

Iowa Masters Annual meeting

April 2, 2017

Members present: Paul Eure, Rick Noeth, Tom Kealy, Norm Bower, Amy Groskopf, Jack Fritts, Bill S, Wayne Huebener, Nick Gearhart

Records and Top Ten: Rick reported that all records and top ten submissions are up to date. He has been working on a list of pools in Iowa that are sanctioned/certified for records and that list will soon be available on the website. He noted that USA Swimming certification is not transferable.

Registrar: Registrar Marion Johnson reported that the number of members is down a bit.

Treasurer: Jack Fritts presented the financial reports. The records were audited and no problems were found. USMS has some concerns about the amount of cash we have on hand. They would like to see us spend some on promoting membership – especially in terms of attracting new, younger members. J Regarding the budget for 2018, we have budgeted \$800 for the webmaster. The new website will be up in about 2 weeks. Norm will check on the number of billable hours the webmaster has spent to make sure he has not gone over the cap that he was given.

Officials: Tom reposted that there is supposed to be a list of swim officials in Iowa but he is having difficulty finding it. Paul offered to check on it. Tom noted that we can use USA Swimming officials. High School officials are not certified for Masters Swimming.

USMS Leadership Summit report: Jack attended this Summit representing Iowa Masters. He noted that we had a session on bylaws – USMS wants bylaws reviewed every 2 years. Jack has submitted a written report about other sessions at the Summit. The national meeting is in Jacksonville in September. Anyone willing to attend and represent Iowa Masters should contact Norm.

Bylaws: Rick has updated our bylaws to the new USMS standards. An attorney reviewed the bylaws and suggested a change to article 4.7 to authorize the board to purchase insurance. An additional question arose regarding the fact that Iowa Masters is not registered with the Iowa Secretary of State as a non-profit organization. We do not have articles of incorporation filed with the Iowa Secretary of State. Rick will check with USMS to verify how other local chapters are structured. A motion to approve the amended bylaws was made by Jack Fritts; seconded by Paul Eure. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Other items:

-There is a pre-meet evaluation/checklist for meet directors. Wayne will create an Iowa specific version and then share it with meet directors.

-Please submit/share ideas regarding outreach efforts/ideas for local workout groups. One idea from Houston is to have the workout group support a local charity.

-State meet schedule: Coe College would like to be on the list as well as Des Moines.

-Norm suggested that we do something to thank our volunteers. Amy made the motion to approve purchase of 200 pens from the USMS website; Tom seconded. The motion passed on voice vote.

-during discussion regarding sending eNewsletters, it was noted that we are using Go Daddy for website hosting and that an electronic newsletter service is included in the service fee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Groskopf, Secretary