

**United States Masters Swimming (USMS)
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (DV LMSC)
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2020**

Welcome

The annual membership meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom and called to order by Chair Tom Patterson at about 2:07pm. Everyone introduced themselves. Attending: Chairperson Tom Patterson, Vice Chair Jeremy Gross, Treasurer Steve Dougherty, Secretary Barbara Burke, Janet Jastremski, Dan Allen, Delia Perez, Joe Boris, Pamela Shepard, Janice Stout, Stephany Saucy, Gary Sangmeister, Laurie Hug, George Horan, Andrea Butchko, Andrew Seaton, Susan Figenshu, Geoff Meyer, Dave Diehl, Dave Gladfelter, Erin Orbin, Lori Reynolds, Jeremiah Williams, Kimmie Inverso, Judy Anttonen, Dave Schneider, Greg Oxley, Tracy Clarkson, Jack O'Hara. USMS clubs/groups represented were: Colonials 1776, LASH, FINS, Spring Valley Y, Valley Forge Masters, Wilkes-Barre/Pittston Masters and Unattached.

Note: for ease of reference, submitted reports are linked from the report titles as listed below. In addition, they are all found in [this folder](#), which is also linked on our [LMSC website](#).

USMS COVID-19 Relief

- 9 teams completed the survey; 5 of those have indicated interest in relief funds
- DV LMSC will be requesting approval from USMS this week
- After we receive approval, a survey will be sent out to collect information needed for USMS

Recognition Report

Presented by Jeremy Gross, Committee Co-Chair

Highlights:

- Outstanding Male Swimmer - Greg Oxley (David Harrison award)
- Outstanding Female Swimmer - Stephanie Saucy (Jean Merriman award)
- Outstanding long distance swimmer - Tracy Clarkson
- Lifetime swimming performance - David Gladfelter
- Outstanding Volunteer Support - Steve Dougherty

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Recognition Report/S/P

Officials Report

Presented by Dave Diehl, Committee Chair

LMSC highlights:

- 3 DV LMSC members are certified as USMS officials
- 3 certified for stroke and turn
- 2 certified as starters

Dave recommends people pursue certification.

Dave also gave updates on the national officials committee, found [here](#).

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the Officials Report S/P

USMS Convention Reports

Our LMSC again earned three (3) delegate spots to the convention which was held virtually via Zoom, with

calls starting on August 19 and running through the final House of Delegates call on September 27. Delegates were Dave Diehl, Jeremy Gross, and Tom Patterson. Laurie attended as a member of the USMS Long Distance Committee.

Reports supplied by the attendees are linked below, and are posted on our website. Some highlights:

[Dave Diehl](#) (click name to see report)

Highlights:

- both national championships were cancelled this year
- Next year - tentative
 - short course Greensboro, NC
 - long course - Spire Institute Geneva, Ohio
- national officials award - Ted Hartz
- Officials page on USMS website updated

Dave also gave updates on the national officials committee, found [here](#).

[Jeremy Gross](#) (click name to see report)

Highlights:

- Championship meets for 2021 - not sure if in-person or virtual
 - 2021 SCY Champs scheduled for Greensboro, NC, April 29-May 2
 - 2021 LCM Champs scheduled for Geneva, OH, Aug 5-8
- Not sure about how to set qualifying times due to lack of swims this season
- Defeated - make age-groups for SCY relays same as meters - struck down
- Proposed legislation - adopted: A Unified Fee was adopted for membership and one-event registration. Note annual fee will be \$60 with an 80%/20% split for National & LMSC (\$48/\$12) to be implemented in 2021.
- Proposed legislation - defeated: Proposal was to allow swimmers to change clubs 35 days after last competing for their current club (currently 60).

[Tom Patterson](#) (click name to see report)

Highlights:

- Next year - Atlanta, GA 9/22-9/26 or virtual
- Unified fee
- LMSC border changes - Arkansas/Missouri
- LMSC name change - Dixie Zone is now Southeast Zone

[Laurie Hug](#) (click name to see report)

Highlights:

- All open water national championships were cancelled, so no all-stars this year
 - hosts receive priority for 2022 championships
- Anyone who completes two or more ePostal swims will be eligible for 2020 ePostal Series Challenge recognition this year. Normally it requires a swimmer to complete all five of the ePostal Nationals Championship events but with pool time being hard to come by for many swimmers, it was reduced to two this year.
- Jeff Strahota was elected as the At Large Director for the Colonies Zone
- Skip Thompson was awarded the Captain Ransom J. Arthur Award
- Dean Hawks was awarded the Coach of the Year Award
- Colonies Zone - George Mason or virtual - website inactive since it was hosted on USMS server
- DV LMSC swimmers who passed away since last year's convention. Memorial presentation found [here](#)
 - George Breen
 - James DeCleene
 - Barbara Johnson
 - Milford Jonson

The 2020 USAS Convention will be in Atlanta, GA 9/22-9/26 or virtual

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

Membership Coordinator's Report

Presented by Janet Jastremski, Membership Coordinator

Highlights:

- Membership is down
- Income is down
- Next year we will be forced into the Unified membership fee
- As of February 2021
 - no printing of membership cards
 - all will go through the National office
 - only job left for membership coordinator will be to transfer club memberships
 - there will no longer be a fee
 - forms changes are in progress as are website changes
- Some confusion after people register - they seem to think we assign them to a team
 - discussion about if we can help with this
 - USMS website list of teams seems to be out of date

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Membership Coordinator's Report/S/P

Secretary's Report

Presented by Barbara Burke, Secretary

The minutes from our 2019 Annual Meeting to USMS, along with our Treasurer's report, were posted on the [USMS](#) website. They and committee reports were also posted on our [LMSC website](#).

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the 2019 minutes/S/P

The Secretary's Report, detailing significant actions, decisions, or discussions made by the officers and /or Board of Directors (BOD) during the time between annual meetings is posted on our [LMSC website](#) and linked above.

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Steve Dougherty, Treasurer

Highlights:

- As of beginning January 12,888 Now - 15,570
- Budget provided to USMS will be the same as for last year
- Survey
 - We missed one of the mandatory standards in 2019
 - We had a sanctioned meet with a non-registered swimmer
 - This error has been remedied for 2020

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

Secretary's Note: On 10/25/20, after the meeting, Jeremy Gross conducted the annual financial review as required by our By-Laws. Jeremy found the Treasurer's report and bank statements to be in order.

Sanctions Report

Presented by George Horan, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- 4 meets since last annual meeting and before shut-down
- If we decide to do any meets, there is a LOT of paperwork that needs to be filled out
 - USMS will send new guidelines November 1st
 - no locker rooms
 - no relays
 - mask on if not swimming

Geoff Meyer motioned to approve the Sanctions Report/S/P

Competition Report

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- 4 meets since last meeting
 - Gettysburg attendance was up
 - Phoenixville was down (held between Christmas and New Year)
 - UMLY attendance was up
 - Lower Bucks (Pennsbury)
- DV championship meet was cancelled due to pandemic shut-down
- almost 1000 splashes
 - 233 splashes per meet average
- No meets expected in the next year - but we will see what happens

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Competition Report/S/P

Web Report

Presented by Dan Allen, Webmaster

Highlights

- USMS web server no longer available as a web host, so we had to find another place to host our site
- Website hosting was moved to GoDaddy
- Domain Registration was moved to GoDaddy
- Hopefully any links that broke as a result of the changes have been fixed
- Please contact Dan if you find anything amiss on the website

Delia Perez motioned to accept the Web Report/S/P

Top 10/Records Report

Presented by Tom Patterson, Committee Chair

Highlights

- 51 top tens for SCY (down from 103)
- 15 top tens for LCM

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Top 10 Report/S/P

Coaches Report

Presented by Dave Schneider, Committee Chair

Highlights

- a number of classes and clinics were cancelled
- nothing scheduled for next year at this point
- New: scheduled peer to peer calls for coaches
- 80 DV LMSC swimmers self-identify as coaches
 - 26 have achieved some level of certification
 - only 1 is level 4
- Looks like 8 new teams - who is coaching?
- discussion
 - plan to reach out to new teams and those who identify as coaches

Announced at the national convention:

The U.S. Masters Swimming Coaches Committee recognizes coaches who are building our membership in communities throughout the country. [The U.S. Masters Swimming Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award](#) is named to honor Coach Kerry O'Brien of Walnut Creek Masters, who embodies the passion, dedication, and heart that these coaches bring to the pool deck. This year's recipients are Karyn Austin (Swamp Water Aquatics, Florida), Abigail Fairman (Red Tide, Metropolitan), [Laurie Hug \(Colonials 1776, Delaware Valley\)](#), Bob Jennings (Villages Aquatic Swim Team, Florida), Christine Maki (Competitive Tri-Swim Masters, Southern Pacific), Greg Tharp (Woodlands Masters Swim Team, Gulf), Jeff Waddle (Tsunami Masters, Florida), and Rick Walker (Sarasota Sharks Masters, Florida).

