

Lake Erie LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Luchita's, 36 Park Lane
Hudson, Ohio

Members Present: Jay DeFinis, Dan Cox, Ann Marshfield, Marilyn Douglass, Nick Douglass, Judi Norton, Deane Malakar, Cheyenne Toole, Chuck Beatty, David Douglass, Dee Shedlow, Mark Stewart, Diane Spence, Tom Stebel, Larry Terkel, Tom Gorman, John Daily, Mel Smith, Yoshi Oyakawa, Andrea Hahn-Lawson, Christine Shifa, Gloria Rae, Cynthia Braden, Bob Brauning

- I. Meeting was called to Order at 1:07 pm.
- II. Minutes of December 3, 2017 annual meeting, moved to approve by John Daily, second by Dan Cox. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report (Addendum 1): Marilyn Douglass submitted report of 555 registered swimmers in 2018 and 155 registered for 2019 as of December 1, 2018.
- IV. Treasurer's Report (Addendum 2): Mark Marshfield submitted Treasurer's report. Books will be audited by the close of business December 31, 2018 by Ashley Zoeller.
- V. Vice Chair: Nick Douglass reported
 - a) Newsletter is published on quarterly basis and posted to the LE LMSC website. All members of the LMSC receive an email with a link to the newsletter on the website. Nick encourages submission of human-interest stories from members. Photos are welcomed though everyone should be identified by name.
 - b) Website: LE LMSC website was selected by USMS national office to beta test new website platform prior to making the template available to all LMSC's. Nick requested and received information from members of the board on the current website. Conclusions are as follows:
 - a. A few links do not work and need to be eliminated
 - b. Overall organization needs improvement
 - c. The use of key words and titles will help in Google searches
 - d. The vast majority of the content on the website should remain.
- VI. Chair: Jay Definis presented the amended LE LMSC By Laws. Motion made by David Douglass, second by Diane Spence to approve By Laws as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Open Water Swim: The Brogan OWS classic was selected for the USMS National 2-mile Championship for 2020. A steering committee will be formed to include a representative from the national office, Kevin Rapien from Cleveland State University and Adam Rosen from USA Triathlon. Additional members will be named by mid 2019.
- b. Jay announced he has been reappointed as Chair of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation.
- c. April is Adult Learn-to-Swim month. Any registered master swimmer interested in becoming an Adult Learn-to-swim instructor is encouraged to take the course. LE LMSC will pay 50% of the registration fee. Members of O*H*I*O Masters may submit a request for reimbursement of the remaining 50%. Instructors who request reimbursement are required to teach 3 adults within a year of their certification.
- d. LE LMSC is the first board within USMS to appoint an ALTS coordinator.
- e. Connection day with CSU college team was well attended by local master swimmers. It is the desire of both organizations to continue to build this relationship and partnership.

VII. Sanctions/Top 10: Mel Smith reported all meet results have been submitted to the National office for consideration of Top 10 times as well as record swims.

VIII. ALTS: Judi Norton indicated April 14, 2019 will be Adult Learn-to-swim free lesson day at Westlake Recreation Center. All ALTS certified instructors are encouraged to participate. Lessons will be 30 minutes and swimmers must sign up ahead of time. All levels of swimmers are welcomed.

IX. Election of Officers: Nominations for the following offices are:

- a) Registrar: Marilyn Douglass
- b) Secretary: Ashley Braniecki
- c) Board Members At-Large:
 Judi Norton, O*H*I*O Masters (ALTS Coordinator)
 Dee Shedlow, Cleveland Aquatic Team
 Ann Marshfield, O*H*I*O Masters President
 Paul Berman, Shaker Sharks
 John Daily moved and Mel Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- d) Board members appointed by Jay Definis, Chair
 Andrea Hahn-Lawson, UC18
 Christine Shifa, O*H*I*O Masters Swim Club

Motion by John Daily and second by Mel Smith to accept nominations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Old Business: None

XI. New Business:

- a) Need to establish a Volunteer Pool to assist with activities. Consider selecting an At-Large board member to be Volunteer Coordinator.
- b) Consider ways to engage the under 35 demographic with more social events.
- c) CSU Fundraiser: CSU Division I swim team is pursuing capital funds to renovate the team locker rooms. A request has been made to seek donations by December 31, 2018 from master swimmers to sponsor a locker. Dan Cox made a motion LE LMSC will match donations up to \$825. Judi Norton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marshfield, Secretary Lake Erie LMSC

Report from the REGISTRAR Annual Meeting 2018

Registration Numbers

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>LAKE ERIE LMSC</u>
155	555	Members registered
86	311	MEN
69	244	WOMEN
9	12	Clubs
21	45	Self-identified coaches
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<u>14,241</u>	<u>60,093</u>	<u>National USMS Registration</u>
9,557	32,218	MEN
6,888	28,175	WOMEN

Interesting statistics, in 2018: OHIO LMSC has 867 registered.
The largest LMSC: Pacific LMSC has over 11,000 registered. ~~11,000~~

Clubs registered for 2019 include:

Cleveland Aquatic	Kraken Masters
Lifetime Swim Lake Erie	Liquid N'Durance
Medina Masters	Ohio Masters
Shaker	Tow Path Masters
Warren Harding Aquatic Team	UC18=unattached

Registration FEES

<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
\$45	\$43	National fee (increased \$2 for 2019)
5	5	Local-our Lake Erie LMSC fee (no change)
?	?	Club (O*H*I*O has \$5 fee, other clubs assess by club needs, etc.)

So far for 2019 ten members *generously* contributed to our LMSC when they registered. Others have also taken advantage of the opportunity to contribute to the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation (ALTS) and the International Swimming Hall of Fame at the registration online site. Thank you.

***Please do register online & if you would like a card, please check box and I will send it via USPS or you can print it yourself.
Last year over 98% of us registered online. Thank you! Merci!*