

Kentucky LMSC Annual Meeting

May 13, 2020

The LMSC normally would have held its annual meeting after the Wildcat Masters at the University of Kentucky in Lexington in March, but because that coincided with the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was postponed until May 13 and held via conference call. Only rudimentary notes were kept. Present were Chair C.J. Rushman (SLM), Vice Chair Meg Smath (WILD), Treasurer Pam Luebbe (LAKE), Secretary William Kolb (LAKE), Bill Tingley (SKY), Registrar Susan Ehringer (SLM). Others may have been present.

Transfer Fee. Susan reported that the National Office would like to eliminate the transfer fee (from LMSC to LMSC) so that all fees will be uniform across all LMSCs. Susan suggested we consider doing the same for transfers between workout groups within our LMSC.

USMS Grants. USMS is offering grants to clubs who are suffering financial hardship because of the pandemic. The consensus was that none of the Kentucky clubs or workout groups has need of a grant at this point. Because virtually all pools across the country are shut down now, not only clubs and LMSCs, but also the National Office are having to cope with a downturn in registrations. As a result, several employees at the National Office have been laid off.

USMS Programs at Universities. We discussed how most of these programs are run by campus recreation departments rather than the universities themselves. This may have an impact on the resumption of our workout groups affiliated with university pools.

USMS Server. It was noted that the USMS server recently went down, and the question before the National Office and the Board of Directors will be how much money to spend to replace or upgrade.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Smath and Pam Luebbe