

## **Board of Directors Reports**

**Chair** – Mary Schneider

During the past year:

- Led interim meetings to change fees
- Appointed committee chairs for open positions
- Worked to update new by-laws for WMSC
- Responded to LMSC survey from USMS
- Composed monthly emails to communicate to members
- Attended the USMS convention

**Registrar** – Trina Schaetz

Registration Statistics:

2018-594 members (6 by paper included here)

2017-591 members

### **17 workout groups**

Chippewa Valley YMCA Masters  
Circus City Masters  
Elmbrook Masters  
Geneva Y Masters Swim Team  
Green Knight Masters Swimming  
Harbor Masters Swim Team  
Madison Area Masters  
McFarland Masters  
Milwaukee Recreation Aquatics Masters  
Oshkosh YMCA  
Ozaukee Aquatics  
Shorewood Swim Club  
South West Aquatic Masters  
Training Solutions Wavemasters  
Tri FASTER  
Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center  
Whitefish Bay Masters

### **2 clubs:**

Lakeshore Learn to Swim  
Wisconsin Masters Aquatic Club

**Secretary** – Jen May

The Secretary took minutes on 7May18 for the Registration Fee Meeting.

**Treasurer** – Mike Murray

1. Fulfilled the responsibilities of the WMSC treasurer
2. Assisted in the modifications to the WMSC By-Laws

**Vice Chair** – Jeanne Seidler

Worked to update by-laws.

**Auditor** – Elyce Dilworth

I reviewed the monthly reporting packages, reviewed the 2017 financial statements prior to filing with the National Office, and filed the 2017 Form 990 with the IRS.

**Coaches Chair** – Fred Russell

Dear Wisconsin Masters,

Many of you know from summer of 2017 to present that I have been treated for cancer somewhat limiting what I could do or projects I could engage.

However, I did attend nearly all the scheduled Wisconsin Meets while not competing.

What I did "tackle" was the preparation for Spring Nationals that included promoting the event to members and coaches, helping with pre-event planning and releases and actually coaching all sessions of the three day competition. I also worked with/directed our four member team of coaches Introducing National Coaching to two coaches.

I also emailed to about (100) swimmers and coaches, three weekly workouts designed for our sprinters, middle distance and distance swimmers focusing on and tapering for Nationals (approx. 100 workouts).

Finally, I attended certification courses last spring in Boston which included a course designed to teach stroke mechanics to swimmers and coaches. (Hope to utilize with our coaches soon).

Thank you,  
Fred Russell

**Editor** – Carl Milholland

I compiled and published the bi-monthly newsletter.

**Fitness Chair** – Melodee Nugent

Fitness Chair – Host Wisconsin Water Warriors Event (2017 – 37 participants), write articles for Wisconsin Newsletter on open water events and attend 2018 USMS Convention in Jacksonville. Also a Committee Member for the USMS Sports Medicine & Science Committee.

**Long Distance/Open Water Report** - Mary Jo Driscoll

This year there were two USMS Sanctioned Open Water Events in Wisconsin. The Madison Open Water Swim with 279 swimmers and the Inaugural Cream City Classic in Milwaukee with 72 swimmers. Several other non USMS sanctioned events took place in the state with Wisconsin LMSC members participating. We anticipate both races continuing in the future

USMS Sponsored 6 national Championship Open water races in 2018 and 3 E-Postal Events.

The 2019 Open Water National Championship Events are as follows:

- June 1 -Middle Distance - Lake Berryessa California
- June 15 - 2 Mile Cable Swim - Eagle Creek Park, Indiana
- July 14 Ultra Marathon - Portland, Oregon
- August 15-16 Sprint and Long Championships - Lake Willoughby, Vermont
- September 22 Marathon Open Water Championships - Knoxville TN

USMS will again sponsor three E-Postal Events in 2019.

- Jan 1 - Feb 28 - 1 Hour E-postal
- May 15 - Sept 15 5k/10k E-postal
- Sept 15 - Nov 15 - 3000/6000E -postal

Of note - at the USMS Annual meeting a change was approved to the long distance rules. A summary of the rule follows: *At the discretion of the event host, except for national championship swims, swimmers may be required to wear a personal buoy for identification and safety. If required, personal buoys will be considered Category I swimwear. If personal buoys are permitted but not required, they will be considered Category II Swimwear for purposes of placement and scoring. Requirements for buoys as well as rules for the use of these devices will be included in the event information.* Note: this is for NON

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMS ONLY and is at the discretion of the event host. (This will be in Part 3 of USMS Rule book - Sections 303.7.2E & 303.7.3D). Minor changes were made to other rules, but this was the most significant.

**Officials** – Susan Wagner

As Officials Chair:

- I have recruited officials and scheduled Officials for the Masters Meets in Wisconsin.
- As part of this position, as well as being an Official, I read the manual and share rule changes and updates with other officials who work the Wisconsin Masters Swim Meets.
- I promote Masters Swimming as I network in the swimming world as an Official.

**Safety** – Jerry Lourigan

- Swimmers entered the pool at meets in a more appropriate manner during warmups
- USMS national meet even had swimmers not observing the pool entry rules
- Signs at USMS national meet were good
- Active monitoring of the deck at USMS nationals was the most effective in getting swimmers to comply with the rules

**Sanctions** – Jeanne Seidler

The Sanction Chair is the primary LMSC contact that interfaces with event directors to ensure that the events have all the required information to conduct an event before the sanction is issued. Once the sanction is issued, the event is published on the USMS calendar and cannot change. Open water sanctions are processed through the USMS Sanction system, but the final sanction is issued from an Open Water specialist at USMS and not the LMSC Sanction Chair.

The Sanction Chair communicates with Meet Directors as to the content of the meet information as it relates to USMS Rules and Regulations. The Sanction Chair will also advise Meet Directors, offering suggestions as to the conduct of the meet outside the scope of USMS Rules and Regulations. The Sanction Chair becomes the reference point for USMS Insurance Certificates if the Meet Director is unaware of the Certificates. Should there be a need for filing a "Report of Occurrence" of a meet incident, the Sanction Chair will retain all incident reports. The Sanction Chair also follows up with the TTR to insure that results of all sanctioned events are reported upward. Optionally, the Sanction Chair should be aware of the past performance of meet hosts and call particular attention to any prior deficiencies. A performance bond is an option used in some LMSCs and may be required and further sanctions may be denied to an organization failing to live up to its obligation to conduct such events in accordance with applicable USMS swimming rules and administrative regulations and as stated on the meet information sheet.

The Sanction Chair is familiar with the USMS Rules and Regulations, is familiar with the USMS Online Sanction System and with the USMS Event Insurance processes. The Sanction Chair renders assistance to Meet Directors on short notice as they formulate the meets, meet program, meet announcements and the online request for sanction.

**Top 10 Recorder** – Jeanne Seidler

The Top Ten Recorder tracks and reports competitive results for the LMSC membership, obtaining all pool event results from the Meet Directors within two weeks of the event. The Top Ten Recorder submits regular result reports to the National Swims Administrator, and communicates notable results to LMSC Newsletter and Web Master sharing with the local membership. This TTR also works closely with the sanctioned and recognized Meet Directors confirm appropriate details related to USMS competitive rules and regulations.

The TTR uploads meet results to the USMS Event Results and Rankings database throughout the year for the LMSC's Sanctioned meets. Individual and relay results are compiled and reported for Top 10 consideration for each course (SCY, LCM, SCM) from all recognized and sanctioned events held within the LMSC by the deadlines, in the proper format, as described in the USMS Guide to Operations (GTO). Record Applications for USMS and World Records are coordinated with Meet Directors to insure timely submissions. The TTR tracks LMSC pool measurement forms and submits new measurements and bulkhead placement confirmation measurements to USMS. The TTR also submits any Requested Split

forms prepared at meets and forwarded on from Meet Directors to include in the Top 10 course submission. Collaboration has to be done with the LMSC Sanction Chair to ensure that all events are submitted to the USMS calendar of events and all event records and tabulations requirements are met.

**Web Master – Mindy Seidler**

Webmaster Update:

The Wisconsin LMSC website: <https://www.swim-wimasters.org> has been in existence for over 15 years. Club Assistant provides website hosting services, at a monthly cost to the LMSC. These services include: domain name re-registration, website layout/structure, content management, website analytics, Monday-Friday business hours support, and a simple user interface by which to manage our content. The website is updated monthly and ad-hoc. The site is the main content repository for all current and past LMSC related business (if it is in electronic form). General updates and use of the site have been the same during 2018 as in any prior year of its existence.

The Wisconsin LMSC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Wisconsin-Masters-Swim-Committee-186883398012961> has been in existence for around 5 years. The Page is moderated by the Webmaster. The page security is tight, to prevent spam and unrelated posts. The page is updated as needed and is currently used as a push notification mechanism for those who "Like" the page. Anyone can "Like" the page, as is commonplace with most other LMSC Facebook pages. General updates and use of the site have been the same during 2018 as in any prior year of its existence.

The Wisconsin LMSC Webmaster makes updates to the LMSC Website and LMSC Facebook page. The Wisconsin LMSC does not have any other social media presence.