

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee (WMSC) October 10, 2020

Board Members Present: Jeanne Seidler, Mike Murray, Elyce Dilworth, Melodee Liegl, Mary Schneider, Jennifer May, Carl Millholland, Jerry Lourigan, Jim Brandon

Swim Members Present: Tim Capps, Jennifer Vallo, Steve Justinger, Melinda Mann, Pieter deHart

Excused Absences: Peter Allen, Susan Wagner, Mary Jo Driscoll

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schneider at 9:00 am.

Board and Committee Reports

Chair Report – Mary Schneider

1. Updated and approved WMSC policies as part of the executive board.
2. Approved final design of new WMSC website.
3. Held 5 SCY meets and 2 SCM meets. SCY and LCM state meets were cancelled, as well as 2 open water meets.
4. Created matching grant program with USMS for teams with additional expenses due to Covid-19.
5. Wrote and sent monthly emails to all members to keep swimmers updated on news and events.
6. Wrote articles and announcements for newsletters.
7. Recruited WMSC Committee Chairs to be approved at the Annual Meeting.
8. Attended the virtual USMS Annual Convention and Committee Meetings.

Vice Chair – Jeanne Seidler

Attended USMS Annual Meeting as the delegate from the Wisconsin LMSC, voting in the best interests of Wisconsin LMSC.

Treasurer – Mike Murray

1. Monitor bank balances for suspicious activity. There has been none to date.
2. On a monthly basis:
 - 2.1. Reconcile bank statement, checking and savings.
 - 2.2. Reconcile USMS statement to bank statement, registrations and charges for swim meets.
 - 2.3. Publish to Finance Committee for their review:
3. For Wisconsin meets:
 - 3.1. Determine number of swimmers registered.
 - 3.2. Generate and email an invoice to the meet manager that includes:
 - 3.3. Keep a running total of One Event Entries (OVET).
4. Generate financial statement for:
 - 4.1. USMS annually.
 - 4.2. WMSC Annual meeting.
5. Generate for audit purposes at year end
6. Receive, audit, approve and reimburse expenses in a timely manner.
7. Confirm that Tax forms are filed.
8. Assist Chair as requested.

Secretary – Jennifer May

The Secretary took minutes on 28Sep19 for the Annual Meeting of WMSC. In addition, minutes were completed for policy calls in November and December of 2019, and relief grant money calls in July and August 2020.

Registrar – Peter Allen

480 Registered Swimmers (compared to 534 in 2019) ... lowest number in the last 10 years

Male/Female breakdown

- 235 men (vs. 270 in 2019)
- 245 women (vs. 264 in 2019)

Clubs

- 372 (78%) registered under WMAC (vs. 84% in 2019)
- 92 registered UC20 (vs. 84 in 2019)

Workout Groups

- 240 swimmers (50%) are not registered with a workout group (vs. 47% in 2019)
- 16 workout groups under WMAC
- Only 4 workout groups have 20 or more swimmers (was 5 last year)
- Top five workout groups account for 168 swimmers (70% of members who are in WO groups)
- Top five WO groups are: (2019 number in parentheses)
 - EBM - 61 (79)
 - WSAC – 37 (42)
 - MAM - 33 (31)
 - WFBM – 20 (24)
 - TF – 17 (21)

Cards

- 89 requested printed cards – 19% of membership (down from 24% in 2019)

ALTS Instructors

- 15 Swimmers are certified ALTS (Adult Learn To Swim) instructors (down from 19 in 2019)

Sanctions – Jeanne Seidler

A total of eleven events were sanctioned. Two were open water and nine were pool events. Of those, four events were subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19. Two pool events incurred expenses from Club Assistant as entries were already recorded for the meets. The Wis. Sr. Olympics was not held due to Covid-19. The meet is no longer a USMS recognized meet unless the name is changed such that the word "Olympics" is not used to identify the meet. The Badger State Games USA-Approved meet that qualified for automatic USMS recognition was not held in June due to Covid-19. USMS will allow sanctions after Nov 1st, but it is highly unlikely that any events will occur given the Covid-19 situation. If an event is to be held, USMS does not provide any specific guidance. The event must be held with regard to local and state health department recommendations for events held during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Long Distance and Open Water - Mary Jo Driscoll

Long Distance/Open Water events this year:

E-Postals

- The USMS one-hour E-Postal event was held in January/February. WMAC had one participant – Julie Van Cleave.
- USMS 5k/10k E-postal is still taking place through October 8. **
- The 3000/6000 E-Postals are ongoing September 15-November 15. **

**Due to Covid -19 pool space has been limited. Participation is most likely going to be low if at all.

Open Water

- Due to Covid -19 there were no USMS Sanctioned Open Water Events this season. 2021 USMS National Championships are still scheduled and information is available on the USMS Website.

