

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, 26 September 2015, after the PTC Pentathlon Meet at the
Lundquist Aquatic Center*

ROLL CALL

Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)

Sean Fitzgerald

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Bob Kohmescher
Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Herb Chuvén
Richard Dixon
Rebecca Hamilton
David Morrill
Sue Ottosen
Ginger Penn
Craig Ray
Mike Stille
Lisa Watson
Brian Yetter
John Zeigler

Savannah Masters (SAV)

Donna Hooe

Southside Seals (SSS)

Robin Gross Bennett (representing Mike Slotnick, SMART Swim Club)
Rob Copeland
Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Ian King

Warner Robins Aquanauts (WRAM)

Brad Martin

Unattached

Andy Dyer
Randy Kuykendall

Adoption of Minutes from 2014 Meeting

The minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chairman (Lisa Watson) – This is an election year. Lisa announced that this will be her last year serving on the LMSC and welcomed all present to consider volunteering.

Vice Chair (Sean Fitzgerald) – Sean mentioned that his main duty as Vice Chair is to host LMSC meetings in the absence of the Chair, which RARELY happened under Lisa's impeccable leadership. He also hosts the Grand Prix, which was designed to encourage greater participation in large meets. For 2015's Grand Prix, the Open Water event was cancelled; therefore to complete the series, we are using this year's Swim For Your Life event.

Secretary (Karol Welling) – no report

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – Bob extends his thanks to Donna Hooe and Elaine Krugman for their articles and welcomes all newsletter input, especially humorous ones.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is very healthy financially and that we are continuing to fund several projects:

- Sent coaches for certification training
- Offsetting registration fees, keeping ours lower than many other LMSCs
- Adding our own Hall of Fame

Registrar (Bill Lotz) – Registrations for 2015 exceeded 800, which earned Georgia an additional At-Large delegate at this year's convention. Bill reported that overall, our numbers are steady but affiliations are shifting from identifying with clubs to more being unattached.

Members-At-Large (Jeffrey Tacca and Ian King) – Lisa welcomed our new (2nd) Member-At-Large volunteer, Ian King. Ian has only been involved in Masters swimming for the past 4 years, and actually started out as a diver!

Reports of Committees

Coaches (Donna Hooe) – Donna reported that she has been involved with submitting coaches' articles to our newsletter, and has referred several new swimmers to their closest teams. Lisa thanked Donna for her continuing efforts organizing the relays for team GAJA at out-of-state meets and championships. Donna mentioned reaching out to schools and USA teams to promote masters swimming. She also is a fan of swimming vacations or "swim-cations" and will continue to share her experiences via newsletter articles to encourage other Masters swimmers to consider the same.

Communications (Ed Saltzman) – The website now features embedded video. We recently conducted an on-line survey directed toward swimmers that did not renew their registration this year. The response rate was very low (5%). Most had moved out of state. Other reasons listed for not renewing were: busy schedule, injury, costs, no longer interested in competing, and one didn't like their coach.

Fitness (John Zeigler) – The Collins Hill developmental meet is coming up. Another popular fitness program is the "Go the Distance" online tool, which offers incentives at certain milestones. All swimmers have to do is log their daily yardage.

Long Distance (Rob Copeland) – Rob reported that there were several unsanctioned (swim at your own risk) open water events this year, including the Georgia State Games, Swim Across

America, plus two in Columbus. David also appealed to the homeowners association of Lake Windward in Alpharetta to allow an open water event there, but they declined permission.

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that he provided sanctions for four short course meets, one short course meters meet, and one long course meet this year. These numbers are growing smaller due to increasing costs both for pool rentals and insurance. Concerning officials, USMS is putting together a prototype training program for officials to begin in 2016. Currently all officials are trained in USA programs.

Safety (David Morrill) – David reported that Georgia has had no relevant negative issues in 2015. He also detailed some of his efforts concerning encouraging a greater Masters presence at the Lifetime Fitness facilities in Georgia. Lifetime Fitness is a registered Masters team with little participation.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that the LCM Top Ten list should be published on 31 December. In 2015, one of our swimmers set a World Record in butterfly! He told everyone that USA times are not as easy to submit as they once were. Now, interested swimmers must get copies of the pool's measurements (taken before and after each days events), as well as some additional paperwork. Ed talked about the recent World Championships, during which Ryan Lochte created controversy with his extended underwater kicking on the freestyle leg of the IM. Watch for a new rules interpretation concerning this issue.

Unfinished Business

LMSC Website – Lisa encouraged everyone to check out the upgraded website at www.georgiamasters.org on a regular basis to find information on upcoming events. She thanked Webmaster Ed Saltzman for maintaining the website.

There are two remaining Georgia events: Collins Hill developmental meet (Nov 8th, tentative date) & St. Nick's (or St. Hallow's Eve?) SCM Invitational at GA Tech (Oct 18th).

Lisa thanked contributing editor Elaine Krugman for her wonderful in-depth articles on our various Masters swimmers.

Election of Officers

Rob Copeland conducted the vote. All of the present slate of officers was unanimously reelected.

New Business

The 2015 USMS Convention is Sep 30th- Oct 4th. Attending from Georgia are: Rob Copeland, Sean Fitzgerald, Lisa Watson, Ed Saltzman, David Morrill and Claire Letendre. Claire has recently moved out-of-state.

The 2016 USMS Convention will be held here in Atlanta 21-25 September. We will need volunteers! Please mark these dates.

2016 National Championships will be in Greensboro, SC (SCY April 28th- Mar 1st) and Portland, OR (LCM 18-21 Aug). Lisa noted that Greensboro is only a 5-6 hour drive and encouraged everyone to show a strong Georgia presence.

Lisa also covered the upcoming 2016 calendar for Masters events.

Resolution and Orders

Lisa resolved that the goal of the Georgia LMSC is to keep the membership growing and to encourage everyone to get involved.

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling