accounts. Treasurer recommends utilizing some of the holdings.
 - 3) Election of Officers
 - a. President – nomination of Carie O'Banion by Mike Booth, 2nd by Aaron Thomas. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Vice Chair – Aaron Thomas.
 - c. Treasurer – Anita Parisi elected in May 2014
 - d. Sanctions – Lynn Palmer resigned position. Aaron Thomas elected.
 - e. Secretary – Whitney Sutherland elected.
 - f. Registrar – Brent Tininenko resigned position. Evan Johnston nominated and accepted via email.
 - g. Records – Tonya Vandermer remaining in position.
 - 4) New Business

- a. Shawn Klosterman – lives in Webb City, Mo. (part of Missouri Valley zone). Looking to start a program as a practice group under the ARKM and host a meet at the school in his area. The board will have to research whether meet sanctioning would fall under ARKM.
 - b. Coaches clinics – Proposal to offer scholarship of \$600 to cover registration and expenses for a swim coach with at least 10 adult swimmers, to attend USMS Coaching Clinics. Prospective attendees would need to have at least 10 swimmers coached under them. Applicants will submit an application which will be reviewed by a committee of 3 board members. The committee may grant scholarships not to exceed 10% of the balance sheet with the option to review and expand pursuant to the interest level from the workout groups across the state with board approval. Application to be developed by the 3 person committee and submitted to the membership and known workout groups. Motion nominated and approved.
 - c. Convention – Convention is in September in Kansas City. Dates are 9/30 – 10/4. Bonnie Adams is interested in attending. Proposal to discuss offline with those interested in attending and bring to the board with budget request for registration and expenses.
 - d. Communication committee update – Colin McClain in Fort Smith has offered to help update the website. Last update was in July and he is developing a template that will be submitted to the board. We'll get an update for next meeting. Also can utilize Team Unify which is the platform that other clubs are utilizing. Team Unify allows for emailing, selling items, and club members to interact. Tonya to follow up with Colin and Board to get additional info on Team Unify.
 - e. Meeting schedule – Additional board meetings to be scheduled to discuss other business and future swimming events. Meeting to be held with Bentonville Community Center on larger opportunity to increase adult swimming interest. ARKM will participate as needed.
- 5) Meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.