

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 7 September 2024, Kedron Fieldhouse, Peachtree City, GA

ROLL CALL

Andrew and Walter Young YMCA (AWYY)

Janelle Alexander
Yvonne Jackson
Jason James
Sandra Jeffrey
Tawana Miller
Keesha Willingham

Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)

Megan Shovlin

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Marianne Countryman
Britta O'Leary
Vesna Shelnutt
Jeffrey Tacca

Chastain Park Athletic Club

Jennifer Batka
Francoise Levinson

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Michael Reynolds
Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Elizabeth Giesecking
Cathy Jones
Randy Marchman
Maureen Meador
Samy Naguib
Tom Potter
Craig Ray
Mike Stille
Lisa Watson
John Zeigler

Nautical Milers

Anna Beem

Dave Beem

Southside Seals (SSS)

Kiele Anderson
Caroline Carle
Rob Copeland
Laura Johnson
Karol Welling

Warner Robins Aquanauts

Richard Kennedy
Jessica Lorkowski

Unattached

DeLise Coleman

Gulf Coast Pirates (Southeastern LMSC)

Nan DeStafney

Guests

Brian Devlin
Scott Johnson

Adoption of Minutes from August 2024 Meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Coordinators

Chair (Britta O'Leary)

Britta introduced herself and welcomed everyone. She thanked the Southside Seals and Rob for a fun meet, and the officials for volunteering. She thanked all the volunteers on the Board and gave each of them a gift (notebook).

The USMS Annual Meeting, which is virtual this year, begins on Friday. Delegates from Georgia include Lisa Watson, DeLise Coleman and Karol Welling. Also attending will be Rob Copeland, Ed Saltzman and Britta.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman)

Ed reported that our LMSC is doing well financially, however several items up for vote at the USMS Annual Meeting may adversely impact our future revenue stream.

David Beem asked Ed if the LMSC is required to have a certain minimum amount of funds on hand. Ed responded, "No, not officially." The GA LMSC is still able to offer assistance for swimmers with financial need.

Web Master (Ed Saltzman)

The website is up to date.

Records/ Top Ten (Ed Saltzman)

Ed said that he receives all meet results for sanctioned meets in the SE Zone. This year's SCY results are almost complete.

Sanctions (Ed Saltzman)

Eight Masters meets were sanctioned this year, with two remaining on the schedule. Some changes are coming to ensure that all record swims will be accepted. Not all USA swimming meets have complied with Masters sanctioning requirements and records set during these noncompliant meets were NOT accepted.

Officials (Ed Saltzman)

Georgia needs more officials. Much of the training is online. All the officials at today's meet were USA officials.

Membership Coordinator (Mark Rogers)

Mark provided registration statistics in a spreadsheet for the year to date. There are 867 Masters swimmers currently registered.

Coaches Chair (Barb Ingold)

Barb hosted a Coaches Clinic/ Stroke Clinic in Augusta on 17-18 August. She has taken on the Coaches Corner articles for the newsletter and has tasked each coach in the LMSC to contribute an article. She has also updated the Coaches database and plan to start holding regular meetings.

Diversity & Inclusion (Megan Shovlin)

While the HBCU Celebration Meet, usually held in December, has not yet been submitted for sanction, she anticipates that it will be.

Fitness (Lisa Watson)

Lisa talked about the monthly virtual fitness challenges for this year. Only one event required registration, the 30-minute swim. Eleven swimmers from Georgia entered. She also talked about the "Go the Distance" campaign. Thirty-six swimmers from Georgia are participating so far this year. Swimmers may enter their yardages online at any time. Open water distances may be included. Everything is on the honor system.

2024 Georgia Grand Prix (Marianne Countryman)

The 2024 Grand Prix includes 10 events this year. The Grand Prix ongoing results are posted on the GA Masters Swimming website. Marianne answered questions about this popular competition. Britta asked everyone for suggestions for awards.

Meet Recaps

USMS Summer Nationals

Four swimmers from Georgia travelled to Mission Viejo, CA for this LCM Championships Meet. Participants may enter up to 3 events without meeting qualifying times. Future Nationals may cap entries as the days of competition were extremely long (10-12 hours) which is tough on the athletes, the officials and all the volunteers.

New Business

Elections in 2025

The LMSC Officer positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) are up for election next year. These positions are currently held by Britta O'Leary, Vesna Shelnutt, Ed Saltzman and Karol Welling. Britta is not running for re-election. Anyone who is interested in running for any of these should contact Britta.

2025 Georgia Meet Lineup

Some of the meets for next year are: W. Gwinnett SCY Developmental meet in February; Dynamo SCY March 15-16; Augusta LCM mid June or July; Warner Robins/ Macon SCY in the Spring?

Sadly, UGA and GA Tech pools have become too expensive for Masters meets.

Upcoming Events

Sep 13-15	USMS Annual Meeting (virtual)
Sep 17-21	GA Golden Olympics, Warner Robins
Sep 21	Swim Across America, Lake Lanier
Oct 4-5	Spooky Fall Classic SCY, Augusta
Oct 11-13	Rowdy Gaines Classic, Orlando, FL
Oct 18-20	USMS Relay (Community Engagement) & National Coaches Clinic, Houston, TX
Oct 27	Collins Hill SCY Developmental Meet
Dec	HBCU Diversity Meet, Morehouse College
Feb 15-16	Auburn Invitational, Auburn AL

Check georgiamasters.org and southeastzone.org for a full overview of upcoming meets.

Board Meetings/ Calls for 2024

Sunday, October 6th at 7pm via ZOOM

Sunday, November 3

Sunday, December 1

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling