

# Arkansas Masters Swimming Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Jan 24<sup>rd</sup> 2019

## Meeting Minutes

Present: Carie O'Banion, Scott Halliburton, Carolyn Hyink, Anita Parisi, , Bonnie Adams, Byron Shefchik, Megan Cameron, CD Beaver, Kristen Caldwell, Randy Mertes, and Kim Ratcliff

Carie O'Banion called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

### 1. Welcome and introduction

- Byron Shefchik attending as new Sanctions Chair
- Megan Cameron and CD Beaver attending from Missouri
- Kristen Caldwell attending as new Officials Chair

### 2. Review of ARKM accomplishments in 2018

Full detail in appended agenda below

### 3. Events for 2019:

Full detail in appended agenda below with highlights including:

- April 13: Tentative Hall of Fame meet in Little Rock
- Potential for long course meet in Bentonville  
(Scott suggested Saturday morning 8/3 after State Meet)

### 4. Approval of minutes from 5/1/18 and 1/23/18 meetings:

- Bonnie motioned to approve
- Randy seconded and group approved unanimously

### 5. Election of Board Members:

- New Members: Paige Grunnagle (Secretary), Byron Shefchik (Sanctions), & Kristen Caldwell (Officials)
- Anita motioned to approve
- Carolyn seconded and group approved unanimously

### 6. Officer Reports

#### Sanctions Report:

- Only 4 meets were paid for (2 at BCC, 1 Hall of Fame, 1 Mary Grace Tucker -- 2 Bezerker meets were paid for by Missouri Valley LMSC
  - Randy expressed need for measurement of pools in order for meets to be officially sanctioned and also noted a one week waiting period on meets to allow for advertising in order for event to be eligible for records. He also noted that USA Swimming Athlete members' times

qualify for USMS records

- Megan Cameron said she will measure Missouri Southern in Joplin

#### Registrar Report:

Scott advised we have 95 members made up of 60 males & 35 females.

Largest age group is 55-59yrs with 17

Geographic breakout: 59 ARKM, 5 Jonesboro (DART), 11 Little Rock, 7 NWA, 13 unattached  
Workout groups: 6 Berzerkers & 16 MCM (Megan Cameron's group)

- Anita raised topic she recalled from previous meeting about allowing people who swim in 3 events a year to have membership comped. No one recalled this, but acknowledged we need to find ways to incentivize membership.

- Size of Joplin membership noted and Megan advised she is able to require membership for her practice group members (she rents pool and needs umbrella insurance policy)

- Anita noted she is not able to require membership at Fayetteville Athletic Club because owner will not allow requirement

#### Webmaster Report:

Carolyn brought up topic of eliminating the Arkansas Masters Club classification and have the Arkansas LMSC include all clubs (TJOS, Little Rock, Joplin, MCM, DART, NWAM, & Unattached) – LMSC would receive \$10 for each person who joins any club

### **7. Financial Review:**

Anita presented the Balance Sheet as well as Actual income/expenses for 2018 and Budget for 2019:

- Revenues were received from Dues & Donations were at \$1688, 4 events, Swim Outlet % of sales (\$74), Swag sales (\$98), leading to \$2605 in income. Expenses included Sanctions expenses for 4 events at \$50 each

- For 2019, \$500 budgeted for Sanctioning, \$500 for Awards/Promotion, and will add 2\*\$250 for Adult Learn to Swim

- Scholarships are available for Events (\$100), Coach's Clinics, Individuals going to Nationals

- Increase Coach's training budget to \$1K

- Adjustments lead to a \$5977 Budget which leads to a -\$4352 deficit, but still have \$16,900 account balance

- Bonnie requested funds for an Adult Learn to Swim sponsorship, potentially using J Street 25 meter pool for Joys of Swimming

- Bonnie motioned to approve as amended

- Carolyn seconded and group approved unanimously

### **8. New Business**

- Arkansas Masters Swimmer of the Year Nominations: Carie, Scott, & Byron

Qualification is someone who excels in or out of pool and contributes to spirit of Masters Swimming (announcement of selection will be made in February newsletter)

- Carie to call April meeting to discuss summer events
- Megan to schedule ALTS event in February timeframe
- Bonnie to schedule ALTS for April timeframe soon (announcement of dates will be in February newsletter) that will include 5 classes at Joys of Swimming location, and she has instructors lined up, but will need other volunteers (greeters, helpers, etc.)
- Scott suggested reaching out to Wiley Elliot at Celebrate Magazine to publicize events
- Anita made suggestion of having a dinner or mile swim at Melvin Aquatics center as fundraiser for ALTS programs
- Carolyn made suggestion of being in Bentonville Parade for publicity
- It was mentioned that we have previously publicized Masters at Tri Fest booth
- Postponing discussion of Clarification of State Records and other new business until next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

(Motioned by Randy, seconded by Carolyn, and unanimously approved)

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## Arkansas Masters Swimming, Annual Meeting Agenda

Thurs., Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review of ARKM accomplishments in 2018
  - Events: 2 meets in Bentonville, Labor Day Swim in Bentonville, Hall of Fame meet in Little Rock
  - ARKM webpage: Photos and articles, Swimmer Bios, Places to Swim...
  - Policies and Procedures document created and posted to webpage
  - Monthly Newsletter being published
  - Facebook Updates
  - Promo items: caps, towels, tote bags
  - Welcome letter and decal to new registrants
  - Convention: Anita attended in Jacksonville, FL
3. Events for 2019:

- Bezerkers Dual Sanctioned meet, SCY (Feb. 8-9, Webb City, MO)
- South Central Zone Meet, SCY (Mar. 29-31, Woodlands, TX)
- USMS Short Course Nationals (Apr. 25-28, Mesa, AZ)
- Hall of Fame Meet in Little Rock (?)
- South Central Zone Meet, LCM (July 19-21, College Station, TX)
- USMS Long Course Nationals (Aug. 7-11, Mission Viejo, CA)
- NWA Long Course Meet in Bentonville?

4. Approve minutes from meetings of 5/1/18 and 1/23/18

5. Election of Board Members:

- New members: Secretary (?), Sanctions (Byron Shefchik), Officials (Kristen Caldwell)

6. Officer Reports

7. Financial Review

- Balance Sheet
- Actuals for 2018 and Budget for 2019

8. New Business

- LMSC organization and Club Finder
- Arkansas Masters swimmer of the year
- ALTS Clinics. How can we support them?
- Reimburse board members annual dues

9. Goals for 2019--- Our mission is “to promote and develop swimming for the benefit of swimmers of all abilities aged 18 and over in accordance with the standards and the rules prescribed by USMS and this Club.” How can we set goals that support our mission?

