

Iowa Masters Swimming 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Iowa Masters Swimming Annual Meeting was held March 9, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15AM.

Members Present: Jim Lawson, Marc Long, Dennis Bennett, Hannah Teubiel, Nick Gearhart, Wayne Huebener, Norm Bower, Jack Fritts, Amy Groskopf

Finance Report: Treasurer Jack Fritts presented the financial report for 2024.

Wayne moved to accept the report, Dennis seconded and the report was approved unanimously. The proposed budget for 2025 was presented and discussed. A motion to approve the budget was made by Amy, seconded by Jim. The budget was approved unanimously.

Records chair, Dennis, reported that all the records are up to date. He is planning to add records for short course meters and long course meters. Nick volunteered to add relay records for short course yards.

Membership: no report.

Discussion: there was a great deal of discussion about Club Assistant software offered through USMS. Nick and other technology folks for IAMA will take a more detailed look at the software and how we can implement for IAMA. It was noted that purchase of the software was approved at the annual meeting in 2024. One thing that needs to be changed is that some local groups are listed as clubs on the USMS website – at a equivalent level as IAMA – rather than as workout groups under IAMA. As a result, some IAMA members are not easily identifiable as IAMA members. Also, for relay participation all relay team members need to be listed as IAMA members (even if they are members of different workout groups).

Social media: Hannah is asking for content and engagement from other workout groups. She maintains the IAMA Instagram and Facebook accounts. We will ask to have the social media links added to the IAMA website. Hannah requested that any information to be posted to social media be sent to: iowamasters@yahoo.com

Board nominations: Nick Gearhart was nominated as president by Jack Fritts. Wayne seconded and Nick was unanimously approved as president.

Additional discussion items:

-is there interest in a long course meet? Yes. Tentative plan is to hold this at the Des Moines Y in late June.

-2026 Short Course state meet: This will be held at Linn-Mar High School. We will plan to do a rotation between five locations: Mason City, Waukee, Des Moines, Linn-Mar and Ames.

-registration for the 2025 State Short Course meet is 128j.

-is there interest in doing some sort of club exchange with a Chicago masters group? Maybe a skills session followed by social hour? Some ideas were tossed out and Nick will pursue with his contacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Groskopf, Secretary