

Iowa Masters 2021 Annual Meeting

Members present: Tom Kealy, Jim Lawson, Wayne Huebener, Stan LeMaster, Norm Bower, Amy Groskopf, Jack Fritts. Paul Eure and Jennifer Krogmeier joined later in the meeting. The meeting was held via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:51PM on April 5, 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Reports:

Jack Fritts, Treasurer: The treasurer's report was sent prior to the meeting. The current balance is \$13,605. The only expense incurred in 2020 was the purchase of a box of caps to distribute at meets for \$477. The proposed budget for 2021 was approved. We have received \$2200 for 2021 memberships as of the meeting date. The annual audit will occur after the end of the tax season.

Stan LeMaster: the certification of the Hempstead pool was delayed due to the pandemic and will hopefully be accomplished during 2021. USMS has a process for "recognized" meets as opposed to sanctioned meets. An example of a recognized meet is the Iowa Senior Games. The meet director or designee will need to fill out a form for recognized meets. This policy was new in 2020 but not generally used due to lack of meets during the pandemic. A list of certified pool has been sent out – it's basically the same list as was sent in 2020. Norm noted that the pool at the new Scott County Y in Downtown Davenport will not be certified as they don't want to host competitions and the pool is not designed to be a competition pool.

Wayne Huebener: The sanctions report was sent to Tom listing the 4 meets that have been planned. There are meets currently scheduled for April 10 (Des Moines); May 8 (Council Bluffs); June 13 (the Summer Iowa Senior Games); and July 31 (the Iowa Summer Games). Those holding meets should follow the USMS phase 1 recommendations re Covid-19 safety protocols. Phase 2 protocols are expected to be released soon. Meet directors will need to submit safety plans when applying for a sanctioned meet.

Jim Lawson: Safety protocols for the April 10 meet are: masks are required except when swimming; there will be designated bleacher spots to maintain physical distance. The board approved holding the 2022 State meet at Linn-Mar. The preferred date is March 26, 2022. There was discussion about holding a long course meet in 2021. Jim offered to hold at the Prairie Meadows pool on August 7 as they had planned to hold a meet on that date/time anyway. The National mtg will be virtual this year. Information should be coming out soon about it. It will be held Sept 23-27. Norm volunteered to attend some of the sessions but we need additional volunteers to attend others. Long Course Nationals will be held Oct 6-10 in Ohio.

Jennifer Krogmeier: Jennifer reported that registration is all automated so that her duties are not onerous. She anticipated she would get notifications when new members signed up but she has not received any. It was noted that the previous registrar's contact info is still on the Iowa Masters website – that will be changed shortly.

Other: it was noted that the officials chair has resigned. Wayne Huebener volunteered to take this responsibility in his place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Groskopf, Secretary