

**United States Masters Swimming (USMS)
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (DVLMSC)
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017**

Welcome

The annual membership meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Patterson in the Parents' Room of Germantown Academy, Fort Washington, PA at 12:25 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves. Attending: Chairperson Tom Patterson, Vice Chair Sue Watts, Treasurer Steve Dougherty, Secretary Barbara Burke, Kimmie Inverso, Geoff Meyer, Laurie Hug, Rick Heimann, Dave Diehl, Gary Sangmeister, Delia Perez, Dan Allen, Dave Schneider, Janet Jastremski, and Jeremy Gross. USMS clubs represented were: Colonials 1776, Spring Valley Y, and Unattached.

Secretary's Report

Presented by Barbara Burke, Secretary

Former DVLMSC Secretary Chris Schroeder submitted the minutes from our 2016 Annual Meeting to USMS. They were posted on the [USMS](#) website as well as the Treasurer's report. The 2016 Annual Meeting minutes appended with Treasurer's and committee reports are also posted on the [LMSC website](#).

Barbara Burke thanked Chris Schroeder (not present) for her guidance during the transition of the Secretary role, and stated that she'd like to officially thank Chris Schroeder for her service to our LMSC as our Secretary for the years 2011 through 2016.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Steve Dougherty, Treasurer

As noted last year, we need to spend down more of our money. We have over \$23,000 in our account. Gary Sangmeister suggested that we consider helping out swimmers who cannot afford meets or USMS registration. Janet Jastremski noted that anyone in need can ask for financial assistance and this is posted on the DV website "Join" page. The discussion then focused on getting more people to attend meets. Folks agreed that it requires coaches and teammates to reach out and encourage attendance.

Dave Schneider suggested we host a clinic. Steve suggested we pay for relays at Zones and Nationals. Secretary's note: There was more discussion of a clinic later in the meeting under New Business.

Sue Watts motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

Registrar's Report

Presented by Janet Jastremski, Registrar

1,084 members are registered as of 10/12/17 up from 1,072 on 10/11/16

We had fewer clubs registered clubs. 76 self-identified coaches. Income was over \$6000.

The fee to join USMS in 2017 was \$46.00 in 2017 (\$41 to National and \$5 to LMSC). In 2018 USMS national is raising their fee by \$2. Our LMSC is reducing our fee to \$3 so the cost to join USMS for 2018 will remain \$46.00. We will not offer refunds to the people who pre-registered for 2018 since they are already getting a discount.

Janet talked about Escape from Lewes swim and how it was cancelled the event each of the 3 years it was scheduled. Delmo Sports runs the event. They are supposed to supply Janet/registrar with a list of people who purchased the one-day membership to give to USMS. Lewes has not provided the information. Janet took the matter to USMS. Single event memberships are offered the ability to apply the \$15.00 single event membership fee towards the cost of joining USMS but it must be done within 30 days of the single event competition. As we don't know who paid the 1 day membership, we were not able to offer those swimmers the \$30 discount, which may have resulted in new USMS members.

Sue suggested that we not partner with them next year on sanctioning the event, so we would not offer the 1-day membership. They need to demonstrate good faith intention to perform as per the requirements.

Laurie will contact the race director as she knows him personally. She'll state that we entered into this agreement in good faith and we expect the same from them.

Janet reminded folks that when requesting an email to be sent to membership, that the full text of the email be provided, not just, "Can you send out a message about that thing?".

Sue Watts motioned to accept the Registrar's Report/S/P

Sanctions Report

Presented by Tom Patterson on behalf of George Horan, Committee Chair

Since the meeting last October there were eleven pool events sanctioned or recognized. Five of the eleven meets were sanctioned the remaining six were recognized meets.

There was discussion of the USMS rule that there must be a warm-up/warm-down lane during a **sanctioned** meet. This means that a maximum of 5 lanes would be available for competition at most venues for Sanctioned meets, specifically for those venues with one 6-lane pool. This was news to most of those in attendance, and Janet looked it up and confirmed it in the rule book. Article 102.4.1

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Sanctions Report/S/P

Competition Report

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

Gary highlighted that Turnout at any given meet was noticeably lower than in 2015-16. However, total splashes for DVLMSC meets was up.

- o 2015-16: 1663 splashes with 238 splashes per meet average
- o 2016-17: 1888 splashes with 189 splashes per meet average

Turnout at this year's DV Championship Event was lower than 2015-2016. 120 swimmers this year compared to 140 last year. There was discussion of changing the timing of the meet to avoid conflict, notably conflict with Albatross meet. There was also discussion of location; people thought Upper Dublin HS was central and a good location. Wilson (near Reading) was also discussed.

There was discussion of offering a goodie for participation in the DV Championship event to boost attendance. Some ideas were free t-shirt and/or cap with USMS logo and meet name, low per-event fee, bag tag. Several folks will ask acquaintances about designing a meet logo.

Sue Watts motioned to accept the Competition Report/S/P

Website Report

Presented by Dan Allen, Web Master

Dan stated that Delia asked him about adding an Open Water event summary page. They will collaborate on this.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Website Report/S/P

Top 10/Records Report

Presented by Tom Patterson, LMSC Chair and Committee Chair

Tom noted that the number of Top 10s from our LMSC went up this year, perhaps assisted by our DV Champs meet.

Tom will purchase a laser pool measuring tool for between \$100 and \$200.

During the year, Tom transferred the Top 10 reporting to Gary Sangmeister. There was discussion of how often and when to update the LMSC records on the DVLMSC website.

There was discussion of SCY Zones and getting more DV people to attend. Perhaps suggest to meet directors that they juggle the order of events from year to year. Also, in addition to alternating which pool the distance events (by gender) are held in each year, also alternate the other events so the same event for the same gender not occur in the same pool each year.

There was some concern about whether meets at UMLY will continue in the absence of Stephanie Walsh Beilman who was mover/shaker there.

Dave Schneider talked about Villanova resource Ed Pretre who runs masters practices there.

Sue Watts motioned to accept the Top 10 Report/S/P

Coaches Report

Presented by Dave Schneider, Committee Chair

Dave states he only rarely receives USMS Coaches meetings minutes. It was noted that they can be found on the USMS site.

No coaching certification classes offered this past year. If someone from DVLMSC needs certification, they can travel to a nearby LMSC.

Tom motioned to accept the Coaches Report/S/P

Officials Report

No report available. The beloved Stephanie Walsh Beilman, Committee Chair, passed away this summer.

Tom asked for suggestions for a new chair. Dave Diehl offered to chair the committee and the board thanks Dave for his willingness to serve.

Dave encourages all meeting attendees to become certified as an official, as a basic stroke and turn judge. It's pretty easy to do. Dave thinks it's all online and cost-free.

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Officials Report S/P

Open Water Report

Presented Delia Perez, Committee Chair

Delia submitted a very detailed report. She highlighted that some open water swims were cancelled permanently and others changed from USMS to USA run events. She too expressed concern over the management of the Escape from Lewes race. She had expressed concern over the late September date before the first scheduled event, stating that there were several reasons why that was not a good time of year, weather-wise.

Delia noted the following open water swimmers passed away: Jim Whelan and Stephanie Walsh Beilman. Laurie Hug added that open water swimmer Charles Bender also passed away this year.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Open Water Report/S/P

Marketing Report

Presented by Tom Patterson for Pam Shepard, Committee Chair

We have over 500 members on our Facebook page. Pam has offered to construct surveys if anyone would like one done. Best to use a survey that is sent in a link via email.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Marketing Report/S/P

Fitness Report

Kim Inverso, Committee Chair

Kimmie and associates offered and hosted a dryland session; 20 attended. They learned exercises and stretching to benefit swimmers, specific to strokes. Lots of excitement and commitment to continue exercises. Requests to offer another session.

Kimmie will work on offering another session in January and communicate to membership via Registrar. At convention, Kimmie attended the fitness session. Emphasis was on ways to get the fitness swimmers more involved in USMS.

Kimmie will send estimated costs to treasurer regarding proposed January session.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Fitness Report/S/P

Social/Recognition Report

Sue Watts and Steve Dougherty, Committee Co-chairs

Sadly, recognition is only for USMS events, of which most open water events are not. Discussion surrounded encouraging open water swimmers to seek out USMS recognized/sanctioned events.

These were the recipients this year recognizing 2016 performances

- DAVID HARRISON OUTSTANDING MALE SWIMMER AWARD - **Steve Hiltabiddle**
- JEANNE MERRYMAN OUTSTANDING FEMALE SWIMMER AWARD - **Laurie Hug**
- HENRY "BARNEY" HUNGERFORD OUTSTANDING OPEN WATER / LONG DISTANCE SWIMMER AWARD - **Heather Mohorn**
- STEPHANIE WALSH BEILMAN OUTSTANDING LMSC VOLUNTEER AWARD - **Art Mayer**
- LIFETIME SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - **Joan Waldbaum**

Sue Watts recommended that Stephanie Walsh Beilman be recognized (posthumously) next year for the lifetime achievement award. She recommended this now since she is planning a move to Florida in early 2018.

Steve Dougherty added on behalf of the Social Committee that the LMSC hosted a social after the DV Championships at UDHS. There was a good turnout and it will be repeated in 2018.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Social/Recognition Report/S/P

USMS Convention Reports

Our LMSC again earned three (3) delegate spots to the convention in Dallas, TX. September 13-17, 2017. Delegates were Steve Dougherty, Kim Inverso; we did not have a third person able to attend. Laurie attended as a member of the USMS Long Distance Committee and our LMSC paid her way as well. They split up and attended different sessions as they could.

Steve Dougherty

Colonies meeting

SCY Zones - George Mason 1st weekend in April; SCM Zones at WPI 2nd week of December.

Other meets listed on Colonies Zone site

USMS has standardized and better documented LMSC boundaries

History & Archives meeting

Committee members are working on updating/recording names

Recognition and awards meeting

USMS level awards

Encouraging LMSC to recognize volunteers at swim meets by giving thank you gifts and/or refreshment

Nationals

Spring Nationals - May 10-13 - Indianapolis

No summer Nationals - Pan Am games are in Orlando 7/28-8/3/18

2020 Summer Nationals - 50th anniversary - Richmond VA

All others listed on USMS.org

Always positive check-in for events 200 and above, seeded by either age or time

Relays can be entered online

Laurie Hug

Patti Miller was re-elected as President; Skip Thompson was re-elected as VP of Community Services; Ralph Davis was re-elected as Treasurer; Chris Colburn was elected VP of Local Operations; Donn Livoni was elected VP of Programs; Greg Danner was elected as the Secretary; Peter Guadagni was elected as the VP of Administration.

New registrations have been down but renewals are better than in the past

Open water discussion - swimmer's contact with boat/craft: "Event hosts may choose to prohibit deliberate contact between swimmers and craft and/or physical features if it has been announced in the event information."

Looking for online coaches, writers for Streamlines

Looking for mentor coaches

Coaches earned level IV certification: Laurie Hug and ????

Long distance championships announced

Reston, VA - 2 miles

Tech workshop

Mentor v Coach workshop

Kim Inverso

Sports Medicine workshops

Massages, kinesio

Stroke clinic

Full convention minutes can be found here:

<http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php?GROUPID=&EVENTID=80>

The next convention will be September 26-30, 2018 in Jacksonville, FL.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

Team Reports

Colonials – Janet Jastremski

203 members of 1776

Spring Valley YMCA – Gary Sangmeister

They got \$1500 sponsorship from the Y, which paid for their relays and other needs

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Team Reports/S/P

Nominations

LMSC Chair

Tom Patterson's first term expires end of 2017. Laurie Hug Nominated Tom Patterson for a 2-year term./S/P Tom Patterson agreed to serve.

LMSC Vice-Chair

Sue Watts is stepping down at the end of 2017 as she is planning a move to Florida. Gary Sangmeister nominated Jeremy Gross for a 2-year term./S/P Jeremy Gross agreed to serve.

Old Business

None

Tom Patterson motioned to accept Old Business discussion. /S/P

New Business

Annual Reports

Barbara has created Google Drive folders to hold the reports. Instead of appending all of the reports to the Annual Meeting Minutes as has been done in the past for posting on the website, Dan Allen will post a link to the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes, and a separate link to 2017 Annual Reports for all members to have access to.

In addition, Barbara suggested that in the future, all members should have access to the reports *in advance of the meeting* (not just board members) so that they can prepare for the meeting. An annual meeting notice goes out to all members approximately 30 days before the Annual meeting. In that email will be a link to that year's Annual Reports folder, and verbiage explaining that reports are due no later than the Friday before the Annual meeting and that as reports are made available, they will be placed in the folder for general membership to review.

How to increase attendance at Annual Meeting

Laurie suggested that we invite a former Olympian and host a clinic before annual meeting (e.g., Jason Lesak, Brendan Hansen, Maddie Crippen). This would also help us use some of our \$23,000 surplus.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept New Business discussion. /S/P

Tom Patterson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. /S/P

Submitted by Barbara Burke, Secretary

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