Fitness –Melodee Liegl

Host Wisconsin Water Warriors Event (2019), write articles for Wisconsin Newsletter on open water events and attend 2020 USMS Virtual Convention.

Also, a Committee Member for the USMS Sports Medicine & Science Committee.

Records and Top 10 Recorder – Jeanne Seidler

Deadlines were met for submission to USMS of all three courses (SCM 2019, LCM 2019, SCY 2020). Given that all season course meet schedules were shortened for 2020, the events that were able to be held will show a large amount of new names in the Top 10 lists. For the SCY course, there were 107 Wisconsin swims named to the Top 10 including 1 all-american time for Fred Salzman of Madison.

Webmaster – Jim Brandon

- Helped test and launch new website
- Kept website updated with news, announcements, and results
- Launched brand new FaceBook site

Newsletter – Carl Millholland

In 2020, I revised the format of the newsletter to make it appear more attractive and helped streamline layout and editing. Each issue included an informative "From the Chair" article highlighting our activities. I covered all LMSC sanctioned events up to the McFarland SCM competition in March, and included a number of Coach's Corner articles offering helpful advice on Masters Swimming. At the start of the year, I included notification for Spring Nationals and upcoming Open Water Events, however most of these were cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. Despite a lack of news and information for a few newsletters, I managed to publish each issue during the year, with some news picking up as the USMS and LMSC annual meetings were scheduled.

I also participated in an overhaul of the LSMC website and the establishment of a new Wisconsin Masters Facebook page.

Officials – Susan Wagner

- I have recruited officials and scheduled Officials for the Masters Meets in Wisconsin.
- As part of this position, as well as being an Official, I read the manual and share rule changes and updates with other officials who work the Wisconsin Masters Swim Meets.
- I promote Masters Swimming as I network in the swimming world as an Official.

Coaches – Fred Russell

There are pre Covid observations (October 2019 -March 2020)) and active Covid (March-present) observations.

The pre-Covid period saw regular competitions with noticeably lower meet participation. Being a host for the Pabst Farms meet in January, I called some coaches to try to get more participation. The answer I often received was "swimmers just are not swimming meets."

The active Covid Period saw the end of all meets, shut down, and some reopening in summer of pools to train. A positive note in summer, there were many swimmers using the lakes, rivers and quarries. Open water became the thing!

Currently, there are a mixture of program reopening opportunities. A number of pools/programs like Pabst Farms, Cambridge and various health clubs offer lap swimming on a lane reservation basis. Pabst Farms tried to restart Masters this week but did not have enough swimmers (5) sign ups, to run the program. People are afraid of Covid with the potential exposure to families and teammates.

Team programs are underway at the Madison Y, Pinnacle, Baraboo, Whitefish Bay, and Schroeder. All are following the two or three swimmers per lane and other safety guidelines (WF Bay has had about 75% attendance and Schroeder is 100%).

The Elmbrook Program is not in the water this fall because of limited pool time due to additional cleaning between groups and Age Group programming emphasis (we did have programming this past summer for (18) Masters).

Moving forward, it is anybody's guess where this thing is going. Wisconsin currently leads the country in new Covid 19 cases. Another shut down might be eminent.

Whatever happens, I am willing (and have already started) to send out workouts to swimmers and teams that want them. They are about an hour long, 3,000 yards, two per week with an aerobic workout one day and a quality workout on the second day. Every third week will be for adaptation/recovery. They will contain drills and various stroke work for all strokes with different topics weekly. Fitness and health are number one with racing/ performance number two. To be included, please contact me by email-ebcsfredrussell@yahoo.com.

Hope we can all be at a meet some day.....like the "old days." Want to smile? We were National Champions at Indy in 2018!

Stay safe.....and wet as possible!

Committee of the Board – Audit – Elyce Dilworth

I reviewed the monthly bank statements and financial statements, filed the Form 990 postcard with the IRS and completed the annual report filing with the state of Wisconsin.

Discussion:

1. Announcements from the Chair, Mary Schneider

- Mary reviewed the fact that there is a national membership drop with USMS. It appears that people are not signing up without available meets or even pool space.
- WMSC has a grant program in process for teams with additional expenses due to Covid-19. Workout groups are to complete an application by 31 October 20. In addition, USMS is also providing grant money to approved workout groups.

2. Elections

- There were no nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions. Officers were voted in by acclamation.

3. Changes to the WMSC By-Laws

- Addition of Communications and Safety Chairs
- Move f (Webmaster) and g (Newsletter Editor) under Communications Committee. Make the new f Communications Committee, and the new g Safety Committee.
 - f. Communications Committee: The Communications Chair manages internal membership communication, external publicity for WMSC news and events, the WMSC website and social media sites. The Communications Chair may delegate responsibilities to other Communications Committee volunteers for website management or newsletter publication.
 1. Webmaster: The Webmaster shall develop, enhance and maintain a website with information for members.
 2. Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall publish a WMSC newsletter on a schedule established by the Board of Directors and delivered to members by mail, electronic mail, or both.
 - g. Safety Committee: The Safety Committee Chair shall promote and oversee safety for all swimmers attending sanctioned pool and open water events.

4. Appointment of Chairs

- Melinda Mann accepted position of Sanctions.
- Jennifer Vallo accepted position of Long Distance and Open Water.
- All others will continue in their previous positions.

Registrar	Peter Allen
Sanctions	Melinda Mann
Long Distance and Open Water	Jennifer Vallo
Fitness	Melodee Liegl
Records and Top 10 Tabulator	Jeanne Seidler
Communications	Carl Millholland
Webmaster	Jim Brandon
Newsletter	Carl Millholland
Safety	Jerry Lourigan
Officials	Susan Wagner
Coaches	Fred Russell

5. Budget for 2021

- See Appendix A
- There were minimal expenses in 2020 since the annual national conference was virtual.
- Noted that WMSC is using the USMS unified fee structure per swimmer which has helped with revenue even with less registered swimmers.
- The number of swimmers was adjusted since we are anticipating a loss of registered swimmers in 2021.
- WMSC will continue to support the ALTS (Adult Learn to Swim) program.
- Elyce agreed to be involved with a review of the 2022 budget, along with the executive committee, prior to the next annual meeting.

6. Meet Status

- The only tentative meet for the short or long course season is Whitefish Bay.
- Any meet will be dependent on local health department restrictions.
- The Animal Award (Oshkosh YMCA) may become a virtual event in January. USMS registration will be required.
- Jeanne requests that the Schroeder meets are removed from the schedule for 2021.
- USMS Spring Nationals remains on the calendar for 2021 in Greensboro, NC.

7. Members

- Alex Kultgen, age 34 died from a pulmonary embolism. He was an age-group swimmer in Port Washington and a collegiate swimmer at UW-Whitewater. He also coached at UW-Whitewater and at UW-La Crosse.
- John Bauman is doing ok and lives in assisted living.
- Tom Michelson is also doing ok. He currently has a 400 IM Wisconsin record in the 75-79 age group.
- Alex MacGillis has had some strokes, so he is no longer swimming. He has multiple Wisconsin records in the 80+ age groups.

Date for next year's annual meeting – October 9, 2021

Approved Motions:

- Mike moved and Jennifer seconded the motion to approve the 2019 annual meeting minutes.
- Mary moved that the officer reports are approved by acclamation.
- Mary moved that the chair reports are approved by acclamation.
- Mary moved that the slate of officers are approved by acclamation.
Chair - Mary Schneider
Vice Chair – Jeanne Seidler
Treasurer – Mike Murray
Secretary – Jennifer May
- Carl moved and Mike seconded the change in the By-Laws to include Communication Chair and Safety Chair.
- Melinda moved and Carl seconded the motion to approve the 2021 budget.
- Jeanne moved and Jennifer seconded the motion that the budget will be presented to the executive committee and auditor at least 30 days in advance of the annual meeting.

Feedback and questions

There were no additional questions or feedback.

Mary called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl moved and Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion was approved, and Mary adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer May
Secretary, WMSC