

WISCONSIN MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2013 Pabst Farms YMCA, Oconomowoc, WI

Members present: John Bauman, James Biles, Elyce Dilworth, Suzi Green, Steve Justinger, Jerry Lourigan, Melodee Nugent, Dick Pitman, Gill Rowley, Fred Russell, Trina Schaez, Mary Schneider, Jeanne Seidler,

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by chair Jeanne Seidler
Jeanne reported that club business at LMSC meetings is not allowed per the LMSC standards, but she did want to discuss forming a task group in the future to address WMAC concerns.

Suzi moved and Dick seconded to approve all the minutes from last year's meeting. They were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair, Top Ten, Webmaster, Sanctions: Jeanne submitted award nominations for Dick Pitman for the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award and for Don Jackson for the Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award. Both were awarded at Convention. Eric has stepped down as Sanctions Chair, and Jeanne is now doing that and she explained that there was a new online process.

Fitness: Melodee will continue to do WI Water Warriors. Suzi/Mary moved/seconded that it remain for Wisconsin swimmers only. Unanimously approved. Dick suggested a fee of \$5, but after the treasurer's report was given, he withdrew that. Dick/Mary MSA

Treasurer: John gave the treasurer's report as Ingrid was absent. Suzi/Elyce MSA

Coaches: Due to management changes at the Pabst Farms YMCA, Fred has ensured that our January meet can remain there. Fred was told he needed to make sure he checked the coaches box when re-registering for Masters. Suzi/Mary MSA

Newsletter: Mary has issued two newsletters so far and is working on the third. She would like input. There are some space limitations, so newsletters with meet info will have less regular content. The deadline is usually the 25th or so, but Mary will keep everyone informed. We still snail mail about 100 newsletters every month, and are limited on the number of emails we can send each month. Suzi/Dick MSA

Officials: Susan was not present. She is willing to continue as chair, and has penciled in her regular meets. Suzi/Trina MSA

Long Distance: no report

Safety: Jerry noted that USMS has new insurance, and that boats used for open water events must have prop guards. He also stressed that ALL injuries, no matter how small or large should be reported and recorded. Dick/Suzi MSA

Registrar: We have 533 members. There is a new system coming. Suzi/Mary MSA

Secretary: Suzi apologized for missing a couple of meeting due to work. Steve/Mary MSA

Records: John has had no reports from USA swimming. Dick moved and Elyce seconded that the records be moved to a separate item. This was approved.

Jeanne reports that our meets have been going well.

CONVENTION REPORTS

Elyce reported that the convention was "green" this year. All minutes and committee reports were uploaded and available much sooner than what we've had in the past. She said that we had approved another \$2/year fee increase for the next five years. Suzi reported that she once again learned a lot from the safety meetings, and that she had attended fitness and long distance meetings. Mary enjoyed the convention, and took in a varied sampling of meetings. John reported that USMS is going to a new online registration system. James is happy to see that USMS is getting out of "plodding along" and that there is a long term vision in the hopes of increasing membership. All reports, minutes

and workshops are available online. Jeanne hopes new people keep attending Convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

History and Archives is always looking for swimmer stories. As our members grow older, we miss the opportunity to obtain these stories. These people need to be identified. Mary will put a reminder in the newsletter asking people to send stories in.

Board members are encouraged to show up at local meets, and we are accomplishing that goal. Each board member should look at his/her job description on the website and write a blurb as to his/her actual duties. We would like to plan ahead for 2014.

We would like to add Vice Chair and Auditor to our board. We also want to add standing committees. Dick/Suzi MSA.

Jeanne did award nominations this year, but would like someone to volunteer for this position. Under the LMSC standards, this committee would determine any nominees for awards. Dick would be willing to work with Steve on this. Nancy Kranpitz was given an award a couple of years ago. Dick will write up something.

Jeanne did not bid on a postal event. A group must first do either 5k/10k or a 3k/6k before being allowed to bid on the one-hour event. James says he'll do it.

Fitness events (such as WI Water Warriors) are generally not sanctioned.

