

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 4 October 2020, via ZOOM

ROLL CALL

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Marianne Countryman
Elaine Krugman
Britta O'Leary
Mark Rogers
Leann Rossi
Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Bob Kohmescher
Ed Saltzman

Georgia (GAJA)

Elizabeth Giesecking

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Andy Rettig
Lisa Watson

Southside Seals (SSS)

Rob Copeland
Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Pat Eddy
Stephanie Lemmons

Adoption of Minutes from 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Directors

Chairman (Britta O'Leary) – Britta shared that this year, while it started out strong, has been very challenging due to the pandemic but that the LMSC is doing the best it can in light of the restrictions and cancellations. The newsletter is keeping our swimmers engaged and some swimmers are enjoying open water swimming while their pools are closed.

Vice Chair (Lisa Watson) – Lisa explained that as Vice Chair, she serves in Britta's absence. She runs the developmental meets for the LMSC. She also serves on the USMS Fitness Committee

Registrar (Andy Rettig) – As Registrar, Andy monitors online registrations, National Office notes and handles paper registrations. He processes changes such as name changes, deaths and team affiliations. He coordinates with the Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) and the Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) and provides monthly reports for the Georgia LMSC. The current report shows that Georgia has 847 registered swimmers.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is doing well financially. As Treasurer, Ed oversees the bank account, writes the annual financial report, files our taxes, files our state corporate registration, collects fees for sanctions, subsidizes money-losing meets and tracks the budget. He noted that the USMS has adopted a unified registration fee, a new development which still has some growing pains.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – For Top Ten duties, after checking for accuracy, Ed submits our results to and gleans times from the USMS database for Georgia's Top Ten, the Dixie Zone Top Ten and the National Top Ten times for SCY, SCM and LCM. Ed also tracks all records by Georgia swimmers in USA meets, international meets and USMS meets. All meet results have been submitted and the records are current and accurate.

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – As our Officials Chair, Ed works with meet directors to ensure adequate manning by officials. *Note: Ed is also the Georgia Officials Chair for USA Swimming.* As the Sanctions Chair, Ed ensures the meet officials and meet directors fulfill USMS requirements, and that the results are closed out by the meet director and that the officials file a referee report. While no sanctions have been given out lately due to the pandemic, he is looking forward to a safe return to swimming and competitions.

Website (Ed Saltzman) – Ed keeps the website up-to-date and tests all the links. The new Southeast Zone website is also up and running.

Secretary (Karol Welling) – I take the minutes of the meetings.

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – Bob continues to do an excellent job of putting together the newsletter for our members. Bob also welcomes our new swimmers as they register.

Open Water (Rob Copeland) – No sanctioned Open Water events were held this year, only informal lake swims.

Safety – This is an open position.

Fitness – The Fall Fitness Challenge is a one-mile swim 15-30 November. Lisa has the Go The Distance awards to distribute from last year.

Coaches (Pat Edy) – Pat had nothing to report for the Coaches committee. He does have the Grand Prix awards from last year to distribute. There will be no Grand Prix for 2020.

Members At Large

Jeffrey Tacca – Jeffrey shared news of some pools that are allowing swimming along with their safety restrictions.

Elaine Krugman - Elaine writes many interesting articles and swimmer profiles for our newsletter. She enjoys being a convention delegate and told us of the new inclusion committee.

Mark Rogers – Mark is eager to step in and help wherever needed.

Leann Rossi – Leann created for us two new logos, one for the Georgia LMSC and the other for the Southeast Zone. She enjoyed experiencing the convention and signed up for the Open Water committee and the Inclusion committee.

Stephanie Lemmons – Stephanie oversees our presence on social media.

Unfinished Business

GA LMSC Bylaws – The procedures for grievances have been incorporated into the Bylaws. Approved by acclamation.

Recap USMS Annual Meeting – This was held over ZOOM, which while productive, mostly eliminates the opportunity to socialize with other delegates. The unified membership fee passed. Britta was elected as the USMS Board of Directors At-Large Member from the Southeast Zone (formerly known as the Dixie Zone). Only the immediate past president is now part of the Board. There will be no in-person USAS convention in 2021. Ed noted that USA Swimming is doing much of their business at Zone meetings rendering their need for a convention as an unneeded expense.

Update LMSC Strategic Plan – Britta shared that a new logo is one step in strengthening the GA LMSC's brand. She welcomes any other marketing suggestions.

New Business

Club/Workout Group Registrations for 2021 – Lisa proposed that the LMSC pay for the 2021 registration fees for all clubs and workout groups that were registered in 2020. Ed estimates that would cost \$1632. The motion was unanimously approved. Andy and Ed will take care of this. Andy will also reach out to the national office about paper registrations, discounted registrations and board member registrations.

Upcoming Events

Nov 15-30 USMS Fall Fitness Challenge (one mile swim)

Other Business

Next meeting: Sunday, November 1st at 7pm via conference call

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling