

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, 13 September 2014, after the PTC Pentathlon Meet at the
Lundquist Aquatic Center*

ROLL CALL

Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)

Leann Rossi
Ande Timpeiro

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Jeffrey Tacca

Classic City Masters (CCM)

Jonathan Dunn

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Bob Kohmescher
Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Marianne Countryman
Richard Dixon
Elaine Krugman
David Morrill
Mike Stille
Lisa Watson
Brian Yetter
John Zeigler

Greater Augusta Swimming (GAS)

George Pokorny
Jennifer Thornton

Southside Seals (SSS)

Rob Copeland
Mike Slotnick
Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Ian King

Warner Robins Aquanauts (WRAM)

Brad Martin

Unattached

Randy Kuykendall

Adoption of Minutes from 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the 2013 Annual meeting (taken by Elaine Krugman) were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chairman (Lisa Watson) – Lisa was happy to report that the Georgia LMSC is greater than 800 swimmers strong, which earns for us an additional At-Large delegate at the USMS Convention. While this meeting usually takes place after the USMS Convention, this year it precedes it so the convention news will have to be disseminated to the membership either via the website or future newsletters.

Vice Chair (Sean Fitzgerald) – At this year's convention, Sean will be running for the At-Large Delegate to the Board of Directors. We hope he wins the vote.

Secretary (Karol Welling) – Karol thanked Elaine Krugman for taking the minutes at last year's annual Meeting.

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – Bob extends his thanks to Elaine Krugman for the swimmer profile articles and hopes for more of this type of newsletter input. Submissions in .pdf format are especially appreciated.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that we are continuing to fund several projects:

- Stroke Clinic featuring guest Coach Susan Ingram
- Coaches Clinic had 27 attendees (18 from Georgia)
- Sent one coach to Nashville for Level III certification
- Offsetting registration fees, keeping ours lower than many other LMSCs

Lisa is hoping to encourage more members to organize and host meets, and we will consider offering subsidies when needed to further this goal.

In reference to Open Water events, the skyrocketing insurance costs have forced us to put a limit on funding. Ed has set aside \$3000 per year towards required coverage. This may force smaller events to find their own insurance, passing the cost along to the participants.

Registrar's Report (Bill Lotz) – Registrations for 2014 have already exceeded 800.

Member-At-Large (Jeffrey Tacca) – Jeffrey wondered why we chose this date (prior to the convention) for the SSS Pentathlon meet and annual meeting. Lisa explained that the convention is later than usual this year and that this date had the fewest conflicts for officials, swimmers and volunteers. Rob Copeland acknowledged that, in the future, offering on-line entries may boost participation at this as well as at other meets.

Reports of Committees

Coaches (Donna Hooe) – Lisa thanked Donna for her efforts organizing the relays for team GAJA at out-of-state meets and championships.

Communications (Ed Saltzman) – The website will be up-dated after the convention.

Fitness (John Zeigler) – John recently got a call from a 70-year-old interested in Masters Swimming. To improve our numbers, John says he tries to actively recruit swimmers when he competes in the Senior Games meets. Also promoting fitness, Lisa recognized the annual "Go the Distance" on-line program that provides incentives for swimmers who choose not to compete in meets. She recognizes the leading Georgia participants every year in the newsletter as well as at one of our major meets.

Long Distance (Rob Copeland) – There is an open water event tomorrow. In all, nine open water events were available this year, but all were unsanctioned (swim at your own risk). He said USMS is working hard to get the insurance surcharge reduced by 2016.

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that he provided sanctions for seven short course meets and one long course meet this year. Anyone who wants to run a meet should contact him. Concerning officials, he has a couple of new volunteers but more are needed. Each Level II meet (electronic timing +) requires at least a starter, a referee and two stroke/turn judges.

Safety (David Morrill) – Lisa welcomed David as he steps in to his new position.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – Ed plans to submit long course times at the end of September. He told everyone that USA times may count provided you get the pool properly measured and give him the URL for the results. Records updates are slightly behind as the World Championships in Montreal just listed swimmers' affiliations as USA. Our own Beth McGee set several marks. In reference to measuring, Ed advised folks to bring their own measuring device and to measure the two outside lanes and a middle lane before and after each day's events.

Unfinished Business

There are two remaining Georgia events: Collins Hill developmental meet (Nov 2) & St. Nick's / DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIPS (Dec 13-14). The St. Nick's meet will offer a full slate of relays as well as the 1500 for distance swimmers.

National meets in 2015 include spring nationals in San Antonio (Apr 23-26) and summer Nationals in Cleveland at the Spire Institute (Aug 6-9).

New Business

David Morrill is replacing Walter Leen as Safety Chair. Lisa recognized Walter for his volunteer contributions to our LMSC, including organizing relays and contributing meet summaries to the newsletter. She also thanked David for stepping in to serve.

National Relays – There was some discussion about how the relays were organized at Nationals. Some requests were not honored, causing ill will.

The Dixie Zone 2015 Calendar will be published after the Convention. In March, all are welcome to attend the Mid-Year meeting, usually held at a centrally located restaurant.

USMS Convention 2014 will be held in Jacksonville, Florida 17-21 September. Georgia attendees will be Rob Copeland, Sean Fitzgerald, Lisa Watson, Ed Saltzman and David Morrill.

2016 National Championships will be in Greensboro, NC (Spring SC) and Gresham, OR (Summer LC).

Resolution and Orders

Lisa resolved that the goal of the Georgia LMSC is to continue grow and recruit more swimmers (and officials).

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling