

**Minutes of the Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee Special Meeting
August 6, 2011, following the Lake Amy Belle 1/2 & 1 Mile Swim
Germantown, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Registrar/Vice President John Bauman.

Members present: Dick Pitman, LMSC Chair; John Bauman, Registrar/Vice President; Ingrid Stein, Treasurer; Jeanne Seidler, Top Ten Recorder; Steve Justinger, WMAC member; and Gus Robledo, WMAC Member.

(In advance, all board members were notified of the meeting and purpose.)

The special purpose of the meeting was explained to all attending. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint the Chairperson to serve the remainder of this year before the USMS Annual Convention.

Motion: To appoint Jeanne Seidler as Chairman, proposed by John, seconded by Dick, no discussion, motion passed.

Motion: To name Dick Pitman as Immediate Past Chair, listing “Past Chair” in the WMSC Newsletter and on the USMS Officer list, proposed by Jeanne, seconded by John. Discussion by Jeanne: The rationale for keeping Dick’s name on the WMSC Newsletter and in the officer list is so that Dick’s many, many contacts, very important to WMSC and USMS, still have a way to reach Dick by a lookup on the WMSC Newsletter and USMS Officer List for Wisconsin. Other discussion was that in order to create an official title in the WMSC bylaws, a change to the bylaws has to be proposed. An official title in the bylaws was deferred to the 2011 Annual Meeting. **Motion passed.**

Discussion of Badger State Games dissolution:

This discussion was deferred to the Annual Meeting with the participants doing more research in depth. Dick had done some legwork to check into Shorewood Hills for a USMS-Sanctioned meet on the June date in the same relative Sunday that BSG was held. Jeanne had talked to Schroeder about a Wisconsin Long Course Championship (2-day) to be held around August 15th, after the USA meets end in the summer. Given these two possibilities, it would make sense to have two LC meets as they are spread two months apart and the August 15th meet would offer all USMS events, but the Shorewood Hills meet would be in the BSG format. With 2012 USMS Nationals being held in Omaha, July 5th to 8th, it is possible to have either or both meets without conflicting with USMS Nationals.

To Do’s from the discussion:

1. Jeanne will contact the BSG meet director from this year to ask if they are considering a masters LC meet for 2012 on the same relative weekend as BSG would have been held.
2. Dick will hold talks with Shorewood Hills.

3. Jeanne will hold talks with Schroeder about a definite date.

Discussion about Registration Fee for USMS/WMSC:

John gave us a heads up about the registration fee topic for the annual meeting. USMS had voted in a previous year to raise their fee by \$2.00 per year for the next several years. Wisconsin Masters has absorbed the USMS increase such that the total fee for registration had not been raised. Efficiencies were created in Wisconsin Masters by moving to e-mailing the WMSC Newsletter. This year, the WMSC website was moved to Club Assistant at a savings in website costs. But, there are only so many ways to gain efficiencies, and this year, WMSC will have to discuss whether or not to raise the LMSC \$13 fee in addition to the USMS \$2.00/year raise. Current fee breakdown for 2011 is \$29 to USMS and \$13 to Wisconsin, totaling a \$42 registration fee. For 2012, the USMS fee will be \$31 and the discussion is whether or not to raise the Wisconsin portion, and if so, by how much, and if not, will the USMS fee increase still be absorbed by the LMSC, reducing the LMSC fee to \$11 but no change in the overall fee.

The discussion will be on the agenda for the WMSC Annual Meeting.

A final point was made by John regarding On-Line registration. Wisconsin is the 3rd lowest LMSC for on-line registration. The on-line registration is low probably due to the fact that invoices are mailed out, and Wisconsin swimmers respond to the invoice. Wisconsin currently has 546 registered swimmers. The issue is whether to mail invoices or not, or mail only to those who did not register on-line. The invoice has the effect of people actually returning registrations to John very quickly. This point will be discussed at the WMSC Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:39pm, with thanks to Neal Seidler for the excellent lunch (brats and chicken) and to Ingrid for the cucumber salad (from her garden) and to Dick for the fruit salad.

These minutes were compiled by Jeanne Seidler, 8/21/2011, from the notes taken by Gus Robledo and Dick Pitman.