

Iowa Masters Swimming

Annual Meeting March 14, 2015 –Minutes

The annual meeting of Iowa Masters Swimming was held at the pool at Luther College (Decorah, IA) on March 14, 2015.

Members present: Norm Bower, Nick Gearhart, Amy Groskopf, Jack Fritts, Jennifer Krogmeier, and Wayne Huebener.

The registrar reported that we have 283 members to date: 183 male and 100 female. There are 6 regional clubs and 12 registered workout groups.

Nominating committee: a committee of 3 is needed to develop a slate of officers. Norm Bower, Amy Groskopf and Jack Fritts will be on the committee. Once a slate is developed voting will take place via email. If the election is contested, Amy will develop an electronic ballot that can be sent to the membership.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was submitted by treasurer Jack Fritts. He is working on having an audit compliance review by an independent accounting firm.

Sanctions chair report: Wayne reported that they are working on having the Des Moines Valley High School pool certified for records for an upcoming meet.

Report from National meeting: Jennifer Krogmeier attended the meeting as the official representative of Iowa Masters Swimming. She presented a very complete report of the meetings she attended. One suggestion she offered was that Iowa Masters Swimmers could assist adults in becoming swimmers

Other business:

- Norm will order a dozen or so Iowa Master banners to distribute as advertising

- Upcoming meets are:

1- 1/24/15-1/25/15 Iowa Winter Games at Loras College, Dubuque(recognized) 14 registrants

2- 3/14/15 Iowa Masters State Championships at Luther College, Decorah(sanctioned) 100 registrants (approximately)

3- 4/25/15 Southwest Iowa Masters Spring Meet at Kirn Pool YMCA, Council Bluffs (recognized) 25 registrants

4- 6/14/15 Iowa Senior Games at Valley High School, West Des Moines (recognized) 19 registrants

5- 9/13/15 Swam That Open Water Swim at Lake Okoboji (sanctioned) 15 registrants

6- 10/17/15 Southwest Iowa Fall Meet at Kirn Pool YMCA, Council Bluffs (recognized) 25 registrants

-State meet: it was difficult to find officials for the state meet this year Iowa Masters will assist Luther College in covering the cost.

-there was discussion of future possible state meet venues, including the pros and cons of always having the meet in the same place vs moving to different venues.

-Open Water swims: there is a workout group in Des Moines for those who want to swim open water

-Electronic entry for the state meet: discussion as to whether it should be required. After some discussion it was decided that it will be strongly recommended. To strongly encourage online registration we will either require pre-entry or double the fee for deck entries. We will also require swimmers who do register the day of the meet to complete that registration one hour prior to the start of warm-ups. This motion was unanimously passed.

-Norm shared some rule changes with those present

-Norm told those present that he would not be running for chairman again. He is willing to assist with communications – the newsletter, etc.

-virtual zone meet idea – this was discussed as a way to increase participation in a zone meet since the Breadbasket Zone is geographically so large.

-to increase participation the merits of having regional delegates to the Iowa Masters board was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Groskopf, Secretary