

Southern Masters Swimming LMSC
Board of Directors Meeting
10/13/2019 7:00pm conference call

MINUTES – Amendment #1

1. Roll Call

Attendees: Aaron Schneider, Keary O'Connor, Mia Erickson Stevens, Kevin Ayer, Pat Arnold, Ellen Hall, Rick Hartman

Not Present: Amanda Janszen, Rob Cambias, Thomas Schmall

2. Reading, Correction, Adoption of Minutes

No reading or corrections needed

3. Reports of Officers

a. General Chair

Aaron's First UPDATE: Rob's Health

Aaron's Second UPDATE: Convention Report has been emailed out to everyone. See New Business below.

Aaron's Third UPDATE: College club swimming is a USMS affiliate. One member in the Dixie Zone is MS State. They are not required to register as a USMS club because they're in a partnership. The USMS logo is going on the college club's advertising.

b. Secretary

Keary O'Connor introduction.

c. Registration Chair

No Report

d. Treasurer – current account balance \$24,536.88

Aaron has expenses to submit of approximately \$1000.00

e. Convention Delegates – Via emails.

Aaron thanked Mia for her report. If swimming outside of Dixie Zone Master's at a meet and you break a record, please let Ed Saltzman know your results.

4. Committee Reports

a. Vice Chair

Ellen: busy with GNO Senior Olympics. No formal report.

b. Top 10/Records

Kevin: records set since Spring of 2018 have been updated. 75-79 age group audit produced one result not recorded, so Kevin will go back and review records for the past two years. Spreadsheet with results for SCY will be uploaded soon. Deadline for submitting LCM top 10 to USMS is 20 Oct 2019. One meet had a pool 3/8" too short so records can't be recorded.

Several events swum at the past few meets were not recorded on Southern Master's and Kevin has obtained that information and will post. For the mixed relays he's working on obtaining missing names to post accurately. If you have the names of the missing swimmers, please contact Kevin.

c. Website

Aaron states the board members are correct on the Dixie Zone but are not listed correctly on Southern Master's. Kevin is obtaining the correct names from Aaron and will update the Southern Master's site.

Club information is incorrect and an update is needed. The club list and the USMS site should be cross referenced to make sure contacts and corrections are accurate. Clubs need to re-register for 2020 so it is a good time to make corrections. Kevin will work to update.

No new information from USMS regarding the new website. Kevin and Aaron will contact USMS regarding the pilot program for the new website and re-engage USMS to host the Southern Master's website.

d. Coaches

If you know of anyone who wants to write workouts for USMS forum, the October coaches streamline newsletter will present opportunity to write workouts will be advertised.

e. Officials

No report.

f. Open Water

Mia: The lake and the beaches in MS are open for swimming at this time. Are now clear of blue-green algae. Smarty Pants fitness challenge 15 Nov to 30 Nov. Mia's team, Gulf Coast Multi-sport, was awarded another Swimming Saves Lives grant for their adult learn to swim program.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Pool Measurements with bulkheads

A rule in the rule book states that when touch pads are added for electronic timing, the pads must not cause the pool length to be short. Meet operations guide states the pads account for 1/4". If using touch pads, it will shorten the pool length. There is no good way to measure the pool. It would be \$500 for a surveyor to measure the pools at each meet with a laser. A

flexible tape is against the rules. Could an engineering student be hired to measure the pool with a laser?

A permanent measurement is difficult due to the bulkhead. A bulkhead requires the pool to be measured before and after each meet.

Device tolerances aren't accurate over the length of the pool.

Universities are not required to certify at each meet. UNO pool was certified to 50M upon completion.

Goal: pool measurement needs to meet the meet operations guide. Account for the touch pads when sending in the meet forms. Measurements don't carry over to each meet. Must submit for each meet.

Adjust measurements to the correct meet: Yards or Meters, not feet.

6. New Business:

a. Treasurer Assistant Position and Audit (Aaron)

While Rob is healing, work to find assistant 'acting' treasurer until Rob heals or a new board is elected.

Are there suggestions? Aaron will ask Rob for possible names. Other suggestions: Anne from Elmwood Sharks is a CPA and might be a candidate. Need someone that can meet with Rob regularly. Ellen will check with Anne. Cecile from Elmwood might be another candidate.

Rob made a recommendation of Barry Edwards for the position. Barry has agreed to accept this role and will be meeting with Rob and myself early next week to review the finances.

Formal, detailed, audit with bank statements is needed yearly. Has been several years since last formal audit. Does USMS require audits?

Southern Master's anticipates more money coming in this year based upon the new payment plan.

Looking at capital expenses, where can we put our money? Stroke clinics?

b. Treasury Audit – Need Chair and Volunteers

Pat made an initial motion for a formal audit to be conducted in the next three months before turning over the treasury to the future acting treasurer. Rick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with the contingency that the audit cost not exceed \$1000.00. The motion passed. No naysayers. An email vote will be conducted if an amendment to the motion is required.

c. SMS Short Course Championships (dates, locations)

- i. <https://www.teamunify.com/team/lscs/page/events#/team-events/upcoming>

- ii. https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=szmslsc&_stbid_=7569
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Can there be a subsidy for anyone who wants to run a meet? What are the criteria that need to be met in order to qualify for the subsidy? Rick suggests \$600.00. This would help cover the costs of running the meet. Some meets go in the negative after expenses.

A differentiation will need to be set for a 1-day vs a 2-day meet.

Ask Jamie Lee what the budget for a meet is. Does the pool have to be rented? Pat will contact Jamie in the next week.

Need to start looking for long course meet location. Biloxi okay for short course.

- d. SMS Long Course Championships (dates, locations)

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- e. Website – Jamie Lee offered to take this on (Pat)

Kevin is working on this. Updates should be forthcoming.

- f. Publishing of updated records (Pat/Kevin)

Kevin working on this.

- g. Fees for 2021 – National Office Proposal (Aaron)

USMS wants to standardize fees across the country. Was a hot topic at convention this year. Fees will likely standardize in 2021 and locales will lose ability to set their own fees. The upside, more fees generated for Southern Masters, but could lose some members due to the increased fees. More events need to be held otherwise will lose members.

- h. USMS to potentially take on all Registrations – Registrar to become Membership Coordinator (discussion)

2021 USMS wants to take on role of Registrar. Registrars as LSMC level would become coordinators. Problem with this is that swimmers cannot be validated during a meet on the weekend. USMS doesn't staff offices on the weekends. Will the LSMC then go away?

Goal of national office taking on more roles is to free up the volunteers.

The ability to verify a swimmer can be obtained on line through their membership.

A swimmer can sign up to be a USMS member on the day of the meet and still swim in the meet.

- g. Clinics?

Help solidify membership.

When to have them? Aaron will check with Bill and Mel regarding running a clinic. Bill and Mel have volunteered their time to help run a clinic.

8:29 pm. Aaron motions for adjournment. Pat seconds. No naysayers.