

Maryland Local Masters Swim Chapter of United States Masters Swimming  
General Membership Meeting  
November 12, 2020

The meeting was held by way of ZOOM video conference due to the Corona-19 restrictions mandated by the governor of Maryland and the Anne Arundel County, Maryland, county executive.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Zarkowsky at 5:30 PM.

Roll call was taken. Those in attendance were:

John Zarkowsky (Chairman), Rand Vaillancourt (Vice Chairman/Treasurer), Kristina Henry (Secretary), John Adey-AAA, Christine Jorgenson-MARY, Carron Dunker-COLU, Jim Jacobson-AAA, Maureen Mills-MARY, Jeffrey Smith-AAA, Traci McNeil-CMYM, R. John Shields-AAA, Ann Wheeler, AAA and Gladney McKay, Mary.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the December 28, 2019 Board of Directors minutes as written and published on the LMSC website.

The motion to approve the minutes posted on the LMSC web site, as written, was so made by Rand Vaillancourt and seconded by John Shields. A request was made by the Chairman for any discussion. After a brief discussion, **a vote was taken and the motion to accept the December 28, 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes was approved unanimously.**

Report of Officers:

- Chairman – John Zarkowsky. John explained the changes that our LMSC will be undergoing due the Unified Fee that USMS has imposed on all LMSC's. He will be in contact with USMS to find out what financial help will be available to assist our LMSC with our meet and other expenses.
- Vice Chairman- Rand Vaillancourt. Requests were sent out to the entire LMSC for those that would be interested in holding one of the elected Board of Directors positions. There was only one response for an elected BOD position.
- Secretary- Kristina Henry. Nothing new to report.
- Treasurer-Rand Vaillancourt- The LMSC is in the black and all foreseeable expenses are covered. The Y/E 2019 audit has been completed. It was a three pass audit. All was in order.

Rand made a motion to archive the financial statements and audit. Jeffrey Smith seconded. There was no discussion. **The motion to archive the 2019 financials and audit passed.**

The new unified fee will be effecting our financial operations. Basically, our portion will be only \$12.00 gross. This is down \$9.00 from our previous \$21.00 gross per member. This will have an across the board effect on all of the subsidized programs. Including the Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series, coaching certification and adult learn to swim stipends and grants. A reminder that USMS charges \$2.00 to send a printed card in the mail to our members. This is subtracted from the \$12.00 gross giving a net of only \$10.00 for our LMSC to operate. There has been discussion on how USMS will assist or LMSC and our programs, but nothing solid.

There was discussion about our fee structure. It was pointed out that Maryland does more for our members than other LMSC's. Including free meets, subsidized (grants/stipends) for coaching and LTS certification.

Report of Committee Chairs:

- Membership Coordinator- John Zarkowsky. I have been looking for someone to take on this position. To date there have been no takers.  
To date, for 2021, there have been 62 registrations of which 20 requested a printed card. Last year (2020) we had only 640 register. Our LMSC membership has gone down over previous years. We had a lot of meets cancelled, (due to COVID) both pool and open water, and pools closed since mid March. This all effects membership.
- Sanctions-Jill Springer. (Given by Chairman) Talked with Jill. She will be staying on as the sanctions chair. We also discussed the one event fee (OEV). Currently our LMSC does not allow OEV for pool events. Under the new unified fee USMS will allow only \$15.00 for an OEV swimmer. Since we do all the "paper"work and would be given only \$3.00 it was urged that we do not allow OEV for any, including open water, events.
- Top Ten-Jill Springer-No report
- Coaches-Rand Vaillancourt. Nothing new to report.
- Officials-Rand Vaillancourt. Starting January, Tom Matysek will be taking over the officials chair position.

- Communications-Rand Vaillancourt. Nothing new to report. Basically, all communications are done thru the Membership Coordinator. This is a USMS required position. We need to update this position or at least do some “housekeeping” to the bylaws.
- Editor- Jennifer Robinson- No report.
- Webmaster- Christopher Freigang. (Given by Vice Chairman). Chris asked for the usual. Enough lead time to get posted on the web site. Also, only appropriate LMSC/USMS postings.
- Fitness-Carolyn Voorhees. No report
- Open Water-Traci McNeil- Due to COVID, we are unable to hold open water events.
- Postals (Long Distance) Traci McNeil. Same as O/W.
- Safety- Jeffrey Smith. Nothing to report.
- Swim Series- Rand Vaillancourt. All of the previous meet hosts have agreed to hold meets when we get “up and operating” again. We are anticipating having to charge a fee due to the USMS unified fee structure limiting our revenue to fund meets. It was pointed out, again, that the previous year’s meet hosts have the right of first refusal. If a previous year’s meet host declines, then the “slot” is sent out to all of the club representatives to fill the void.

Rand made a motion to accept the reports from the committees as given. Tracie McNeil seconded. There was no discussion. ***The motion to accept the committee reports as given passed***

Unfinished Business: None

Elections: Nominations Committee presented the following slate.

- John Zarkowsky – Chairman
- Rand Vaillancourt – Vice Chairmam
- John Adey – Secretary
- Rand Vaillancourt- Treasurer

A motion was made by Rand Vaillancourt to accept the slate as given. Jeffrey Smith seconded. There was no discussion.

***The motion to elect the slate of officers as given passed.***

New business:

- John Zarkowsky- As Rand indicated, we will have to work on updating our bylaws and/or “housekeeping”.

Resolutions & Orders

- None

Adjournment:

- Rand made a motion to adjourn. John Shields seconded. There was no discussion. ***The motion to adjourn passed at 6:10 PM.***

Respectfully submitted by Rand Vaillancourt, Vice Chairman/Treasurer