

2015 Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee Annual Meeting Minutes

**November 22, 2015 (Revised November 20, 2016)
Ballston Spa, NY**

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The 2015 meeting agenda and copies of the 2014 meeting minutes were made available to all officers and attendees. The original and proposed by-laws with highlighted revisions were displayed on poster board and copies of each were also placed on each table.

Meeting was called to order.

A. Introductions

In attendance:

Taylor Diepold	Bill Blance	Steve Atkins
Matthew Glogowski	Scott Kullman	Amanda Misner
Jonathan Churins	Kathy Meany	Brian Head
N. Liz Dearstyn	Douglas Koop	Dan Canty
Rich Starace	Willy Grimmke	Bob Singer
Deb Roberts	Karen Byer	James Harding
Rachel Roe-Dale	Eleni Polychronidou	Mary Field
Ann Svenson	Dan Wall	

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

B. Chairperson's Report – Dan Wall

Dan Wall welcomed all to the 2014 annual meeting and proceeded with business.

The minutes of the 2014 meeting were approved with no objections and adopted.

Dan began by focusing on the need for more meets and fitness events. He spoke about the creation and promotion of new fitness events within the LMSC. He is putting the final touches on the concept of an ADK (Adirondack) 46'er Fitness Event. This is a takeoff of the non-profit organization whose members have climbed the 46 major peaks of New York's Adirondack Mountains. There will be multiple options on how to complete the swim which will fit everyone's skill level.

2017 will be the year for elections and Dan called on a volunteer for Nominating Committee. Bill Blance volunteered.

Dan called for volunteers to fill the positions of Marketing/Promotions Chair and Fitness Chair. There were no volunteers. There was no further discussion on this item.

Taylor Diepold volunteered to look into holding a fitness event at the Catskill Recreation Center.

Later in the meeting Dan discussed the USMS Adult Learn to Swim program and the required certification program. Ann Svenson noted that the closest certification program was to be held in Boston, April 23. At this time, there were no volunteers to attend the certification program in Boston.

Holding clinics was also a topic of conversation for involving the current membership and a way to grow the membership. Terry Laughlin commented that he would consider organizing an instructional clinic.

Dan Wall has indicated that he would like to step down as Chair.

C. Treasurer's Report – Doug Koop

Doug Koop distributed and reviewed the 2015 Interim Income Statement and although we are showing a loss for the year, the bank balance is healthy. He also presented a 7-year Balance Summary report.

D. Sanction Chair's Report – Steve Atkins

Steve Atkins reported low attendance in four (4) meets during the 2014/2015 season.

Leatherstocking, Oneonta College – 28

Duanesburg Athletic Center – 22

Happy New Year Meet, Mohonasen High School – 18

Glens Falls YNCA– 26

2015/2016 season started off on a better note with the Leatherstocking meet drawing 38 people.

We used Club Assistant (CA) last year for the first time for online entries. It worked well and made it significantly easier to do entries and collect money for meets. We will continue to use it. Last year we subsidized the CA fees. CA charges a \$100 flat fee for meets under 60 people plus 5% of the entry fees.

Sanctions used to be free but as of 2016 there will be a \$50 charge to help cover USMS insurance.

Our entry fees have gone up from \$5/event to \$6/event plus a \$5 surcharge to cover CA costs and the new sanction fee.

David Dammerman and Ann Svenson will be stepping down as the coordinators of the annual Betsy Owens Swim on Mirror Lake and have contacted Greenleaf Racing, LLC to

possibly take over the event. Greenleaf already runs the Lake George Open Water Swim in August and the Lake George Marathon Swim in September.

E. Top Ten and Records – Amanda Misner

Amanda Misner introduced herself and briefly reviewed the standing procedure for reporting records set outside of the LMSC.

F. Registrar’s Report – Ann Svenson

There will be no increase in the LMSC fee this year. Ann Svenson reported 282 registrations for 2015.

Registration history:

2014-279	2011-278
2013-237	2010-255
2012-244	2009-246

To date, 2016 registrations are at 52.

G. New Business – Mary Field, Secretary

The proposed LMSC’s revised by-laws were distributed to the general membership on October 21. Several replies were received from members acknowledging receipt and accepting the bylaws. There was one member who made several comments regarding the Grievance section and suggested some revisions. After legal review by Cailie Currin, revisions were made to the Grievance procedures. The revisions were posted and made available to attendees. The revisions were voted upon and were unanimously accepted. The by-laws were voted upon and unanimously adopted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Field, Secretary

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