

## Iowa Masters Swimming Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of Iowa Masters Swimming was held April 25, 2022 at Linn-Mar High School.

The meeting was called to order at 10AM by president, Tom Kealy

Members present: Stan LeMaster, Marc Long, Tom Kealy, Norm Bower, Jennifer Krogmeier, Wayne Huebener, Jack Fritts, Jim Lawson, Amy Groskopf, Nick Gearhart

Minutes from the 2021 Annual meeting were approved.

### Reports:

-Finance: Treasurer Jack Fritts presented the financial report (attached to these minutes). Due to lack of meets due to Covid restrictions there were very few expenses in 2021. One ongoing expense is to pay the sanctioning fee to USMS for any groups that hold meets in Iowa. Jack presented the proposed budget for 2022, which is heavily based on the 2021 budget. The budget was approved as presented with an additional \$1300 added to cover 5 year renewal for web-hosting and a 3 year renewal for domain. Stan moved approval of the budget as amended and all present voted in favor.

-Sanctions report: Wayne presented a report on the meets held in Iowa in 2021 – there were 6 meets. Four were recognized meets and 2 were sanctioned. There are currently a total of 9 meets planned for 2022. Many of the meets are recognized meets that are connected to the state games and/or senior games programs.

-Top Ten and Records: Stan reported that all records are up to date. There has been a desire expressed to keep track of records for both short and long course meters swims as well as relays. There was some discussion about the challenges with keeping relay records. He also reported that the Community Schools Aquatic Pool at Hempstead High in Dubuque has been added to the list of certified pools.

### Election of officers:

-Chairperson: Tom nominated Jim Lawson as the new Chairperson for Iowa Masters Swimming. Jim was elected unanimously.

-Vice-Chair: Jim nominated Marc Long as Vice-Chair. Marc was elected unanimously

-Records: Stan nominated Dennis Bennett as State Records and Top 10 Recorder. Dennis was elected unanimously.

All other officers will serve another year. Treasurer Jack Fritts indicated that he will resign as treasurer next year.

### Discussion topics:

-Transgender swimmers: some discussion was held regarding the position of Iowa Masters on allowing transgender swimmers to compete. The consensus is that this is not a pressing issue right at this time although we expect it will come up at some point and that Iowa Masters wait for USMS to take the lead on this issue and that Iowa Masters will follow the national policy once that is in place.

-Promoting meet attendance: it was noted that if we want to have more opportunities to compete in Iowa that we need to have folks attend the meets that are currently being held. Swimmers need to be willing to travel to attend meets. We also discussed getting a list of registered swimmers so that we can send emails informing folks of upcoming meets as well as using social media to expand awareness of opportunities to compete.

-“team” definition for the state meet: Jack presented a proposal that updates the definition of a “team” for purposed of the State Meet. The major change is that a team member must register with USMS as a member of the team and swim on a regular basis with said team and that all participants will be assigned points regardless of team status. This proposal will be voted on at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Groskopf, Secretary