

GEORGIA LMSC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

26 SEP 09

1) Roll Call –

Listed below are those who attended the meeting and the team they represent:

Mike Hardin	Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)
Keith Maddox	ART
Jeff Tacca	Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)
Berry Hamilton	Dynamo (DYNA)
Justus Baird	Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)
Lynn Beach	GMKW
Chris Carroll	GMKW
Amy Grossman	GMKW
Cathy Jones	GMKW
Walter Leen	GMKW
Doug Michalke	GMKW
Dave Miller	GMKW
Jack Mitchell	GMKW
Delores Petmecky	GMKW
Lisa Watson	GMKW
John Zeigler	GMKW
Donna Hooe	Savannah Masters
Rob Copeland	Southside Seals (SSS)
Bill Meier	SSS
Karol Welling	SSS
Kristin Aziz	Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)
Caroline Gatto	SAMS
Ellen Clay	unattached
Mark Schremmer	unattached

2) Adoption of Minutes from 2008 Meeting

The minutes were approved and adopted.

3) Reports of Officers

Chair (Lisa Watson) – Lisa ran the meeting, presenting those reports that were submitted to her by officers who were unable to attend. Since we will be hosting the USMS SC Nationals here in May, she explained how qualifying times need only be met if an individual swims more than 3 events. Relays don't factor into those 3 events. Walter Leen mentioned that relays of swimmers age 18-24 and 65 & older would be great for scoring team points. In the interest of recruiting swimmers in those age groups, Lisa mentioned that we have a scholarship program for college students (2 per team) and discussions are ongoing concerning fixed-income seniors. Need would have to be verified on a case-by-case basis.

Vice Chair (Sean Fitzgerald) – no report

Secretary (Karol Welling) – I thanked all the volunteers who made last year's USMS convention hospitality suite such a success. I also encouraged everyone to recruit their families and friends, community groups, etc. for volunteers to help make the national championships we host in May even more successful. Lisa added that we need BOTH volunteers and swimmers.

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – Please send Bob any interesting news concerning Masters swimmers and Masters swimming for inclusion in the newsletter.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – 2009 YTD Georgia LMSC Expenses were presented in a full-color pie chart with the following breakdown by category:

USMS – 58% (\$9,382.50)
Club Dues – 7% (\$1,167)
Convention – 11% (\$1,858.60)
USMS SC Nationals 2010 – 16% (\$2,658.51)
GAJA Team Support – relay entries – 2% (\$305)
Registrar Expenses – 3% (\$502.59)
Newsletter Copies – 1% (\$207.60)
Newsletter Postage – 1% (\$120.69)
Miscellaneous – 0.05% (\$50)

Registrar (Bill Lotz) – As of 22 Sep 09, the registration report showed 810 swimmers registered, an increase over both last year's number (771) as well as that for 2007 (770). Lisa noted that those swimmers who register as unattached are ineligible to swim on relays.

Member-at-Large & Website (Jeffrey Tacca) – Jeffrey talked about the transition to the new website www.georgiamasters.org, which will include many improvements.

4) Reports of Committees

Coaches Committee (Donna Hooe) – Donna is keeping a database of all meet swims to help her determine the best combinations of swimmers for GAJA relays and encourages all teams to join GAJA before nationals in May. GAJA swimmers earned a 9th place regional team banner at the last national championships! She displayed the banner at the meeting – very impressive!

Communications (Ed Saltzman) – Ed will be the contact point for all volunteers for nationals in May. The 2010 registration forms for individual swimmers will be available as soon as each team registers. Team registration forms are available now.

Fitness (John Zeigler) – John talked about upcoming clinics for High School officials, which will also be a good opportunity to recruit 18-24 year old masters swimmers. Lisa also promoted the USMS fitness program “Go the Distance” in which swimmers track their cumulative yardage for practice as well as meets and compete against other swimmers across the country.

Long Distance (Rob Copeland) – Two Open Water competitions are planned for this year, a combined USA/USMS event in Macon in June and The Georgia Games. Thankfully the drought has ended. He also mentioned the Clemson “Death Valley” open water swim is very well run if any of our swimmers are interested.

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – Ed was at the USA annual meeting promoting nationals as the Georgia USA officials will be essential to the meet's success.

Safety (Rob Copeland) – Rob reminded everyone that at all meets that no equipment is allowed on the deck or in the pool, and to enter the water for warm-ups feet first.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – The Georgia LMSC top ten times and records will be posted on the new website.

5) Unfinished Business

The new website will be used prominently to promote the upcoming USMS 2010 SC Nationals at Georgia Tech in May.

Remaining 2009 Events:

- 18 October – W Gwinnett Park SC Developmental meet
- 8 November - Collins Hill "Veteran's Day" SCY Developmental Meet
- 5 December - St. Nicholas SCM Invitational @ Georgia Tech

6) Election of Officers

Outgoing USMS President Rob Copeland conducted the election. The current slate of officers was re-elected by acclamation.

7) New Business

USMS Convention on 16-20 Sep in Chicago

Depending on FINA's ruling, some competition suits may become illegal. USMS recommended torso-to-knees suits with permeable, non-bouyant fabric with fasteners. SCY meets are not governed by FINA rules. Records already set will stand regardless of the suits worn. High schools and colleges have already banned the non-permeable blue 70 suits.

Upcoming World Championships being held in Sweden will feature 2 pools, 20 miles apart, with the men swimming their events at one facility and the women at the other.

Georgia LMSC Calendar 2010 –

Jan 1-31	Hour Postal Swim
Jan 30-31	Charlotte, NC SCY (assumed dates)
Feb TBA	Marist SCY Developmental Meet
Feb 13-14	Auburn, AL SCY
Mar 27-28	St. Patrick's Day SCY Invitational – Dynamo
Apr TBA	W Gwinnett Park SCY Developmental meet
May 20-23	Atlanta, GA USMS SC Nationals
Jun 5	Classic City LCM – UGA
Jul 10 or 17	Georgia Games Open Water
Aug 9-12	Puerto Rico USMS LC Nationals
Aug 29	Mountain Park SCY Developmental Meet – Stone Mountain
Sep 15-19	USMS Convention, Dallas, TX
Sep 25	Peachtree City Pentathlon SCY, & LMSC annual meeting
Oct 17	W Gwinnett Park SCY Developmental meet
Nov 7	Collins Hill Veterans Day SCY Developmental Meet
Dec TBA	St Nicholas SCM Invitational – Georgia Tech

2010 SCY Masters Nationals – Ed has designed a t-shirt for the meet that llists all the previous 39 Nationals locations and the years.

8) Resolutions & Orders

Get as many Georgia swimmers as possible swimming at Nationals and let's have a very successful Championship meet!

9) Adjournment

MSA the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling