

GEORGIA LMSC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

29 SEP 12

1) Roll Call –

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

Sean Fitzgerald	Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)
Britta O'Leary	Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)
Jeffrey Tacca	AWJ
Ed Saltzman	Dynamo (DYNA)
Paul McQuaid	Frances Meadow Aquatic Club (FMAC)
Daniel Ramirez	FMAC
Linda Sauer	FMAC
Mary Campbell	Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)
Herb Chuven	GMKW
Marianne Countryman	GMKW
Richard Dixon	GMKW
Judith Haase	GMKW
Harry Heath	GMKW
Elaine Krugman	GMKW
Joyce Larson	GMKW
Walter Leen	GMKW
Gil Lovell	GMKW
Patrick McCarthy	GMKW
David Miller	GMKW
Tom Potter	GMKW
John Zeigler	GMKW
Donna Hooe	Savannah Masters (SAVM)
Nana Whalen	SAVM
Mike Slotnick	SMART Masters Swim Club (SMAC)
Rob Copeland	Southside Seals (SSS)
Karol Welling	SSS
Alex Paragon-Singh	unattached

2) Adoption of Minutes from 2011 Meeting

The minutes were approved and adopted.

3) Reports of Officers

Chair (Lisa Watson) – Lisa reported that we took 6th place at the recent Nationals in Omaha, Neb. The USMS national meeting took place in Peachtree City in January this year. She invited everyone to join in for our monthly conference calls. We also had a mid-year face-to-face meeting and plan to have another next year.

Vice Chair (Sean Fitzgerald) – Sean reported that the Georgia Championships series final event is the St. Nick's meet in December.

Secretary (Karol Welling) – no report

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – Lisa invited any one to submit articles. She also thanked Walter and Donna for their contributions and meet recaps.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed explained how the profits from the Nationals in 2010 are being used to offset dues increases put forth by USMS National. Dues will stay constant until 2016. Future programs are in the works as a result of our recent survey.

Registrar (Bill Lotz) – As of 29 Sep 12, the registration report showed 843 swimmers registered. We're doing quite well as a medium size LMSC compared to others nation-wide. We are currently sending out registration forms to the clubs, which must register first then the swimmers from those teams may register for 2013 beginning November 1st.

Member-at-Large (Jeffrey Tacca) – Jeffrey explained the role of the Member-at-Large, which is to represent all the swimmers not on the board. He also encouraged swimmers to attend conference calls or contact him if they have any questions/concerns.

4) Reports of Committees

Coaches (Donna Hooe) – Donna told everyone about workout information now on our web site plus how to join the USMS forum to gain access to this valuable resource. Seven coaches post workouts for various interest groups every week. Lisa thanked Donna for organizing our swimmers into relays at Nationals.

Communications (Ed Saltzman) – Ed mentioned that hotel rooms for the upcoming Pan American Games and Nationals meets are filling up fast. Our web page has lots of updates coming soon, due to the recent survey results. He invited everyone to take a look.

Fitness (John Zeigler) – John talked about the popularity of the “Go the Distance” campaign for tracking workout yardages and comparing with other swimmers nation-wide. Check it out! Incentive prizes are rewarded at various mileage levels.

Long Distance (Rob Copeland) – Rob recapped the sanctioned Erik Shantau fund-raiser last month, which featured 1K and 5K distances plus a clinic. There were 9 Olympic medalists in attendance that signed autographs and gave a clinic. The event was very well attended. We look forward to a long partnership with this LIVE STRONG endeavor. Rob said he also had a nice turnout at the Georgia Games open water competition.

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – Ed recapped this year's events: 6 pool meets plus St. Nick's and Collins Hill both coming up; 2 LC meets (UGA & Emory); plus one open water (Georgia Games). He mentioned how our meet schedule used to be much greater than it is now. He also said the USMS committee wants to put out a streamlined process for masters officials to become certified.

Safety (Walter Leen) – Walter is putting together a new handbook for novice masters swimmers on the ins & outs of the safety items and protocols they need to know when swimming in masters meets in both pools and open-water.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – Ed is tracking all your swims in state (both at USMS as well as USA meets). If you swim out of state you need to contact the meet manager to have them submit your times to Ed.

5) Unfinished Business

Remaining 2012 Events:

4 Nov - Collins Hill "Veteran's Day" SCY Developmental Meet
15 Dec - St. Nicholas SCM Invitational @ Georgia Tech

National Meets:

2014: SC (Spring) – Santa Clara, CA
LC (Summer) – University of Maryland
2015: SC (Spring) – San Antonio, TX
LC (Summer) - Cleveland

6) New Business

LMSC Survey Results (Ed Saltzman) –

Some interesting statistics: 41% swam in high school. Many swim alone and are interested in coaching, clinics and workouts. We have new partnerships with the Eric Shanteau open water event as well as Swim Across America, both of which have Olympian participants conducting clinics. Rob also talked to Bill Brenner at the national level to bring a coaches certification clinic to Georgia. Lisa mentioned that we might not have adequate numbers (requires at least 30) for such a clinic but that we could draw from the neighboring states in the region as well as USA teams. John mentioned that summer league coaches might also be interested in attending such a clinic.

Georgia LMSC Calendar 2013 –

Jan 1-31	Hour Postal Swim
Jan 26-27	Charlotte, NC SCY
Feb 2	Marist SCY Developmental Meet
Feb 8-10	N Myrtle Beach, SC SCY
Feb 9-10	DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS – Clearwater, FL
Feb 16-17	Auburn Masters Invitational – Auburn, AL
Mar 3	Greensboro, NC SCY
Mar TBA	Georgia Masters Mid-Year Meeting
Apr 6-7	Cary, NC SCY
Apr 6	Tampa Bay Frogman 5k Open Water – Tampa, FL
Apr 11-14	YMCA Masters Nationals SCY – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Apr 20	Tampa Bay Marathon Open Water (24 miles) – Tampa, FL
Apr 27	USMS 5k Open Water Championships – Ft. Myers, FL
Apr 28	W. Gwinnett Park SCY Developmental Meet (tentative date)
May 4	Hurricane Man Open Water (1k, 2.4 miles) – St. Petersburg, FL
May 9-12	USMS SC Nationals – Indianapolis, IN
May TBA	Tiger Sharks LC Invitational @ Emory (tentative)
May 25	Amelia Island Open Water (1 mile, 5k) -Fernandina Beach, FL
Jun 1	Classic City LC Invitational – UGA
Jun 5-12	PAN AM Championships – Sarasota, FL
Jun 8	Goldsboro, NC LC
TBD	Death Valley Open Water Swim – Clemson, SC
Jul TBA	DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIPS – Greenville, SC
Jul 13-14	St. Petersburg, FL LC
TBA	Georgia Games Open Water
Aug 3-4	Clearwater, FL LC
Aug 7-11	USMS LC Nationals – Mission Viejo, CA
Aug 25	Garden Hills SCY Developmental meet (tentative date)
Sep 10-14	USMS Convention - Anaheim, CA

Sep 28	Southside Seals Pentathlon SCY (tentative date)
Sep 28	LMSC annual meeting
Oct 5	Open Water (1k, 3k, 5k) – Sarasota, FL
Oct 11-13	DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIPS – Orlando, FL
Nov 9-10	Sarasota, FL SCM
Nov 10	Collins Hill SCY Developmental Meet (tentative date)
TBA	St Nicholas SCM Invitational – Georgia Tech

8) Resolutions & Orders

We hope to build our programs and invite new volunteers to help! Ed suggested that someone could design a new GAJA banner for Championship meets. Also if anyone wants to learn how to run a meet, they are welcome to shadow at upcoming meets.

9) Adjournment

MSA - The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling