

# 2020 U.S. Masters Swimming Membership Committee Minutes

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Membership	<b>Session #:</b>	n/a	<b>Meeting #1 of 2020</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Susan Ehringer	<b>Vice Chair:</b>		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Sue Nutty	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	May 17, 2020, 7:00 PM EDT	

**Number of committee members present: 9 + 3**

**Absent:**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Susan Ehringer, Sue Nutty, Leslie Scott, Christ Ottati, Chris Powers, Marcia Anziano, Jo Wright, Doug Sayles, Dan Wegner, Chris Colburn (ex officio), Steve Hall (national office), Jessica Reilly (national office)**

**Committee Members Absent:**

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM EDT, by Susan Ehringer, Chair

1. First order of business: committee members introduced themselves, their home state/LMSC and any suggestions for the good of the committee
2. Jessica Reilly reported briefly on activities at the national office:
  - a. New on the website – Volunteer Central. GTO for volunteers now in once place. Copies of all emails that have been sent to volunteers are there; Covid19 resource page
  - b. Ongoing board member calls to all LMSC officers regarding Unified fee and year-plus proposal for 2020-2021 membership
  - c. National office is encouraging LMSCs in financial planning during this time
3. Steve Hall reported on new membership cards mailed to committee members, board members and all new members in 2020. Cost of each card ~1.50. Susan E raised the questions of how to get the new card to all members and then keeping them current.
4. Chris Colburn from National Board explained the Committee Statement project. Every national committee is charged to write a one page informational piece to include: definition of committee, specific projects/goals, meeting frequency, member qualifications or characteristics, typical number of people needed. This is due soon.
5. Some discussion on the year-plus proposal \$0 cost for membership in 2020-2021. (Basically anyone joining masters now would not pay for 2020 while paying full price for 2021.) Chris O asked about current members who have paid in full and basically have not received value for 2020 due to Covid19.
  - a. Other discussion with the Unified fee has to do with the lack of discounting ability for specific age groups.
  - b. Doug Sayles mentioned New England is in support of Unified Fee and the transfer fee needs to be included.
6. Susan Ehringer mentioned Rules and Legislation (Charlie Cockrell) speaking to the issue of alternative gender designation on entry forms and/or registration. Dan Wegner reported that there is already software developed for swim competitions that takes care of this fairly succinctly.
7. Doug Sayles reported on the proposed transfer rule with the history of legislation, reasoning for needed changes and the work of his subcommittee and the New England LMSC on developing the proposal. Basically, the recommendation is to limit individuals to two (2) club transfers per year, which does not include club designation at time of registration. An individual who registered as unattached and then moves to a club is not considered to have transferred. The proposal also includes option to request an exception and recommends only one person in USMS be designated to make decisions on the request. The deadline to transfer is 35 days \_\_\_\_\_
8. Susan Ehringer asked committee members to consider volunteering for one of the subcommittees:
  - a. FAQ update;

- b. development of the Committee Statement (as mentioned by Chris C. at start of meeting),
  - c. updating of Membership educational materials.
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## **Projects -**

- 1. Susan Ehringer will send out list of subcommittees and ask for volunteers
- 2. Next meeting will be in June

The meeting was adjourned at. 8:00 EDT

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