

Motion to appropriate LMSC Funds to buy medals to award at pool swim meets

WHEREAS, the Mission Statement of United States Masters Swimming is “To promote health, wellness, fitness and competition for adults through swimming.”

WHEREAS, the permitted use of excess funds of a non-profit is to spend to further the mission of the non-profit.

WHEREAS, the proposed motion to fund awards for a competition has been vetted through contact with the present USMS Finance Committee Chair and the immediate past Treasurer of USMS and determined to be consistent with the mission of the organization.

WHEREAS, at the last three SCY State Champs meets, the number of medals awarded has been as follows: 2018-505 medals, 2017-431 medals, and 2016-441 medals at a cost of approximately \$1.87

per medal which computes to \$940 in 2018, \$805 in 2017, and \$824 in 2016.

WHEREAS, at the last three LCM State Champs meets, the number of medals awarded has been as follows: 2018-103 medals, 2017-159 medals, and 2016-152 medals at a cost of approximately \$1.87 per medal which computes to \$192 in 2018, \$297 in 2017, and \$284 in 2016.

WHEREAS, the SCY State Champs meets, held since 2010, have awarded medals and maintained a format, philosophy and atmosphere of a national meet for the benefit of the numerous members that do not attend a USMS Nationals, being about 80% of the attendees in a normal year.

WHEREAS, the LCM State Champs meets, held since 2012, previously to 2012 being run by the Badger State Games organization in Madison and Appleton, have awarded medals and again continued the format, philosophy and atmosphere of a national 1-day meet.

WHEREAS, it is desirable to maintain the high quality of the SCY and LCM State Champs meets by awards that are quality awards and awarded to 8 places as in a USMS Nationals.

WHEREAS, it is an inequitable expense for the host organization (also a non-profit) to continue to fund the awards at the high expense when it is within the scope of the mission of the LMSC to fund awards to further the mission of the non-profit.

WHEREAS, the LMSC has assets which have grown from \$17,000 in 2011 to \$33,000 in 2017, there are significant funds that should be spent to further the mission of the non-profit.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED:

1. A budget item of \$1000 should be established for purchase of medals to be awarded at the SCY State Champs meet.
2. A budget item of \$350 should be established for purchase of medals to be awarded at the LMSC State Champs meet.

Supporting note about vetting the proposal: The vetting of this motion as to whether or not expending LMSC funds for swim meet awards has been done through consultation with the USMS Finance Committee Chair (USMS Member Jeanne Ensign, Pacific Northwest LMSC) and the immediate past USMS Treasurer (USMS Member Phil Dodson, Illinois LMSC). Ms. Ensign states that as long as the funds are spent to benefit the entire LMSC members, LMSC-wide, it is an acceptable expenditure. Mr. Dodson states that LMSCs subsidizing events within their boundaries is consistent with their mission.