

## **WISCONSIN MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

September 27, 2014 Pabst Farms YMCA, Oconomowoc, WI

Members present: John Bauman, Mary Schneider, Fred Russell, Dick Pitman, Jerry Lourigan, Jeanne Seidler, Dave Clark, Trina Schaetz, Suzi Green, Melodee Nugent, James Biles (by phone)

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 by chair Jeanne. Last year's minutes were approved.

John gave the Treasurer's report: We had seven SCY meets, one LCM meet, one SCM meet, two recognized meets, and one open water swim. We may be missing one sanction fee as some of these event's sanction fees were in last year's annual report. Convention expenses were less this year because two of the seven delegates from our LMSC were committee chairs, and thus their expenses were paid by USMS. The budget was approved.

Jeanne gave the Top Ten report. Dave Clark was awarded a Kerry O'Brien award at Convention.

Melodee gave the Fitness report. We had about 40-45 entrants in the Wisconsin Water Warrior event. She has submitted the information to Mary for the newsletter. It may help pull in new members. It will be run the same two months whereby you swim a two week stretch of your choosing. This year. Melodee needs "about 500" dollars for awards, and this was approved by the committee.

Jeanne talked about sanctions. WMAC held five meets this year and the others will all held by workout groups.

Fred gave the coaches report. Fred is "sort of" retired, and hopes to be able to attend all the meets this year. He hopes to get more participation. Dave Clark will be the new Coach Chair if we vote him in to do so.

Jerry went to a coaching seminar at Convention. USMS now has Level 4 coaches. Jeanne had inquired about bringing a coaching seminar to Wisconsin but it is probably too expensive and we could probably not generate enough interest. Dave said he could get us a classroom at UW-Milwaukee if that would help.

Mary talked about the newsletter. She has a lot of news; too much sometimes. The liability form is now a full page instead of a paragraph, and that takes a lot of room. She tries to do a minimum of editing on the articles sent to her so they retain their original "flavor". The online meet entry form will still be included in the newsletter because not everyone has the ability to download it. The meet information will be brief in the newsletter, but complete on the website. We snail mailed newsletters to 90 recipients, down from last year.

Sue will continue as the Officials chair.

James informed us that the number of sanctioned open water events dropped by about a half due to the insurance surcharge. A group wanting to run an open water event can apply for a grant for the \$1000. USMS wants to be the forerunner for information on open water events, and has developed a task force to bring that forth. If an event is a USMS National Championship event, USMS will waive the surcharge. There are two open water events in 2015 that are relatively close to Wisconsin. James hopes people will participate. Postal events are not postal anymore; they are all e-postal events. We discussed whether or not WMAC should pay for relays for these pool events since they are National events. No resolution was reached, largely because no one could come up with a good way to implement individual swimmer paying for relays. The open water swims will all have new names appearing in the rule book next year, such as "sprint", and "ultra". There was a lot of talk about safety at open water swims at Convention. There weren't many details, but many "suggestions". A lot comes down to race conditions on the actual day of the race. There was a contentious discussion at Convention about lowering the water temperature limit at open water swims. Bill Roach looks for very cold or very warm water swims, which must have additional safety measures.

John reported that WMAC now has 548 members, with five already signed up for 2015.

We discussed the "no diving" policy for meets. There have been a couple of meets where this has happened. Can we have the officials DQ people? Should we purchase "no diving" signs? Jeanne will print out a couple from a website and laminate them. If two officials are present, can one be the policy enforcer? The officials would need a guideline on how to proceed.

Jeanne pointed out that she had to speak in front of the House of Delegates at Convention and was quite nervous. Those of us that were there thought she did well. Jerry pointed out the committee chairs seemed more to the point at Convention. We all agreed that things ran more smoothly at Convention this year. Jeanne said all the committee chairs were communicating better, and that they were trying to not present action items to the House. The House is for making policy, not setting procedure. It was also decided at Convention that 25 yard events would be entered into the database, but not be eligible for awards and such.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jeanne reports that online entries are more work up front, but we did have more meet entrants this year. She has to add the paper entries, and download the ones from CA. John reports that it is more work, too, as CA deposits the check to WMAC. Last year WMSC subsidized two meets for a total of \$102. We approved to subsidize the same two meets this year, for \$1.50 per swimmer.

USMS would like stories about people; committee members, record holders, local volunteers, and the like. Per Dick, there is a spot on the USMS website, where they have just this. Dick has agreed to write a couple of stories to send in.

Jeanne is happy people are coming to local meets. She reports that we now have an auditor and a vice-chair. She would also like us all to think about coaching nominations. Mary would like to have a short write up on events within five days of the event being held. We are all guilty of not following this guideline.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The USAS Convention is late next year. Though we have a policy to hold our annual meeting the Saturday after Convention, we moved and approved to have it on September 19 next year.

We briefly discussed delegates for Kansas City next year. WMSC has agreed in the past to fund six participants.

John said 16 month registration is now an option, and reminded us that workout groups must be renewed by October 15.

