Southern Masters Swimming LMSC

Board of Directors Meeting

19 Jan 2020

Agenda/Minutes Added

1. **Roll Call** – Present: Aaron Schneider – General Chair, Rob Cambias - Treasurer, Keary O’Connor - Secretary, Barry Edwards – Assistant Treasurer, Pat Arnold – Sanctions Chair, Ellen Hall – Vice Chair, Rick Hartman – Registration Chair, Mia Erikson-Stevens – Open Water Chair, Cecile Many – SMS LMSC Member; Not Present: Kevin Ayer – Website and Records/Top 10 Chair, Tom Schmall – Coaches Chair, Amanda Janszen – Officials Chair

2. **Reading, Correction, Adoption of Minutes** - Minutes from 13 Oct 2019 meeting -

Rick moved to approve, Ellen seconded the motion, no opposition. Approved.

Minutes to be posted to the website.

3. **Reports of Officers** -

*General Chair* - Aaron’s report forthcoming. Nothing to report tonight.

*Secretary* - nothing to report

*Registration Chair* - Rick reports current 2020 registered members is 266. Prior stats:

2019-441, 2018-484, 2017-493. There has been a trend downward the last 3 years

in membership. Crawfish didn’t require swimmers to be registered Masters swimmers

for the 2020 calendar year. Riptide Masters membership is up in early 2020.

Rob suggested keeping a manual copy of registrations in addition to electronic as a means

of tracking membership increases throughout the year.

Are coaches required to be registered as Masters swimmers? SMS is registered as a team.

Rick can pull up coaches that are registered, but coaches are not required to register as

swimmers for the insurance to be valid. Line-of-Sight coverage doesn’t need to be a coach,

but can be another registered USMS member. Technically a USMS member should be

on deck during workouts.

Are all clubs registered with USMS?

Rick and Aaron can put together a handout with benefits of being USMS registered

member for teams to distribute to help generate long term interest beyond lap swimming.

*Treasurer* – No report from Barry. Per Aaron the current account balance after the

audit from Jorge Perez is $24,536.88. Reimbursements still due to Rick and Aaron.

Rob will coordinate with Rick for his reimbursement. $1000 is still due to Jorge Perez.

Financially we’re in good shape. Will discuss more under unfinished business. Rick

agrees we’re in good shape.

We revisited that $600 can be put aside for anyone interested in hosting a meet. This

was from unfinished business of last meeting, 13 Oct 2019.

4. **Committee reports** -

*Vice Chair* – Ellen reports the Greater NOLA Senior Olympics is 29 Feb 2020. She will

send a link for Rick to distribute when available as there is no official website.

The MS Senior Olympic meet is a qualifying meet for the Senior Olympic National

games and a fun one. It’s 16 May 2020 and Ellen’s unsure if it is a recognized meet. Will

be run by Jamie Lee. It is a 1 day meet and you can enter to swim if you’re 50 by the

end of 2020. The deadline is 1 Mar 2020 to register.

The Senior National Games are in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. date TBD, 2021

Can board pay for getting MS meet recognized as a USMS event? Rick moves to

approve $100 for the MS Senior Olympic meet to be recognized as a USMS event.

Pat seconds. Approved by all.

Requirements to have the MS meet recognized as a USMS meet include needing a

USMS member to validate that the meet is properly run. Requires this person to complete

the paperwork. Mia has offered to do the paperwork. Ellen will send form to Mia. The

pool does not need to be measured. Ellen will discuss with Jamie Lee the $100 fee so

the proper party will be charged for the recognition fee. Ultimately will come from

the budget of SMS.

*Top 10/records* – No report. Kevin not present.

*Website* – No report. Kevin not present.

*Coaches* – No report. Tom not present.

*Officials* – No report. Amanda not present.

*Open Water* - Mia states Osprey swim in Ocean Springs is not going to be held this year. The reason is not clear but maybe due to water quality. Last year canceled due to weather.

Mia’s team is going to swim Rainbow River in FL. Anyone is welcome to join them. Rick will send out an invite. The dates are Feb 24th/25th. The team will swim 4 miles of the river on the 24th and then kayak Silver Springs after the swim on the 25th.

Chattanooga Swim Festival has a 5k rat race on May 30/31. The 30th is for USA Swimming and the 31st for USMS. If you’re registered under both bodies you can swim both days.

Winter Fitness Series is coming up and supports Swimming Saves Lives. The first event is a 30 min swim held between Feb 15-29th. Riptide is swimming on Feb 29th and Mia’s team on the 20th. If you register for all three events the cost is only $25.

