

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, 7 September 2019, after the Southside Seals Pentathlon Meet
at the Lundquist Aquatic Center in Jonesboro, GA*

ROLL CALL

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Marianne Countryman
Britta O'Leary
Leann Rossi
Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Bob Kohmescher
Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Judith Haase
Cathy Jones
David Morrill
Sally Newell
Sue Ottosen
Craig Ray
Andy Rettig
Lisa Watson
John Zeigler

Gwinnett County Masters Club (GMAC)

Elizabeth Giesecking

Northwest YMCA Grey Fins (WCYGF)

Mark Rogers

Southside Seals (SSS)

Robin Gross Bennett (for Mike Slotnick)
Rob Copeland
John Snyder
Mike Stille
Vesna Stojanovska
Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Pat Eddy

Unattached

Sean Moore

Guests from the Southeastern LMSC

Auburn Masters Swimmers (AMS)

Frances Roark

Adoption of Minutes from 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the 2018 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Directors

Chairman (Britta O'Leary) – Britta introduced herself as the interim Chairman, interim only until the elections to be held later in this meeting. Britta welcomed everyone and congratulated Rob on the well-run meet. She asked the Officers and Directors for their reports and to share a brief description of their duties. Starting with her own position as Chairman, Britta explained that she works with the Board of Directors to come up with ideas for growing the membership and improving the organization. She is especially concerned with developing some depth for each position on the Board. She encouraged everyone present to consider ways they might volunteer to help the organization.

Vice Chair (Lisa Watson) – Lisa explained that as Vice Chair, she serves in Britta's absence. She also helps with the newsletter and represents the Georgia LMSC at the annual USMS Convention. Britta recognized Lisa's outstanding service to the organization as the Chairman for over 30 years prior to stepping down to serve as Vice Chair.

Registrar (Andy Rettig) – As Registrar, Andy monitors online registrations, National Office notes and handles paper registrations. He coordinates with the Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) and provides monthly reports for the Georgia LMSC. As of 6 September 2019, Georgia has 902 registered swimmers, which exceeds 800, earning Georgia an additional At-Large delegate at the national USMS convention. Andy noted the trend toward registering as unattached and remarked that retention was better when swimmers were affiliated with a team or workout group.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is doing well financially. As Treasurer, Ed oversees the bank account, writes the annual financial report, files our taxes, files our state corporate registration, collects fees for sanctions, subsidizes money-losing meets and tracks the budget. He noted that the USMS registration fee has been rising steadily over the last 10 years. The Georgia LMSC has been offsetting much of these increases, shielding our Georgia swimmers. At the upcoming USMS Convention, a unified registration fee will be debated.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – For Top Ten duties, after checking for accuracy, Ed submits our results to and gleans times from the USMS database for Georgia's Top Ten, the Dixie Zone Top Ten and the National Top Ten times for SCY, SCM and LCM. Ed also tracks all records by Georgia swimmers in USA meets, international meets and USMS meets. Ed shared that the results from the National State Games (LCM) held recently in Lynchburg, VA had to be thrown out because the pool measurements weren't properly certified before and after each session. He also reminded swimmers that more documents must be submitted for USA and National meets. Contact him for specifics.

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – As our Officials Chair, Ed works with meet directors to ensure adequate manning by officials. *Note: Ed is also the Georgia Officials Chair for USA Swimming.* As the Sanctions Chair, Ed ensures the meet officials and meet directors fulfill USMS

requirements, and that the results are closed out by the meet director and that the officials file a referee report. Ed also discussed the difference between an event being sanctioned versus being “recognized”, the latter not being eligible for Top Ten or records, nor being covered for liability. He also noted that the anemic slate of meets being sanctioned in Georgia is partly due to the skyrocketing fees many facilities are charging. The recent UGA meet was cancelled because of the impending loss of \$3000 to run the event. Summer camps have become money-makers for UGA making them less interested in hosting a masters meet. He also noted that volunteers to run these meets are now more difficult to recruit. Neighboring states with new facilities also cut into our meet attendance which directly impacts the bottom line.

Website (Ed Saltzman) – Ed keeps the website full of vibrant, interesting and up-to-date content, including the calendar of events, meet results. records and much more.

Secretary (Karol Welling) – I take the minutes of the meetings. In addition, I help to run the hospitality suite when the annual USMS Convention is held here in Atlanta.

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – Bob continues to do an excellent job of putting together the newsletter for our members. Bob welcomes any and all newsletter input. Elaine Krugman was recognized for her many interesting articles and swimmer profiles.

Note: The meeting was going long so Britta was forced to hurry to end the meeting before we got kicked out.

Board Election

The Board was re-elected by acclamation.

Officer and Member-at-Large Positions

The following swimmers were elected to these positions:

Pat Eddy	Coaches
Stephanie Lemmons	Social Media
Mark Rogers	Member-at-Large
Leann Rossi	Member-at-Large

Upcoming Events

Sep 11-15	USMS Convention, St. Louis, MO
Sep 22	Knoxville USMS 10K Open Water Nationals
Sep 27	GA Golden Olympics
Sep 28	Swim Across America Open Water, Lake Lanier
Oct 11-13	Rowdy Gaines Classic (Dixie Zone SCM Championships)
Oct 27	Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet
Nov 16-17	USMS Clinics & Certifications, Kennesaw, GA
Nov 17	St. Nick's SCM Invitational, GA Tech
Feb 1-2	Auburn Masters Invitational, Auburn AL

Other Business

Next meeting: Sunday, Oct 6 at 7pm via conference call

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling