

2014 Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee Annual Meeting Minutes

**December 6, 2014
Duanesburg, NY**

Meeting agenda and copies of the 2013 annual meeting were distributed to all attendees and meeting was called to order.

A. Introductions

In attendance: Mary Field, Amanda Misner, Wolfgang Wehmann, Ann Svenson, Gust Svenson, Patrick Quinn, Florence Grimm, N. Elizabeth Dearstyne, Mary Beth Windrath, John Naple, Bill Blance, Brian Head, Douglas Koop, Matthew Glowgowski, David Dammerman, Dan Wall, Steve Atkins, Dan Wall

Officers in attendance: Dan Wall, Chair; Matt Glowgowski, Vice Chair; Doug Koop, Treasurer; Ann Svenson, Registrar; Mary Field, Secretary; Steve Atkins, Sanctions and Officials; Ann Svenson, Open Water Chair; Mary Beth Windrath, Records and Top Ten

Dan Wall welcomed all to the 2014 annual meeting and proceeded with business. A brief discussion followed explaining the organizational structure of the Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee and its club(s).

B. Minutes of 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the 2013 meeting were approved with no objections and adopted by Patrick Quinn and seconded by Ann Svenson.

C. Registrar's Report

Ann Svenson reported 279 registrations for 2014 compared to 237 for 2013. There was a record for September registrations in 2014. Presently there are 64 registrations for 2015. Goal for 2015 is 300. There is one new club, Catskill Recreation Club.

Participant Comment: Encourage new Masters swim programs to drive up new registrations.

D. Treasurer's Report

Doug Koop distributed and reviewed the 2013 Financial Report, dated 12/6/14 (attached). He also recapped the state of the LMSC for the 2014 interim statement as of 12/2/14. Currently there is a operating loss of \$1,533. Bank balance is \$14,746. Doug showed some concern over the loss.

Participant Comments: There will be a return of a sanction fee from the Lake George Open Water Swim that will offset a portion of that loss. The bank account seems quite healthy for a non profit organization.

Comment: Since the meeting we received \$300 from USMS as a rebate for sanction insurance surcharge for Lake George and the organizers have paid \$350 towards the insurance surcharge.

E. Sanction Chair's Report

Steve Atkins reported attendance down in meets.

The more popular Ballston Spa meets are no longer held as the meet organizers are not interested in organizing them.

The recent introduction of on-line registrations for our meets have proven to be a good procedure. The LMSC will continue to subsidize the Club Assistant fees for meets if so requested.

There were four meets. Three meets had an attendance of 35 and under.

Glens Falls has offered the one-event registration in the past (there were none in 2014).

Participant Comments: Much discussion followed concerning the lack of meets and attendance. The Pentathlon Meet previously held at Ballston Spa was quite popular and many would like that meet resurrected at perhaps another venue. Discussion also included the marketing of swimming to the medical field (April is Adult Learn To Swim Month), trying to gain more first time meet participants, introducing more "specialty" type meets and the formation of a committee to accomplish these goals. An email to recruit the committee is a task at hand.

F. Other Business

Mary Beth Windrath and Paul Windrath will be leaving the area in 2015 and we will be losing two dedicated volunteers. A webmaster will be needed ASAP and needs to be advertised immediately. Mary Beth will continue on as Top 10 and Records recorder but will need to train a candidate on policy and procedures.

Dan Wall discussed his objective to increase membership, meet attendance and the public awareness of the benefits of swimming and USMS. Suggestions include the distribution of literature through the Ys, an email survey to see if there is interest in a clinic by an "expert" or coach and the involvement of pools and organizations in Adult Learn to Swim Month.

Dan would like to solicit a social committee for the organization of possible upcoming social events.

The Board of Directors needs to review the LMSC by-laws especially in regard to Hearings, Appeals and Athlete's Rights. Task is to draft changes, distribute to members and call special meeting to approve and adopt.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Field, Secretary