

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee, Inc.
Place: YMCA at Pabst Farms, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
Date: September 24, 2011
Time: 12:00pm

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm

In attendance: Jeanne Seidler, Chair; Dick Pitman, Immed. Past Chair; John Bauman, Registrar; Jerry Lourigan, Safety; Fred Russell, Coaches; Eric Jernberg, Sanctions; Melodee Nugent, Fitness; Steve Justinger, member; Dave Holland, member. Board members not in attendance: Suzi Green, Secretary; Julie Van Cleave, Open Water; Elyce Dilworth, Auditor. Minutes recorded by Dick Pitman, Immediate Past Chair.

Following introductions of all present, the minutes from last year's annual board meeting, on October 2, 2010, and the summer board meeting (following the Lake Amy Belle Swim) on August 6, 2011, were reviewed. Eric Jernberg made a motion to accept those minutes; John Bauman seconded that motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. **Chair** - Jeanne Seidler welcomed everyone to her first board meeting as Chair. She summarized one of the issues of the summer board meeting, that being the role of Dick Pitman, the Immediate Past Chair, who shall serve to advise current Chair and board. She also relayed a request from Nancy Kranpitz, editor of the semi-monthly newsletter, that she receive reports and news articles within five (5) days of completion of event. Motion made by Dick Pitman to approve; John Bauman seconded; motion approved unanimously.

2. **Coaches** - Fred Russell reported that he has names and contact info for most or many Masters coaches in the state. Motion made by John Bauman to approve, Melodee Nugent seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. **Editor of Newsletter** - see above in Chair report.

4. **Fitness, including Wisconsin Water Warriors** - Melodee Nugent reported that in 2010, 39 swimmers participated from various parts of the state. Towels were presented to the winners of each age group during the State Meet in Brown Deer. Melodee reported that \$490 was spent on awards presented to winners of 5-year age groups. Motion was made by John Bauman to limit expenditure of awards to \$500 based on Fitness Officer's discretion. Dick Pitman seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Eric Jernberg moved to accept Melodee's report; Jerry Lourigan seconded. Motion passed to accept Fitness report.

5. **Officials** - there was no report. Sue Zblewski was not present, but everyone who is involved in meets reported that she does a good job helping us find officials for our events.

6. **Open Water** - Julie Van Cleave was not present. A short discussion followed regarding Safety. Jerry Lourigan, who was present at the Maui Channel Swim over the Labor Day weekend, related

the accident there when a boat backed up over a swimmer. There was also discussion of the Madison Open Water Swim on August 20, where there were no incidents despite a one-hour rain delay.

7. **Registrar** - John Bauman reported that we have 550 registrations for 2011. It was noted that there is disparity in the number of registrations from the Milwaukee area despite largest population in the state exists in that area. Elmbrook is the largest workout group in the Milwaukee area. We have people registered in many outlying areas, which is good. Motion made by Dick Pitman to approve Registrar's report; Jerry Lourigan second. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Safety** - Jerry Lourigan, following up on the short discussion of the Maui incident, suggested that we require Safety Plans from pool meet directors. Some discussion ensued on the merits of this idea and current existence of pool emergency plans where we currently have pool meets. Dick Pitman motioned to congratulate Jerry Lourigan, Melodee Nugent and James Biles for their finishing the 25K swim this summer; Jeanne Seidler seconded; motion passed unanimously. Dick Pitman motioned to accept Safety Director's report; Melodee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Sanctions** - Eric Jernberg reported on the need to have sanction requests to him as soon as possible. He reports that sanction requests have come with "urgent" pleas for quick turn-around and he doesn't think that's necessary. Event directors should allow at least ten days for their requested sanction. Dick Pitman motioned to accept; John Bauman seconded; motion to accept Sanction officer's report passed unanimously.

10. **Secretary** - Suzi Green not present. No report except previous minutes posted.

11. **Top Ten** - Jeanne Seidler reported that some swimmers made All-America USMS team this year - Adam Mania, James Biles, Charles Lorenz and Brad Horner in Short-course Yard pools. The report is not available yet for Long-course Meter pools, or for Long Distance.

12. **Treasurer's Report** - Ingrid Stine not present. John Bauman reported that Ingrid had an accident and is recuperating at home. For Ingrid, John reported that the book balance for WMSC is \$13,593.76. [*And still waiting for receipt of One-Event Registration receipts for the Madison Open Water Swim which should be about \$2,000*].

13. **Meet Directors reports** - None.

14. **Convention** – The discussion centered on the number of delegates sent to Convention. Following up on the discussion raised by Eric Jernberg, it was noted that two delegates are on standing committees - Elyce Dilworth on the Finance Committee and Dick Pitman on the Legislation Committee - which means automatic delegate status. Our official delegates this year were John Bauman and Jeanne Seidler, both of whom are members of USMS committees. Our other delegates are Suzi Green, our Secretary, who is on the Fitness Committee, and Jerry Lourigan who is on the Coaches Committee. This year we added Trina Schaez, because we felt, since she will be succeeding John Bauman as Registrar she should become familiar with the convention process and the people involved at that level.

Recurring Business:

1. John Bauman described the **2012 Registration Drive** for this fall, saying that only those members who registered by paper last year would receive postal reminders to re-register. All others would receive reminders from USMS. It was also noted that workout groups/sub-clubs should be registered with USMS before Nov. 1 so their members can find their club on the drop-down menu. Motion by Dick Pitman to accept this proposal; Eric Jernberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Election of 2011-2012 Board** - Nominations from the floor were opened. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion to re-elect current slate of officers for next year made by John Bauman; Eric Jernberg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Meet (pool) Schedule:

Dec 3, Saturday - SCM at West Bend HS - still waiting for contract

Jan 8, Sunday - SCY at Pabst Farms YMCA, Oconomowoc

Jan 29, Sunday - Oshkosh YMCA, SCY

Feb 12, Sunday - Madison East YMCA, SCY

Discussion of a meet for **Feb 25** - proposed by Dave Holland, Dave to research further
Mar 17, Saturday - Baraboo Middle School, SCY

Mar 31/April 1, Sat/Sun - Wisconsin Masters SCY Championship at Schroeder

April 11-14, Thursday-Sunday, YMCA Masters Nationals at Fort Lauderdale, SCY

April 26-29, Thursday-Sunday, USMS Spring Nationals, SCY, at Greensboro, NC

June 23/24 - tentative Wisconsin Masters LCM Champs, Brown Deer, WI to replace BSG.

Discussion followed, since the demise of the Badger State Games, concerning resurrection of the Wisconsin Long-Course meter meet, once held at the Village of Shorewood Hills (Madison). At Shorewood Hills, we would be restricted to one Sunday morning only which would restrict the number of events we could offer. There may be a limitation on use of electronic timing pads due to some modification of the pool since we were last there.

Discussion moved to the possible use of Schroeder for a LCM meet or the pool in Pleasant Prairie. These will need to be worked on. Jeanne will work on this and report back at January mid-winter board meeting.

July 5- 8, 2012 - USMS Summer Nationals (LCM) at Omaha, NE

Possible Aug 4 or 5 or Aug 11, 12 (Sat/Sun) WI Masters SCM meet outdoor in Madison at Hill Farms Pool. Dave Holland, Madison, asked for direction and assistance in establishing a SCM meet at a rebuilt pool in Madison, namely "Hill Farms Pool", a private pool willing to host a Masters meet. Dave will investigate further and report back to mid-winter board meeting on Jan 8, following the Pabst Farms meet. A key question is whether or not the touch pads will fit on the diving end of the pool.

