

Arkansas Masters Swim Club
Annual Meeting, Ft. Smith, July 17, 2010

Minutes

Present: Bud Jackson, David Gillanders, Frank Lorge, Ricky Murphy, Marvin Schwartz, Rick Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Roger Henry, Kurt Schmitt, Randy Mertes, Deb Spencer, Jeff Spencer, Margaret Schmitt, Leann McClendon, M. Lynn Palmer, Brent Tininenko, Bill Keller, Arthur Kidd, Lori Terlouw, Howard Rutenberg, Ed McCowan, Mary Llew Anders, Rick Anders

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Spencer.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting on July 18, 2009 were reviewed by Howard Rutenberg. It was moved, seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Registrar-Roger Henry

Roger reported that only 60% of ARM members registered on-line utilizing the Club Assistant process. Roger recommended that all members register online utilizing that process because it is more efficient and membership cards become immediately available from USMS. Roger also reported that, as of July 16, Arkansas Masters had 129 members. He stated that the age breakdown is as follows (not inclusive of new members):

Teens-1

20'-2

30's-8

40's-9

50's-29

60's-39

70's-19

80's-6

90's-1

Treasurer-Cathy Dawkins

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 were distributed and reviewed by Howard Rutenberg in Cathy's absence. Total cash and CDs as of 12/31/09 were \$10,857. The ending cash balance/CD balance as of June 30, 2010 was \$11,813. The source of revenue is primarily from member registrations. Money spent was primarily for the USMS portion of dues. The required tax return for the year ended 12/31/09 was filed with the IRS. The financial report for the year ended 12/31/09 was submitted to USMS, as required. Cathy recommended regularly spending ARMS funds.

Records-Marvin Schwartz

Marvin stated that state records are complete and up-to-date. He reminded everyone that it is the responsibility of the swimmer or meet director to notify him of records that are believed to have been set. Once records have been set they are reported by Marvin to the Webmaster (David Gillanders).

Webmaster-David Gillanders

David reported that it appears that we may need to implement software changes in the near future. This may increase software costs. David is considering redesigning the website and welcomes suggestions from members.

Sanctions-Lynn Palmer

Lynn reported that five events have been sanctioned for 2010. Those include: Arkansas Senior Olympics (SCM)-Hot Springs, September 18, Hall of Fame (SCY)-Little Rock, April 24, NW Aquatics Masters Swimming Invitational (LCM)-Bentonville, June 12, Open Water Swim-Beaver Lake, September 6, Ft. Smith Long Course Invitational (LCM), July 17.

Secretary/Newsletter-Howard Rutenberg

Howard reported that the quarterly (March, June, September, and December) newsletter is made available on-line and he encourages articles and suggestions submitted by members for inclusion in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Club T-Shirts

During the treasurer's report, Marvin Schwartz moved that ARM develop t-shirts with the club logo that members could wear to various events. These t-shirts would be made available to new members upon initial registration and to existing members via purchase. The motion was seconded and was unanimously passed. Rick Anders volunteered to work with Mary Llew to design and develop a prototype t-shirt. Further communication to members regarding this project will occur on-line.

USMS Annual Convention

Jeff reported that the annual USMS Convention will be held in Dallas, TX, September 16-19, 2010. He asked if any members were interested in attending on behalf of ARM. No one expressed interest in attending. Ultimately, Howard Rutenberg volunteered to attend the meeting. ARM will pay for 75% of convention expenses incurred.

Financial Support of State Meets

In addition to providing financial support for attendance at annual USMS conventions, Mary Llew Anders recommended financial support for state meets, when necessary. The idea that all such requests shall be brought to the attention of the Chairman for consideration was supported by those present. It was agreed that spending ARM funds in this manner is a worthy expenditure of funds.

Calendar

Jeff reviewed the events that have been already held and are about to be held for 2010. He also reviewed the not-yet-final 2011 calendar which included the following events: One Hour Postal (Jan. 15, 21, 29), Hall of Fame Meet (April), USMS Nationals (April 28-May 1), NW Arkansas Aquatics Invitational (June 11), Chesapeake Bay OWS (June 13), Ft. Smith LC Invitational (July 16), USMS Nationals (August), OK State LC Championships August, Tulsa), Tallchief Open Water Challenge (August 27), Ozark Open Water Swim (September), Arkansas Senior Games (Hot Springs, September), Huntsman World Senior Games (October). Jeff encouraged meet directors to establish dates as soon as possible so they could be reported to USMS and published on the national and state calendars.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officer positions' terms (two year terms) were expiring and required action:

Registrar

Roger Henry declined to serve another term. Brent Tininenko was nominated for this position. A vote was taken and Brent was unanimously elected to the position of Registrar.

Treasurer

Cathy Dawkins declined to serve another term. Deb Spencer was nominated for this position. A vote was taken and Deb was unanimously elected to the position of Treasurer.

Webmaster

David Gillanders graciously agreed to serve another term as Webmaster.

Vice Chair Position

Jeff proposed consideration of establishing this position. The establishment of this position was tabled for later discussion.

RECOGNITION

Appreciation was expressed to retiring officers Roger Henry (Registrar) and Cathy Dawkins (Treasurer) for their many years of service and their contributions to Arkansas Masters swimming.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Rutenberg
Secretary