

**NC LMSC Meeting
June 11, 2008 – 7:30 PM
Phone Conference
Draft Minutes**

Attendees: Jerry Clark (Chairman and representing CSM), Ruth Battle (Vice Chair and representing AMS), Greta van Meeteren (Secretary and representing TRYM), Elizabeth Nowak (Treasurer and representing THAT), George Simon (Registrar), Joe Gosha (Past chair and newsletter editor)

Team representatives: Greg Sousa (DAMA), Brandon Haberman (RAM), Shelley Bear (SAM)

1. Membership Report

George reported the highest ever number of members for our LMSC: **824**, this is 3 to 4 months ahead of last year's count of 817. The registration has been smooth. There is a mix of on-line and paper registrations. The voluntary donations are slightly less than last year.

2. Treasurer's Report

Elizabeth reported the following numbers:

Revenue exceeded expenses for the first quarter of 2008 ending March 31, 2008. The quarter ended with total revenue of \$6,326 and total expenses of \$5,432 resulting with a net income of \$894. The majority of the revenue received in the first quarter was for NC LMSC / USMS membership dues, donations, and meet sanction fees. Expenses in the first quarter can be attributed primarily to USMS membership dues and publishing/ mailing of Across the Lanes newsletter. Total Fund Balance (i.e., cash and certificate of deposit balance) for NC LMSC through March 31, 2008 is \$13,799.

After payment for relays at the short course nationals in Austin, TX, there is \$230.00 left in the donations fund. This money can be used for long course nationals in August.

3. Distribution of the quarterly newsletter

To send the newsletter by bulk mail, 200 copies need to be sent out.

160 people requested a hard copy of the last newsletter, that number is now over 200.

When George makes the Email announcement that the newsletter is available, he gets about 10 – 12 Email bounces without address corrections.

The following issues will be further investigated:

- Can we reduce the cost per page at the copy center? (Currently the copy center cost is around \$540.00 per issue).
- Instead of using the bulk mail rate, would it be feasible to mail out the newsletter first class? This way we would also get information about address changes, which we do not get when we send by bulk mail.
- If we do not include the sign-up sheets for various meets in the newsletter, but refer people to the on-line registration forms – how much will that reduce the weight of the newsletter? Can we encourage team representatives to print out

copies of these registration forms for their team members who might not have computer access?

- Elizabeth will put together the cost per person / per page and see if we can do better.
- 100% electronic delivery does not seem feasible, since many people either have no computer access or no high-speed Internet access. (*Note: nationwide only 50% of computer users have high-speed Internet access*).

4. National USMS Convention

Because of our number of members we can have three representatives attending the National Convention to be held in Atlanta, GA, September 24 – 28, 2008.

Jerry and George already are going and paid for by the USMS (except for their meals), Jerry as a board member and George as chairman of the registrar's committee.

Joe moved that Greta go to the convention again this year (she is on the fitness committee). The motion was seconded and accepted.

Joe also suggested that Ruth go because of all the work she has been doing for the LMSC. Ruth will check her work schedule to see if she can make time to go.

Elizabeth will put together an application to seek out other representatives. She will get this to Jerry and Greta who will then distribute it to the team representatives. We will ask for a turnaround on this of two weeks. Greta will collate these and get them to the board as soon as possible. The board will then decide based upon the answers / commitment from people.

5. Other matters

TRYM members have suggested bidding for the 2010 3,000/6,000 yard postal championships. Greta asked for and obtained approval from the LMSC for her team to make a bid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.