

Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2022

Attendance via Zoom Call: Robert Singer, Deb Roberts, Steve Atkins, Doug Koop, Dan Wall, Kristen Hislop, Karen Byer, Dale Seaton, Jeannie Rutherford, Willy Grimmke, Mark Splitsen, Kathy Meany, Tim Sinnennberg, Tom Fitzgerald and Patrick Quinn.

Adoption of the 2021 minutes was approved by the membership.

Reports of the Officers:

Chairman (Robert Singer): Bob reported that Masters Swimming is doing well nationally with numbers almost back to pre-Covid levels and lots of competitive swims taking place. Despite this the numbers are still off locally. Our concerns should be geared toward providing value to the members in both quality and quantity. The summer swims at Mirror Lake and Hague were successful and we have Greenleaf Racing and their sponsorship to thank for these successes. If we would like to offer more events it will mean we need to attract more active organizers and workers. We are putting out the plea for volunteers and are offering some tools and personnel to assist these new recruits.

Vice Chair (Kathy Meany): In 2022 we conducted three solid meets. One was held at Skidmore College, one at the Kingston YMCA and the third at Hartwick College. Each had 35-45 registered swimmers from diverse areas and diverse LMSC's. Kathy has prepared a checklist for running a meet so that anyone interested in doing so can use it as a template. There will be no meet at Guilderland this spring but a fitness workout with a social event to follow is being planned. Kathy also put out the plea for more members to engage themselves in leadership roles and welcomed them to job shadow during the organization of an upcoming meet.

Treasurer's (Doug Koop): The finances of the organization are in a healthy state. It is the desire of the board to begin using the money for the service of the members. Dale Seaton volunteered to be Doug's job shadower so that he may one day take over as treasurer. Dale comes to us with the necessary financial experience and knowledge of the Exel program. The treasurers report was approved by the membership.

Membership Coordinator (Steve Atkins): There were 143 members in 2021 and 166 members in 2022. Steve added that there was a welcome wave of young people at the recent meets.

Officials Chair (Deb Roberts): A discussion was held as to the payment of officials at the meets. It was decided that officials would be paid \$100.00 per meet for them to either keep or donate to the host team.

New Business: A Nomination Committee of Tim Sinnennberg, Jeannie Rutherford, Dale Seaton and Mark Splitsen was presented to the membership after requesting volunteers from the membership. The nomination committee presented a slate of potential officers for the next two years to include:

Chairman: Robert Singer, Vice Chair: Kathy Meany, Treasurer: Doug Koop, Secretary: Karen Byer, Membership Coordinator: Steve Atkins, Officials Chair: Deb Roberts, Records: Dan Wall and Coaches Chair: Kristen Hislop. There were no nominations from the floor. A ballot of the above will be distributed via Survey Mankey so that all members may be included in the vote.

The Survey Monkey virtual vote resulted in all of the above nominees being elected to their respective positions.

A fitness event has been scheduled for 1/1/23 to include 100X100's or 75's or 50's all to be swam on the 1:45 interval. It will be at the Glens Falls YMCA pool. The cost will be \$20 for a YMCA member and \$30 for a non-member. It was decided that AD-LMSC will subsidize \$10 of the cost for AD-LMSC members.

A meet has been definitively scheduled for 4/15/23 at the Skidmore College pool in Saratoga Springs, NY.

It was requested by the membership that a "Swim Meet 101" event be scheduled with instruction on legal entry into the pool and legal turns and strokes at USMS swim meets. Jeannie Rutherford will attempt solidify pool access at the Gateway pool in Cohoes, NY so that this event may be organized.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Byer, Secretary