There is a newly created group at the national office for Adult Learn to Swim instructors. Mia has been nominated to the committee. From June 5-7 in the Berkshires this group will be holding a conference and anyone who is interested can attend. Please contact Mia for more information.

Mia sent out to all members a 100 mile challenge to be completed between 1 Feb 2020 and 31 Dec 2020. The challenge is for anyone and Mia’s group is using the Garmin app for tracking mileage. Mia will send to Rick more information and Rick will send out an announcement. For all swimmers, not just USMS.

Mia is working with young men/women who want to join the military but can’t swim. She

will help teach them to swim and has been doing private lessons but will start a group

this week. Support for this comes from the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation.

Mia is sending one of her team members to become a USMS Adult Learn to

Swim instructor. Her name is Joyce and she only began swimming about 10 years ago

and is a great support.

April is USMS adult learn to swim month.

Rick has volunteered to send emails to the entire membership if there is something you

want to share.

5. **Unfinished Business** –

*Financial Accounting/Audit Review* – Jorge Perez, CPA and Tax Attorney from New Orleans completed an audit for the las two full calendar years. Aaron went through the review with Jorge. Aaron asked if the board had any questions related to the audit. There were no questions. The audit results had been sent to all board members upon its completion. Aaron reports we’re in a good financial position as everyone has been good stewards of the money over time. On behalf of all Southern Masters Swimming members, Aaron is very appreciative for the years of excellent financial stewardship.

6. **New Business** –

1. SMS Short Course Championships – 21-22 March 2020 Biloxi, MS

Thank you to Pat for her hard work in working with Jamie Lee.

We’ve agreed to pay for the meet awards. A motion to approve reimbursement

of the actual award costs to Jamie Lee, as long as the costs stay under $500, is needed.

Ellen moves, Rick seconds. All approve.

1. Senior Games SCY 29 Feb 202 at UNO. Check in 12:30 PM. Meet start time 1:30 PM. Previously discussed.
2. 2020 USMS Winter Fitness Challenge – 30 min SCY – Riptide Masters at UNO on Saturday 29 Feb 2020 – 10:00 AM. This is the same day as Senior games and swimmers can participate in both events.
3. SMS Long Course Championships (dates, locations) – discussion

Need to start working on dates/locations. Do we want one? Where do we want it? Do we seek volunteers or contract out or hire paid personnel? Pool ideas include UNO, LSU, Biloxi, Tupelo, Shreveport. What about other coaches not on call with pool access? Aaron will ping other coaches to see if interest can be generated. Rick can send out an email to coaches. Pool costs a consideration. More information needed as board before a vote to approve subsidizing a meet.

Rick will also inquire about SCM pools when inquiring about LCM Championship pools. Date for the SCM meet can be determined upon pool interest/availability. Kevin can put information up on the website when determined.

LCM meet will be a 2-day championship.

1. Officers for 2020-2022 (Office is from March 2020 – March 2022) Need nominating committee volunteers
2. Does anyone want/not want to remain in their roles?
3. Would anyone want to move into a different role?
4. Per By-Laws Elected Positions are: General Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Chair, and Convention Delegates

Re-election is in March at the general membership meeting 21-22 March 2020

09:30 AM, during warm-ups at the Biloxi meet. Aaron will advise Jamie Lee of meeting location/time. Aaron will write up information regarding the meeting and Rick will send out to the entire membership.

Ellen volunteered to be nominating committee chair. She will be stepping down as vice chair and the newly elected board will find someone else to assist. Her roles will effectively be completed after the membership meeting on 21 March at Biloxi.

Aaron desires to stay as General Chair and was also appointed to USMS National Sports Medicine and Science Committee.

Pat is Sanction Chair and while not an elected role, she desires to relinquish. Aaron asks Pat to help guide/train new Sanction Chair.

Rob will remain as Treasurer with support of Barry.

Keary will remain as Secretary for now.

Rick will remain in his role as Registration Chair.

Mia, Aaron, and Rob will retain convention delegate roles. This will help with continuity at conventions. Both Mia and Aaron have national USMS committee responsibilities with USMS at convention and Rob has been an appointed Delegate at Large, so all three have voting representation on behalf of our LMSC.

1. Other New Business – open discussion

Aaron motions to adjourn, Rick motions, Keary seconds.

Meeting time: 4:00-5:30 pm.