

Lake Erie Masters Swimming Annual Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2015

Called to Order and Attendance: Jay DeFinis (secretary), Lilly Kron (Treasurer): B Allen, A Marshfield, M Marshfield, Julio Aponte, N Douglass, M Douglass, D Spence, G Rae, C Beatty, M Ellek, J Norton, T Gorman, M Smith, Y Oyakawa, G Meyer, J Daily, D Douglass, T Stebel, L Terkel, d Melaker
@ 1:04 pm

Approval of Decemer 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Julio Aponte motioned, Marilyn Douglass second. Motion carried, minutes APPROVED.

Membership & Registrar's report (Jay DeFinis). Membership continues to grow in the LEMSC. Top 3 clubs by members are O*H*I*O Masters, Liquid n'Durance and Shaker Swimming. Mel Smith motioned & Yoshi Oyakawa second to accept report, motion APPROVED.

Treasurer report (Lilly Kron). Checking account \$6,849.67 additional details of LEMSC financials provided on separate sheet. Discussion regarding registration fee per Club. Julio Aponte motioned and John Dailey seconded to approved Treasurer's report. Motion APPROVED.

Budget 2016 – USMS is charging more for membership this increase is passed along to all LEMSC members. 2016 USMS dues are \$39.00 plus \$5.00 LMSC dues, 2017 USMS dues are \$41.00 plus LMSC dues of \$5.00

Sanction fees are changing for Open Water & Pool events, this is a result of USMS insurance costs for such events. By charging sanction fee for all events it helps the small events continue to be held. USMS has developed requirements for Safety Plan which demonstrates USMS commitment to improving the safety of its members in open water events. Starting with any new sanction applications, LELMSC will charge the host club any pool meet \$70, of which \$50 will go to USMS and \$20 will go to LELMSC. For Open Water Swims, LELMSC will pay the flat rate USMS sanction fee of \$100, which will be added to the USMS fee of \$5 per swimmer which will be due from the meet host club. All of the Open Water sanction fees will go to USMS.

LMSC will charge \$70.00 to sanction pool meets and \$100.00 to sanction open water swims but sponsor of open water swims will have to pay the \$5.00 surcharge per swimmer. Motion to accept 2016 Budget Bruce Allen, Chuck Beatty seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Elections: Slate of Officers presented, no nominations from the floor.

Chair: Harry Greenfield

Vice-Chair: Jay DeFinis

Secretary: Kristina Valentic

Motion made by Lilly Kron, Julio Aponte & Mel Smith seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Other Business:

Pace Clocks:

- Two new Colorado Timing System pace clocks valued at \$1,400.00 each were donated to LEMSC. They were to go to deserving clubs which did not have adequate pace clocks. One was donated to Avon and their new program, second one still needs a home.
- Underwater Camera purchased with funds approved last year. Discussion regarding equipment usage and storage. Judi Norton will spearhead organizing training of equipment and develop plan for usage by the clubs and cost to use trained people will be passed onto users/clubs/groups requesting the camera. Training on the equipment may take place at Lakewood.

- Chuck Beatty spearheading a relay swim across Lake Erie as a fundraiser for Swimming Saves Lives Foundation. Team will consist of 6 swimmers starting at Pt. Pelee in Canada and arriving in Vermillion, Ohio.

Motion to adjourn. Jay DeFinis, Chuck Beatty seconded. Meeting adjourned @ 1:50 pm.