

GEORGIA LMSC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2010

1. ROLL CALL

Attending the meeting were the following: Lisa Watson, Ed Saltzman, Sean Fitzgerald, Rob Copeland, Cathy Copeland, Megan Copeland, Emily Krause, Stephanie Roop, Ginny Trimble, Jennifer Nirenberg, Cathy Jones, Raquel Terroba, Marianne Countryman, Ellen Clay, Mark Schremmer, Leslie Landey, Philip Daniels, Nathan Jackson, Bryan "Mitchell" Mitchell, Mark Anderson, Jeffrey Tacca, Tom Ramthum, Jeff Bond, Greg Monke, Steve Roberts, David Eng, Elaine Krugman, Walter Leen, David Miller, Richard Dixon, Peter Westafer, Bill Dudley.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM 2009 MEETING

The minutes of last year's meeting were unanimously approved.

3. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Lisa Watson, Chair- reflected on the banner year that 2010 has been for our LMSC with the success of 2010 SC Nationals, currently the largest indoor Nationals ever held. Lisa thanked everyone who volunteered in some way for the National meet. She noted that our success is primarily due to the efforts of our wonderful meet director Ed Saltzman-Ed basically dedicated the last 2 years into putting this meet together. Lisa presented Ed with a plaque from the LMSC acknowledging his efforts.

Sean Fitzgerald, Vice Chair- Sean announced that the annual St Nicholas SCM Invitational, which is sponsored by the Atlanta Rainbow Trout at Georgia Tech, will be held Saturday, December 18. This was the only weekend day possible in either November or December. Meet information will be out shortly. The meet will also be held this same weekend next year as well (December 17).

Karol Welling, Secretary-was unable to attend this year. Karol was acknowledged in her absence for being such a wonderful Annual Meeting hostess for so many years.

Bob Kohmescher, Newsletter Editor- was unable to attend. Swimmers are reminded to be sure to send Bob any newsworthy information you might have for the newsletter-whether it's swimming related or just a good human interest topic.

Bill Lotz, Registrar (reported by Lisa Watson)- This has also been a banner year for registration in our LMSC. We have just topped 1000 members for the first time- this is an increase of nearly 200 swimmers over previous years, largely attributed to the success of our SC Nationals.

Ed Saltzman, Treasurer- Ed reported that our net profit from SC Nationals was approximately \$60,000. Per our meet contract with Georgia Tech, we split the profit with them, which still left our LMSC with a net gain of about \$30,000. The LMSC Board has been discussing ways to use this profit to help our Georgia LMSC, which will be discussed during New Business.

Jeffrey Tacca, Member-at-Large- Jeffrey applauded our efforts at Nationals and increased attendance.

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Donna Hooe, Coaches Chair (by Lisa Watson)-Donna was unable to attend, but Lisa

acknowledged the fanatastic job Donna did putting together relays for our SC Nationals, as well as LC Nationals in Puerto Rico. We have nearby Nationals for the next 2 years. With 2011 LC (Summer) in Auburn and 2012 SC (Spring) in Greensboro, North Carolina. Donna will be organizing relays for these events as well.

Ed Saltzman-Communications, Officials/Sanctions, TopTen/Records- Ed obviously wears many hats in our LMSC! Ed announced that he is getting ready to update our Georgia website (www.georgiamasters.org), deleting past info regarding 2010 SC Nationals to make way for new material, including a Georgia Hall of Fame to recognize our premier swimmers and contributors to our LMSC. Swimmers are encouraged to become officials, since we are in short supply. If your team is planning to hold a swim meet, it must be sanctioned before it can be advertised. Sanction forms are on the Georgia LMSC website. Georgia Top Ten and other records have been updated.

Rob Copeland, Long Distance & Safety Chair- Rob hopes to get another open water event for next summer. The Georgia Games Open Water event is now being run without a Masters sanction.

John Zeigler, Fitness Chair- John was unable to attend. Lisa asked how many at the meeting were involved in the Go The Distance USMS fitness event. She touted the benefits of this event, where swimmers can catalog their mileage each month and see how they stand against swimmers from all over the country. This could also be a good incentive for our various Georgia teams to compete against each other in terms of total mileage accumulated.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The last 2 Georgia events for 2010 will be the Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet on November 7 and the St Nicholas SCM Invitational at Georgia Tech on December 18.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ideas for spending profit from Nationals-

- 1. Offset \$2 dues increase next year by decreasing our fees \$2 per swimmer**
- 2. Stimulus/seed money for new meets to reduce financial risk for the host**
- 3. Sponsor more open water events- pay for rental equipment**
- 4. Reward teams who furnished volunteers for nationals**
- 5. Continue scholarship program for college students & seniors**
- 6. Study possibility of bringing clinics for coaches, stroke clinics, etc... to Georgia**

B. Swim Fest 2011- Rob Copeland addressed this possibility. Swim Fest has been held as a national event the last 2 years to provide a national clinic for coaches and swimmers. Event hosts must be able to provide a long course facility, adequate warm-up space, classroom space, and an open water venue. Typically, the event is held in mid or late May, after SC Nationals. Rob is checking into the possibility of having this in Georgia next year, if we can find a suitable venue. Submission deadline is October 15.

C. Dixie Zone Calendar 2011- January-

- 1-31 USMS Hour Swim Postal Championships**
- 29-30 Charlotte, NC SCY**

February-

5- Marist SCY Developmental meet (tentative date)

12-13 Auburn, AL SCY

18-20 Mt Pleasant, SC SCY

25-27 DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS Ft Lauderdale, FL

March-

TBA St Patrick's Day SCY Invitational @ Dynamo

April-

1-3 St Petersburg, FL

10 W Gwinnett Park SCY Developmental Meet (tentative date)

14-17 Y Nationals- Ft Lauderdale, FL

28-M1 USMS SC (Spring) Nationals- Mesa, AZ

May-

1- final day of USMS SC Nationals

22- Ocala, FL LC

28 DIXIE ZONE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP-Fernandina Beach

June-

4- Classic City LC Invitational @ UGA

10-12 DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIP- Sarasota, FL

11 Death Valley Open Water Swim- Clemson, SC

25-26 Greenville,SC LC

July-

6-10 IGLA Championships- Honolulu, HI LC

9-10 St Petersburg, FL LC

TBA Adamsville LC Developmental Meet

August-

3-6 USMS LC (Summer) Nationals- Auburn, AL

14 Garden Hills SCY Developmental Meet

28 Mt Park SCY Developmental Meet

September-

24- Peachtree City SCY Pentathlon

24- Georgia LMSC Annual Meeting

October-

15-16 DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIP- Charlotte, NC

15-16 Orlando, FL SCM

November-

6 Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet (tentative date)

TBA Columbia, SC SCM

December -

17 St Nicholas SCM Invitational @ Georgia Tech

D. 2012 NATIONAL MEETS

1. SC (Spring)- Greensboro, NC April 26-29

2. LC (Summer)- Omaha, Nebraska July 5-8

***at Olympic Trials venue immediately following Olympic trials**

E. OTHER BUSINESS-

1. Walter Leen made a motion to increase the amount of college scholarships

to allow up to 8 per team (4 women and 4 men) with the intent of being able to form relays with these young swimmers. There was much discussion on this proposal. This could potentially be very costly and may prevent us from using our Nationals profit for other worthy purposes. It was decided to table this motion. The LMSC Board will discuss it further at the next Conference Call meeting on November 4. Anyone is welcome to attend the call. Contact Lisa or another board member if you'd like to attend.

2. Mark Schremmer made a motion to designate our 3 big regional meets in Georgia (St Pat, UGA, St Nick) as State Championships, as a possible incentive to increase participation. Mark noted that several other states were already doing this. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. This would go into effect for the 2011 year: at least for the time being, the meets will still go by their original names with the added title of "State Championships".

7. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

Lisa made a resolution for our Georgia LMSC to continue on this upward trend of membership and involvement. She also commented that we need active involvement and encouraged members to think about serving in one of the LMSC positions in the future. Next year is an election year. Lisa also thanked Rob Copeland for making arrangements for the luncheon meeting and on behalf of the LMSC wished Rob Happy Birthday (his birthday is today).

8. **ADJOURNMENT-** the meeting was adjourned at 2 PM