

The annual meeting of the Michigan Masters LMSC was held on Saturday April 16, 2016. Frank (Skip) Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:00(noon).

Ralph Davis made a motion to accept the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting- motion was seconded by Sally Guthrie. Motion was approved.

Saganaw Valley YMCA bid for the 2017 Michigan Masters State Meet. Jeff O'Hare from the Y made a presentation and answered questions from the floor. Ann Ward made a motion to accept Saganaw Valley YMCA as the site for the 2017 Michigan Masters State Swimming Meet. Ralph Davis second – motion was approved.

Skip Thompson (Chair) reported that 2016 has been a good year for Michigan Masters swimming. We had great representation at the USMS Summer Nationals and won. The annual awards banquet was held and there was a great response.

Skip noted that at the convention Kathy Coffin-Sheard won one of the Kerry O'Brien Coaches award and Denise Brown was awarded a Dorothy Donnelly Service Award. Skip was also elected to the USMS Board of Directors. Several members of Michigan Masters also serve on USMS Committees: Doug Handler – Registration, Fares Ksebati- Fitness, Denise Brown – Open Water and Sally Guthrie – Sports Medicine.

On the National level- USMS hired a new Executive Director – Dawson Hughes. Mr. Hughes started his employment with USMS on March 28, 2016. USMS is going through some growing pains and Mr. Hughes is challenged with coming up with some new strategic plans to figure out how to grow.

Vice-Chair Patrick Weiss reported that this past year he spent time assisting and training a new treasurer. He has also been assisting the Chair – learning the day to day operations of the organization. Patrick has met with other groups and individuals promoting USMS at the local and national level.

Denise Brown reported on Open water opportunities both local and nationally. She spent time going over the temperature guidelines to be voted on at convention. She stressed that safety is of utmost importance.

Registrar Doug Handler reported that while our number are down a bit this year, enthusiasm for the sport continues. Last year Michigan Masters had 1,086 members and this year to date we have 952 members. We do often pick up members during Open Water season.

Skip reported that the Michigan Masters awards banquet will be in October in Ann Arbor and to watch the website for details.

Everyone thanked Sally for all her work and dedication to MM throughout the years. Sally is retiring and planning to move to CA later this year.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm
Respectfully submitted
Rev. Dr. Denise H. Brown
Secretary Michigan Masters