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the Coaches Report/S/P

Open Water Report

Presented by Delia Perez, Committee Chair

Highlights

- Most were cancelled due to pandemic
- There were, however, a few swims
 - some with lowered participation thresholds
 - social distancing and masks enforced
 - no gathering for awards/socializing
- As always, ***please send photos and results from open water swims to Delia***

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the Open Water Report/S/P

Marketing Report

Provided by Pamela Shepard, Committee Chair

Highlights

- 585 members of DV LMSC Facebook page
- Pamela monitors membership and member posts
- Discussion: several people provided information on pools that are closed/open and protocols
- Discussion: how do we keep membership apprised of what pools are open/closed

Delia Perez motioned to accept the Marketing Report/S/P

Fitness Report

Kimmie Inverso, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- Opportunities for in-person dryland sessions are limited due to the pandemic
- Kimmie is looking into hosting a dryland session for DV LMSC members, possibly via Zoom

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the Fitness Report/S/P

Social Committee Report

Presented by Steve Dougherty, Committee Co-Chair

Highlights:

- Our big annual social event following the DV LMSC Championship meet did not occur because the meet was cancelled due to the pandemic
- Money that we saved from the DV Championship social will likely go to COVID aid
- DV Championship refunds - we had to pay Club Assistant to handle that

Delia Perez motioned to accept the Social/Recognition Report/S/P

Team Reports

Spring Valley YMCA – Gary Sangmeister

- SVY shut down 3/13
- SVY opened up late August/Sept for lap swim
 - There are now some group workouts, but less yardage than before

Colonials 1776 – Steve Dougherty

- Membership is up quite a bit from 2019 (mostly members new to USMS)
 - Possibly because they learned if they joined they could swim at the Ft Washington Swim and Tennis Club
- GAAC Masters
 - USMS One-hour swim event held at Wissahickon High School
 - fundraiser for the WHS swim team
 - Zoom happy hour pizza party every Friday night from late March until mid-June
- Valley Forge Masters Workout Group (update from Dave Schneider)
 - Working on a place to hold practices

LASH – Erin Orben

- members were able to utilize 2 outdoor pools over the summer
- now people are swimming at Cedar Crest College, 2x week
- Steel Fitness - must be members

Willes-Barre/Pittston - Andrea Butchko

- have been open for masters since June
- 12-15 pre-covid regulars
- after reopening fewer regulars

FINS - George Horan

- Currently swimming at Friends in Center City
 - 12 people per practice max
 - several practices a week

Unattached – Dan Allen (submitted with much humor)

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Team Reports/S/P

Nominations

Treasurer

Steve Dougherty nominated Joe Boris for a first term

Tom Patterson motioned to approve Joe Boris for Treasurer /S/P

Secretary

Steve Dougherty nominated Barbara Burke for a third term

Tom Patterson motioned to approve Barbara Burke for Secretary /S/P

Old Business

New Business

COVID Restrictions for hosting meets

- Groups fill out application
 - We ask them to fill out COVID forms
- We will be proactive - George will send out forms to teams in advance of sanction requests
- USMS has been updating protocol/restrictions/guidelines regularly
- We will send email with request to fill out a Google Form to teams and workout groups to respond by Friday to request COVID relief funds

Janet Jastremski

- **9 teams** have currently registered for 2021
- It's best to register teams for the next year before November 1st

Team/group reps (gleaned from those attending today's meetings) for the LMSC Board (per by-laws):

- Spring Valley Y – Gary Sangmeister
- LASH – Erin Orben
- 1776 – Steve Dougherty
 - Workout Group - Valley Forge Masters - Dave Schneider
 - GAAC Masters (part of 1776) - Laurie Hug
- Unattached – Dan Allen
- FINS - George Horan
- Groups
 - Wilkes-Barre/Pittston - Andrea Butchko

Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Dougherty at 4:45pm /S/P

Submitted by Barbara Burke, Secretary

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