John reports that workout groups must register before people can register to be a part of them. WMAC has 291 swimmers who are not in a workout group, and 238 swimmers that belong to the 11 registered workout groups. Fees this year for the LSMC will not change, so it will be \$48 total (\$13 for the LMSC and \$35 for USMS) Suzi/John MSA

Jeanne nominates James for Long Distance Chair, Steve as a special projects board member, Mary as the Newsletter Chair, and Elyce as the auditor. Suzi/John MSA Jeanne was nominated for the Sanctions Chair. Dick/Suzi MSA. The rest of the slate of officers was approved.

There was a discussion about the event schedule and whether or not non-sanctioned events should appear therein. Jeanne will find from USMS about the liability associated with posting those events and report back. We will have an email announcement and vote then.

Jeanne wants people to think about who could be your successor if you were no longer willing or able to hold your board position. Jeanne would also like to amend the bylaws to have shorter approval processes, add at-large positions and vote on bylaws at non-annual meetings. Jeanne will write all this up so we can vote at our next meeting.

The following meet/event schedule was approved:

Nov/Dec 2013: Water Warriors 2013 (Melodee) (NL due Sept 25)

December 7, 2013: SCM West Bend HS (John) (NL due Sept 25)

January 5, 2014: SCY YMCA @ Pabst Farms (John) (NL Nov 20)

January 26, 2014: SCY Oshkosh YMCA (Melinda Mann) (NL Nov 20)

February 22, 2014: SCY Monona Grove HS (formerly East YMCA) (Steve Justinger) (NL Nov 20)

March 2, 2014: SCY Whitefish Bay HS (Dave Clark) (NL Jan 25)

March 29-30, 2014: SCY Schroeder WI Masters State Championship (Jeanne) (NL Jan 25)

April 5, 2014: SCY Baraboo Middle School (John) (NL Jan 25)

April 10-13, 2014: SCY YMCA Masters at Sarasota

May 1-4, 2014: SCY USMS Spring Nationals, at Santa Clara

June 21 or 22, 2014: LCM **Tentative** Schroeder WI Masters Champion (Jeanne) (NL Mar 25)

August 3-10, 2014: World Masters Games in Montreal

August 13-17, 2014 LCM at University of Maryland, College Park, MD
August 17, 2014: **Tentative** MOWS Open Water (Suzi)(NL May 25)

The following meets/events may or may not be published on the website pending the outcome of the liability inquiry.

July or August: ?? (Sat or Sun ???) Amy Belle Open Water (not measured or sanctioned) (Eric) (NL May 25)

Sept: ? Senior Olympics SCY, USMS-recognized (Dave Clark, Shorewood)

Jeanne would like to have Club Assistant be used for all meet entries, including small meets (60 or fewer entrants). She thinks more swimmers would enter that way. She proposed that the LMSC subsidize the per swimmer fee for meets of less than 60 entrants because their cost burden would be more for a small meet. Dick want so subsidize meets of 60 or fewer with LMSC funds. James seconded. The fee would only be for those who registered online. Benefits to the LMSC could be an increase in membership. The meet host would increase their fees to cover the cost. There was a lot of discussion. Jeanne clarified that the proposal was the swimmer fee, not the merchant fee. Still lots of discussion. Dick withdrew the original motion. Trina made the following proposal. "For the 2013-2014 meet season, the LMSC extends a safety net to pay for the per swimmer fee if the meet director chooses to use Club Assistant for registration. This is for meets with 60 or fewer entrants, and the fee will be reimbursed those who registered online, up to 60 swimmers." We would need a blanket contract with CA for this to happen and be economically feasible. Based on last year's attendance, Baraboo, Oshkosh, and Madison may qualify for the subsidy. Dick seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Next was a discussion about reimbursing coaches' expenses at Nationals. Should the LMSC cover the fee? Should it be a per swimmer fee? Should we even do it? What coach will go? Who will decide? James wants to get together and figure out what to do about it. Elyce agrees. There was also discussion about funding relays at Nationals. Which meets would it be for? Pool meets? Postal events? Both? Jeanne would like WMAC as a regional club to look at this and figure it out. She would like to formalize WMAC so it can continue as a regional club. Should each meet be paying something to WMAC per swimmer? James, Fred, and Mary volunteered for a task force. Jeanne, Dick, and Trina wanted in, too. John will serve as a consultant. Mary moved and James seconded that we need a task force to deal with governance for WMAC. This was approved unanimously.

Next meeting date will be announced. We are thinking January.

Suzi move to adjourn, and everyone seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by Suzi Green
Secretary, WMSC