Aug. 19 (Sat) - Madison Open Water Swim (MOWS)

July or Aug (date TBD) - Lake Amy Belle Swim - non-sanctioned, undetermined date

Sept 7 - Wisconsin Senior Olympics is trying to find a site for 2012 swim site.

New Business:

1. **Water Warriors 2011** - See above under Fitness report.

2. **Swimmer Stories for USMS History & Archives.** - Jeanne proposed that we start collecting stories, especially our older members, and those who have held national office in USMS, those who have received national awards and ISHOF honorees who have competed in USMS meets. USMS would also like stories about USMS All-Americans and those who have held major offices in their LMSC's. Jeanne is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to set-up a sub-committee to research and develop this mission. It was generally agreed by Board to accept this concept.

3. The new chair, Jeanne Seidler, wants all board members to review their job descriptions on the USMS website to re-write or properly describe their position. The Immediate Past Chair, Dick Pitman, will coordinate this process.

4. Discussion about feasibility of bidding for 2014 or later, an Open Water Swim National Championship for Lake Geneva. It was decided that because of extremely heavy weekend boat traffic it would be impossible to run a safe event. Also, given the situation at the Maui Channel swim, the risks of an open water event are far, far, greater than a pool event.

5. How many delegates should go to the annual USMS Convention? Eric Jernberg initiated discussion on the expense this year of the Convention attended by Dick Pitman, John Bauman, Jeanne Seidler, Elyce Dilworth, Suzi Green, Jerry Lourigan, and Trina Schaetz. This amount was \$6,722 versus \$5,264 last year. John told the group that the difference was largely in travel expenses incurred versus last year. Dick Pitman argued that it is important to have a large presence at convention to bring back ideas that can be implemented at the LMSC level. The sharing of ideas with other convention delegates strengthens the foundation of our Wisconsin LMSC. **A motion was made by Eric Jernberg to limit the number of convention attendees to six delegates.** John Bauman second. Motion passed unanimously.

6. By-Laws to be amended for Past Chair to serve as board member, as a Committee, not an officer in order to accomplish a smooth transition of succeeding chair-person of WMSC. Dick Pitman will write something to present at mid-Winter Board meeting on Jan 8.

7. **USMS Postal & Open Water Championships:** James Biles volunteered to be the resource person for the USMS Postal and Open Water Championships for swimmers entering these championships. James would determine relays for WMAC from all the swimmers entered in USMS Postal Championships and WMAC would pay for the relays as with any other National Championship in pools. Motion made by Dick Pitman; second by John Bauman to approve this payment by WMAC for relays for USMS Postal Championship. Jeanne will add Open Water and Postal Championships to the website including James Biles as the contact person.

8. Jeanne volunteered her daughters, Mindy & Nina, as backup webmaster to Jeanne. They will be registered Wisconsin Masters swimmers. No other action required since Club Assistant is the host and all that is required by our webmaster is to write content.

9. Jeanne will prepare a bid for 2014 Postal Championship. Steve Justinger volunteered to assist Jeanne. More details will be discussed at the Jan. 8th meeting.

10. Information relating to a swimmer competing in a USA sanctioned meet will be posted on the website. It will be the responsibility of the swimmer to request from WMSC Sanction Officer one-month prior for a dual sanction. The swimmer is also responsible for measuring the pool, if necessary. In all cases where there is a bulkhead involved, the pool must have a confirmation measurement in which each outer lane and one middle lane is measured at the end of the session in which the swimmer swam, and (new) at the beginning of the meet when the bulkhead is first moved into place. A sanction is not required for the recognized meet situation. A pool measurement /certification is always required for the USA pool. Sanctions only apply if the meet is held using a FINA distance (50-meter or 25-meter) and the swimmer expects to make a FINA top ten time or world record.

The next board meeting will follow the January 8th meet in Oconomowoc. A separate meeting room at the Delafield Brewhaus will be used for the meeting after everyone has finished lunch.

The Annual Board of WMSC was adjourned at 4:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dick Pitman/Sept. 26, 2011