

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee, Inc.**

**Place:** YMCA at Pabst Farms, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

**Date:** September 22, 2011    **Time started:** 12:10 pm

**1. Meeting called to order at 12:10pm**

In attendance: Jeanne Seidler, Chair; Dick Pitman, Immed. Past Chair; John Bauman, Registrar; Jerry Lourigan, Safety; Fred Russell, Coaches; Melodee Nugent, Fitness; Steve Justinger, member; . Minutes recorded by Dick Pitman, Immediate Past Chair.

**2. Review of Previous Minutes** from 2011 Annual Meeting on Oct. 2, 2011; the 2012 Interim Meeting on Jan. 8, 2012; and the 2012 Interim Meeting on July 21, 2012. John Bauman moved; Jerry Lourigan second, to accept these minutes as published. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Committee Reports:**

**a. Chair (& Newsletter)** - Jeanne Seidler brought up subject of Nancy Kranpitz's intention to stay on as editor of the newsletter. It was noted in discussion how much Nancy's contribution in editing the newsletter means to our organization. [I believe she's been doing it for at least 25 years and probably longer. D.P.] Nancy asked for articles and photos about meets within 5 days following those meets. Dick Pitman moved to accept report; Melodee Nugent second. Report accepted unanimously.

**b. Fitness**, including Wisconsin Water Warriors. Melodee Nugent reported that 20+? swimmers participated from various parts of the state. Melodee reported that \$490 was spent on awards presented to winners of 5-year age groups in this event. Motion was made by John Bauman to limit expenditure of awards to \$500 based on Fitness Officer's discretion. Steve Justinger second. Motion passed unanimously.

**c. Coaches** - Fred Russell reported that he has names and contact info for most or many Masters coaches in the state. Fred addressed the push by USMS for Coaches Certification. Jerry reviewed his experience at one of the Coaches Clinics. With regard to the USMS Spring Nationals held in Greensboro, Fred Russell stated that the breaks between relays/ races were too short, forcing swimmers to swim back-to-back relays without hardly any rest/recovery. Also, Fred objected that swimmers are not being immediately informed of the reason for DQ. Fred has given that feedback to USMS. Moved to accept report by Dick Pitman; seconded by John Bauman; motion passed unanimously.

**d. Open Water** - Julie Van Cleave was not present. There was brief discussion of Open Water topics discussed at Convention. USMS is strongly supporting Open Water events. John Traynor, of Illinois, presented the general results of the GLOWS series of Open Water Swim in the Great Lakes Zone. The Great Lakes Zone is the only zone in USMS that offers this type of competition for "Top O/W swimmer in the Great Lakes" by our usual formula for results - i.e., gender, age, etc. He was touting it as a model for the rest of USMS to follow.

**e. Officials** - Sue [formerly Zblewski] Wagner was not present. See above: discussion on officials under Coaches.

**f. Registrar** - John Bauman reported that we have 518 registrations for 2012, which is down slightly from 2011 when we had 549. Fred Russell moved to accept report; Jerry Lourigan

second. Report accepted unanimously.

**g. Safety** - Jerry Lourigan, reported on discussion at Convention of safety issues in the pool and open water. Safety Plans from pool meet/open water event directors are absolutely required. Dick Pitman moved to accept report; Fred Russell second. Unanimously accepted.

**h. Sanctions** - Eric Jernberg was absent but said he intends to continue as Sanctions officer. He requests that sanction requests be sent 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.

**i. Secretary** - Suzi Green not present. Discussion of having a standing date for future Annual Board Meetings ensued. John B moved to set the date as the Saturday following the Annual USMS Convention. Fred Russell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**j. Top Ten** - Jeanne Seidler reported the SCY 800-FR Relay Men in the 65-69 were All-American, LCM. Relay was composed of Art Luetke, Greg Hollub, Don Jackson and Dick Pitman. Also, the SCY Men's 400 MR composed of John Bauman, Fred Salzman, Alex MacGillis, and Tom Michelson.

**j. Treasurer - Financial Report** - Ingrid Stine not present. For Ingrid, John reported that the book balance for WMSC is \$16,677.56. Still waiting for Jerry L's expenses from convention. Discussion of Financial Reports by year. Jerry L moved to accept report; second by Dick Pitman. Passed unanimously. John passed out, for Ingrid Stine (absent), the WMSC Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy as a Motion to Accept. No Second acknowledged. Motion was unanimously passed.

**k. Webmaster** - Jeanne Seidler - upgrade coming to WMSC website. Website continues to cost \$10/month (e.g. \$120/year). Motion from Chair to accept; Dick Pitman second. Motion passed.

**l. Meet Directors** - Dave Clark ran the Senior Olympics meet during the Convention weekend (Sept. 12-13). John Bauman was meet director for West Bend HS (Dec, 2011), Pabst Farms Y (Jan, 2012), and Baraboo Middle School (Mar, 2012). Melinda Mann was meet director for Oshkosh Y (Jan, 2012). Dick Pitman, meet director for Madison East Y (Feb, 2012). Jeanne Seidler was meet director for the State Short-Course and Long-Course meets at Schroeder Aquatic Center in March and June respectively. [Slate of meets is listed below under New Business.]

**m. Convention Delegates** - Delegates to the 2012 USMS Convention in Greensboro, NC were Jeanne Seidler (Chair); Dick Pitman (Vice-chair); John Bauman (Registrar); Suzi Green (Secretary); Jerry Lourigan (Safety Chair); Elyce Dilworth (Auditor).

### **Old Business:**

1. Project to Id and collect swimmer stories for USMS history. No progress. Continued planning. Dick Pitman had indicated in 2011 an interest in working on this.

2. Interim board meetings: January (post-Pabst Farms meet) and September (post convention). Motion made to codify the dates of these meetings - e.g., immediately following Pabst Farms meet; and the first Saturday after Convention. This was suggested so board members can make arrangements in their schedule in order to attend these meetings.
3. Board members should attempt to make most, if not all, swim meets.
4. All board members asked to review job descriptions on USMS website and detail more exactly what you do, or think you should do.
5. Jeanne wanted to amend By-Laws for Vice-Chair and Past Chair. No change of by-laws can be made except at the Annual or Semi-Annual Board Meeting, *which is why it's imperative that board members be in attendance at these meetings.*
6. Election of 2011-2012 Board. Nominations from the floor - none. Motion to re-elect current slate of officers for next year made by John Bauman; Jerry Lourigan second. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Registration drive: Workout groups should register by October 15. Individuals start registering November 1. Since WMSC postponed raising of our fee last year, a motion was made, by John Bauman, to increase the 2012-13 fee to \$46. Jerry Lourigan second. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Election of 2012-13 Board Members. No nominations from floor. John Bauman moved to re-elect current slate of officers for the next year; second by Jerry Lourigan. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Meet (pool) Schedule:
  - Dec 8, Saturday - SCM at West Bend HS - still waiting for contract
  - Jan 13, Sunday - SCY at Pabst Farms YMCA, Oconomowoc
  - Jan 27, Sunday - Oshkosh YMCA, SCY
  - Feb 10, Sunday - Madison East YMCA, SCY
  - Mar 3, Sunday - Whitefish Bay HS, SCY
  - Mar 9, Saturday - Baraboo Mid School, SCY
  - Mar 23/24 Sat/Sun - Wisconsin Masters SCY Championship (Easter is Mar 31)
  - April 11-14, Thursday-Sunday, YMCA Masters Nationals at Fort Lauderdale, SCY
  - May 9 -12, Thursday-Sunday, USMS Spring Nationals, SCY, at INDY
  - June 5 -13 - Pan-Am/USMS LCM Games, Sarasota, FL
  - June 23 - Wisconsin Masters State LCM Championships
  - Aug 7-11 : USMS Summer Nats at Mission Viejo, CA
  - Aug 17 : MOWS????
  - Sept : Senior Olympics SCY
  - Nov-Dec: Water Warriors 2013
4. Water Warriors - John Bauman made a motion to approve \$500 budget for 2013 Water Warriors. Dick Pitman second. Motion passed

5. Jeanne proposed to amend the By-Laws. Some discussion. Moved by Dick P that the Board consider changes to the By-Laws, delivered to Board members well in advance, in order to consider them at the January 2013 meeting.. Second by John Bauman. John further stipulated that members should receive those proposed changes in writing within 30 days of the January meeting.

3. Dick Pitman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Steve Justinger. Even though there were many items on the agenda neither discussed or acted upon, Motion passed unanimously. Jeanne suggested we continue by conference call if that can be arranged.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Dick Pitman, Vice-Chair (for Suzi Green, Secretary *in absentia*)