

Board Meeting April 6, 2013 - Minutes

Attendees:

Terry DeBiase, Chair
Brad Cahoon, Vice Chair
Katy James, Member at Large, Registrar
June Hussey, Open Water Committee Chair
Susan Dawson-Cook, Member at Large
Judy Gilles, Past Chair, Officials Committee Chair
Christie Altman, Treasurer
Mark Rankin, Member at Large
Lindsey Urbatchka, Secretary
Jeff Baird, Communications Committee Chair

The meeting was opened at 3:27pm, a quorum was present.

Terry opened with a discussion of procedures and information on actionable items to be addressed during the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous Board Meeting were discussed with two items being addressed. Judy requested that minutes list attendees by their first and last names along with their position on the Board, Committee, etc.. The second item was to correct the name listed in the minutes from Catherine Berock to her correct name Catherine Vorrasi.

With these changes Brad moved that the minutes be accepted, second Christ, the vote past 7-0. The Secretary will make the correction.

Budget

Terry provided a summary of the new budget:

Amounts from 2012 were carried forward with the following changes: increase in funds for web expenditures and zero'd out revenue to be received from one event fees (in 2012 this came from open water events). Terry commented on the need to increase the wise use of funds in 2013.

Judy requested that funds for the national convention be increased to \$5000.

After a brief discussion Brad moved to accept the change, second Judy, votes passed 7-0.

Judy requested that funds be changed from 0 to \$100 for rule books. After a brief discussion Brad moved to accept the change, second Katie, votes passed 7-0.

Christie was directed to check on how many domain names we have and what the cost to maintain each is. She will submit her findings to the Chair and report them to the Board at the next in-person meeting.

Committee Reports

Christie asked that a list of committees and committee chairs be compiled and distributed to the Board. This was agreed on by the Board. The Secretary will undertake the task.

Bylaws Committee Report

A discussion of the Bylaws was tabled until the Bylaws Committee has completed a draft, distributed it to the board for comments and prepares a final draft for vote estimated to be complete by the next in-person Board Meeting. It was requested that the draft format include the current bylaw, the change and a brief statement regarding the change. Tricia Schafer will provide legal review for a fee of \$250 to come from the misc. fund.

Open Water Committee Report

June provided a verbal update on the USMS open water insurance requirements. It was also discussed and agreed that non-USMS sanctioned events can be included on our website as a convenience to our members but that they should be listed separately from sanctioned events and clearly marked as such. This was tabled to the Communications Committee for a resolution.

Communications Committee Report

Susan asked to be a member of the Communications Committee. Jeff (Chair) will add.

Officials Committee Report

Judy has requested a venue and date for an officials clinic. Mark volunteered the Phoenix Swim Club facility. The date will be set prior to April 20th for some time in May/June. It will be announced in the April 20th Newsletter. Judy will prepare the article and submit it to the communications committee in time for publication.

New Business

Judy raised the need for a coaches rep to help with standards for meets. She provided some anecdotal examples of the need. She suggested Jim Stites. Brad suggested that someone other than a coach may be more neutral and that the role should be expanded to include additional beneficial responsibilities to promote competition as the chair of a Competition Committee. Brad suggested Patrick Brundage as Chair. The Board requested that Brad contact Patrick to see if he would be interested.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet via conference call at 4:00pm on the third Sunday in May for the single actionable item of selecting our AZ LMSC sponsored members to the national convention.

Adjournment

Katie moved for adjournment, second Christie, vote approved 7-0.