USMS workouts must have a USMS member on deck acting as a coach, and this person cannot be the lifeguard. USMS now has the option of a 30-day trial period, and during this time, it is ok for the trial member to commingle with the rest of the group. The try-out form can be downloaded from the USMS website, and contains instructions on what to do with it.

John is going to wait until later this year to mail out paper renewal forms. This is in the hope that more people will register online. The yearly fee will be \$50, with \$37 going to USMS and \$13 staying with the LMSC. In the past, the OEVT fee was \$12, but has now gone up to \$15. We have been charging \$18 with \$12 going to USMS and \$6 staying, but we voted to change this fee to \$21, with \$15 going to USMS and \$6 staying with the LMSC.

## **ELECTIONS**

All officers want to remain in their respective offices except Ingrid, the treasurer. John nominated Mike Jacobson for this post. Fred says he's a good guy, runs his own business, and is a regular. He would like to get more involved. He could also be interested in maintaining the website at some future time. Dave seconded this motion. After a somewhat heated discussion, he was voted in, with Jeanne dissenting. The following is the current slate of officers

Chair-Jeanne Seidler

Vice Chair-Dick Pitman

Registrar-John Bauman

Secretary-Suzi Green

Treasurer-Mike Jacobson

Officials-Sue Wagner

Coaches-Fred Russell

Newsletter-Mary Schneider

Top Ten-Jeanne Seidler

Records-John Bauman

Sanctions-Jeanne Seidler

Webmaster-Jeanne Seidler (in conjunction with Club Assistant)

Open Water and Long Distance-James Biles

Fitness-Melodee Nugent

Safety-Jerry Lourigan

Auditor-Elyce Dilworth

The event schedule was approved as written and will appear at the end of the minutes. There was a lot of discussion as to if and how to add a meet to the schedule. We made a motion to have a team "prove themselves" before granting them a sanction, but we voted that down. In the

past, we've added other meets as long as it is not in conflict with another meets. We have so few that we don't want to do that. Jerry and Dick will talk to the pool manager at Middleton to see if they are willing to run a meet, and if they would like it to be sanctioned or merely recognized. We moved and approved to add meets that don't conflict, meet the sanction requirements, and fall a weekend apart from any previously scheduled meet. We will do a majority vote by phone to make the final decision. James made a motion to have it be at least two weeks apart, but then he rescinded his own motion.

There was discussion about whether the newsletter be sent as a PDF attachment (to be clicked on) or as a link in the body of an email (also to be clicked on). Most of us agreed that it didn't make any difference; either way would entail clicking on a link. We left it up to John to decide which was easiest for him. John wants to email the newsletter to anyone who has an email address. We are hoping to snail mail the newsletter to only a select few elderly or special needs members.

Jeanne is going to work on by-laws. She also would like to clean up the "places to swim" on the website. She would like us to think about an awards chair, and she would like meet info as soon as it is ready so that she may upload it to the USMS site. We also decided to have an interim meeting, on January 8, 2015 for which the agenda will be published.

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

Meet schedule as follows

	Date	Venue	Meet Director	Newsletter Publish Date
1	Nov/Dec 2014	Water Warriors	Melodee Nugent	Sept 25th
2	Dec 6 2014 (Sat)	West Bend SCM (1500 free)	John Bauman	Sept 25th
3	Jan 11 2015 (Sun)	YMCA @ Pabst Farms SCY (500 free)	John Bauman	Nov 20th
4	Jan 25 2015 (Sun)	Oshkosh YMCA SCY (1000 free)	Melinda Mann	Nov 20th
5	Feb 14 2015 (Sat)	Monona Grove HS SCY (500 free)	Steve Justinger	Nov 20th
6	Mar 8 2015 (Sun)	WFB HS SCY (1650 free)	Dave Clark	Jan 25th
7	Mar 28-29 2015 (Sat & Sun)	State SCY at Schroeder (1650 free)	Jeanne Seidler	Jan 25th
8	Apr 11 2015 (Sat)	Baraboo SCY (1000 free)	John Bauman	Jan 25th
9	Apr 23-26 2015	USMS SCY Nationals, San Antonio, TX		
10	May 7-10 2015	YMCA Masters Nationals, Sarasota, FL, recognized		
11	June 20 2015 (Sat)	State LCM at Schroeder	Jeanne Seidler	April 25th
12	July 2015 TBD (Sat)	Amy Belle Swim, Camp Minikani	Eric Jernberg	April 25th
13	Aug 6-9 2015 TBD	USMS LCM Nationals, Spire Institute, Geneva, Ohio		
14	Aug 2015 TBD (Sat)	2015 MOWS Open Water	Suzi Green	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
15	Sept, 2015 TBD	Senior Olympics SCY 2015 Recognized	Dave Clark	June 25 <sup>th</sup>
16	Dec, 2015 TBD	West Bend SCM 2015		Sept 25
17	Dec/Nov 2015	Water Warriors 2015	Melodee	Sept 25

Minutes respectively submitted

Suzi Green

