

Committee Name:	OMS Board	Session #:	Report #:	Annual
Committee Chair:	Jeanne Teisher	Vice Chair:	Wes Edwards	
Minutes recorded by:	Michelle C. Jacobs-Brown	Date/time of meeting:	4-14-12: 5:00pm	

Motions Passed:

1. Approval of February Minutes as distributed by e-mail.
2. Approval of Animal Meet reimbursement.
3. Approval of T-Hill Barracudas Pentathlon reimbursement.
4. Approval for Gary Whitman to purchase a replacement laptop computer (within budget constraints).

Number of committee members present: 17 **Absent: 1** **Number of other delegates present: *4**

Committee members present: Jeanne Teisher, Wes Edwards, Joy Ward, MJ Caswell, Dennis Baker, Dave Hathaway, Roy Lambert, Sandi Rousseau, Marissa Frieder, Bob Bruce, Charlie Helm, Mark Ward, Christina Fox, Jackie Parker, Stephen Darnell, Gary Whitman, Tim Waud, *April Robinson and *Carolyn Watling (Ducks Team Rep), *Denise Croucher* (LaCamas HeadHunters Team Rep), *Brent Washburne (MAC Team Rep)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

1. Review of Agenda
2. Welcome/ Opening remarks/ Introductions
3. Action Items: Motions (See above) for Approval
4. Discussion Topics

A. Use of dual sanctioned meets to fill in holes in the meet schedule and provide more convenient competitive opportunities for OMS members located in remote areas. If USMS/USA-Swimming sanctions: Masters Swimmers must swim by USA-S rules. Not meant to replace any meet on the OMS schedule; First priority would be to sanction and schedule USMS meets. **ISSUES:** There may be time standards for USA-S and USA-S rules must be followed. General agreement that this would be beneficial for outlying areas and for adding additional meets. Additional exploratory discussion will be pursued at the next meeting but all present were in favor of pursuing this option to offer additional meets to Master swimmers.

B. Group Exemption three issues: 1. Will OMS send an application letter to the IRS for a Group exemption to cover the OREG and SWMS Clubs if the clubs provide the required information to OMS? 2. If so, will OMS submit Federal Tax returns for the group as a whole or require the clubs to file their own return? 3. If OMS requires the clubs to file their own return, will the Treasurer provide tax return assistance/guidance to the clubs?

Roy Lambert (legal): Two ways to do this:

1. Form a new non-profit organization, fill out the paperwork, and pay \$400.00 fee (This was the **recommended** option);
2. Group Exemption where parent organization exempts itself; subsidiary then receives exemption status; then reporting required (high probability for mistakes here - **NOT recommended**).

ISSUES: Small clubs may have issues with funding.

Where to go from here? Clubs will work with Roy. He is willing to help guide through the process.

Tax questions will be determined by the way Clubs exempt.

C. Tim Waud; Ideas for Souvenirs: OMS running low on souvenirs. Board is looking to increase souvenirs and sellable merchandise. Currently selling leftovers from Nationals. There are many new options (shirts, hats, jackets, hoodies, gear bags, water bottles, bag tags, etc.) available that can be combined for printing from local vendors at a fairly low price.

Options with ordering available as well. Set up on-line ordering: only order when minimum amount reached for larger ticket items. Invest only in high turnover merchandise for back-stock ordering. We will need to work on sales logistics.

Question: What do people want?

Answer: OMS Logo on items, National Gear, OMS logos on specific club meets: NOT year specific.

**Send ideas to Tim Waud.

5. Reports

A. Coaches Update (Dennis Baker):

Short Course Nationals: 8 OMS swimmers and 13 DUCKS are going; however, this does not fall under guidelines for paid coaches as there are not enough swimmers. Bob Bruce (OMS) and April Robinson (Ducks) will be there and will help.

LCM Nationals: Numbers are still coming in for currently 25+ swimmers. They will need a head and an assistant coach. Dennis has sent an e-mail out and received 3 responses for interested coaches. Only two are currently in discussions.

B. Open Water (Bob Bruce):

Immediate Swims: Upcoming new event in Bend (5-12-12) including an open water clinic Saturday morning with a LC pool meet in the afternoon. Sunday will include a sanctioned open-water pool event with a pancake breakfast to follow.

3 Championship Events: 1. Foster Lake (6-30-12): 2 Mile Cable Championship, 1 mile cable swim, dog swim; 2. Applegate Lake (8-12-12): 10K Championship, USMS long distance all stars, Distance postal placing; 3. Elk Lake (8-27/28/29-12): Association Championships.

Other swims: Hagg Lake, 17K Bridge Swim (with relays), Cottage Grove, Eel Lake, and Devil's Lake. This totals 8 venues and 24 swims for the longest open water season in the US with the exception of HI and CA!

6. Miscellaneous Items

Wes handed out USMS Rule books

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm
