

MICHIGAN MASTERS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Michigan Masters LMSC was held on April 13, 2013 at the Eastern Michigan State University.

Sally Guthrie opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. She introduced Gail Dummer as the new Chairperson – her term is to begin in June of 2013.

Sally thanked everyone for coming to the Michigan State meet, as this was the largest state meet ever.

Report from Officers:

Chair – Sally Guthrie- In the 2012-13 year we have:

1. Growth- already more than 800 members, also great turnout for MI Masters State meet. -419 – a new record!
2. We have 94 swimmers signed up to swim SC Nationals in Indy in May of 2013. We have a good chance of placing very high in the team scores (MI Masters won!) Thanks to everyone who entered the meet.
3. Held second MI LMSC Annual Banquet at Fox Hills just north of Ann Arbor, MI. Next year's banquet will be held in Lansing, MI.
4. A sanctioned Masters Swimming Clinic was held in August. The Athlete Approved group containing U of M swimming coaches – Mark Hill and Mike Bottom – and former U of M swimmers and Olympic trials qualifiers, ran it. This was well attended and feedback was generally positive and we'd like to try to organize another clinic in 2013.
5. Eight of our members traveled either to Geneva, OH or to Indianapolis, IN to attend the level 1 and 2 USMS coach's certification. This was partially reimbursed by MI LMSC.
6. MI Masters held 13 local meets and look forward to about the same number in 2013. Attendance has been good at meets and should continue to be so next year.
7. Sally thanked the gathering for their support during her time as the LMSC chair. She looks forward to Gail's leadership and Sally also looks forward to serving the MI LMSC in other capacities.

REGISTRAR – In 2011-12 MI LMSC had 802 members. Currently in 2012 there are 803 members. It was explained that registration might change some when USMS takes over.

VICE-CHAIR- Gail Dummer - This past year all the Policies and By-laws were read, reviewed and re-written to reflect where the LMSC is now. Much work went into this project and thanks to everyone who helped and all who voted, these were all updated and passed. Gail encouraged everyone to please feel free to make suggestions for change, but please read the Policies and By-laws first.

TREASURER- Patrick Weiss- For the calendar year ending December 31, 2012, MI Masters ended the year with a \$492.40 surplus. We ended the year with a surplus

even after hosting our first major swimming clinic in Ann Arbor with Mike Bottom, continuing our newsletter and holding our second annual banquet. Donations to the Scholarship fund picked up again to \$309 for the year and the balance in this fund stands at \$1,822.84. If donations continue at the same pace, we should be able to award two more scholarships before the fund is depleted. Going forward, we project a deficit of \$2,710.00 for calendar year 2013, but like always, this could be reduced if meet participation increases and membership continues to grow.

SANCTIONS- Frank Thompson- There is a new on-line sanction process.

SECRETARY- Denise Brown – The minutes from last years Annual Meeting have been on the web page for months and there were no corrections, or additions to be made.

Connie Cantrell made a motion to accept all the reports as given –Second by Paula Pendergast. Membership approved

ELECTIONS:

VICE-CHAIR – FRANK THOMPSON

TREASURER- PATRICK WEISS

REGISTRAR – DOUG HANDLER

SECRETARY –DENISE BROWN

SANCTIONS – SALLY GUTHRIE

Everyone ran unopposed and a motion was made by Suzanne Grebe to accept the ballot as presented. Terry Kruse second – membership approved.

Laurie Kaguni thanked Sally for her hard work as Web-master for the MI Masters website.

USMS rules state that every LMSC must have a Review Committee. It is a court of Appeals type of committee. Qualifications to serve on this committee are that each individual have been registered in Masters swimming for at least 5 years. A ballot was passed out with 5 names (these people were asked in advance to serve) plus a space for write in nominations. These 5 people represent the whole state of MI. Sue Berger-Mann made a motion to vote by acclamation – second by Shawn Jyawook. Members of the Review Committee are: Connie Cantrell, Frank Cody, Ken Danhof, Suzanne Grebe, and Joe Lopez.

It was explained that several positions are appointed:

They are: Communications- Sally Guthrie

Records/Top 10

Coach Rep: Rachel Cush

Officials Coordinator:

Fitness Coordinator: Joe Aumiller

Safety Director:

Open Water Coordinator: Shawn Jyawook

Ralph Davis was recognized as serving as USMS Treasurer.

STATE MEET BID FOR 2014- EAST KENTWOOD

Date of meet can be flexible –will work around Holy Week and Easter.

They can run several heats of the 1650 early so the Friday session can end at a reasonable hour. There is plenty of warm-up space.

Motion to accept East Kentwood High School bid for MI Masters 2014 State Meet – Jeremy Kennedy – second by Rachel Cush

Bid accepted by Acclamation

BY-LAW CHANGE- this is submitted to make things simpler for our treasurer.

Current: 9.1.2 Budget. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget showing anticipated income and expenses, and the Board of Directors shall approve such budget, prior to the start of the fiscal year.

Proposed: 9.1.2 Budget. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget showing anticipated income and expenses, and the Board of Directors shall approve such budget, **within 60 days of** the start of the fiscal year.

Gail Dummer made the motion to accept this change – Ralph Davis second – all approved.

NEW BUISNESS-

Issue- Open Water – Shawn Jyawook

It is difficult to sanction an open water event – there are some new insurance qualifications and new safety guidelines. Shawn asked the membership if there was an interest in an open water state championship. The membership responded favorably. It may not be a sanctioned event since the LMSC cannot be involved if safety guidelines are not being followed.

Some of the issues are around required propeller guards for boats.

Laurie Kaguni stated that we must be proactive in this situation and support open water events and open water swimmers. Many people do both open water and pool events.

Sally Guthrie encouraged people interested in open water events – be creative and work with Shawn to get more events.

Gail Dummer – cautioned Sally and Shawn to be very careful in looking over proposals so that all rules are being followed.

Issue- Zone meet for MI, OH and IN. – Suzanne Grebe

Many people are geared up for our state meet and may not be going to Nationals but would still like another “big” meet.

Sally Guthrie gave a short history of Zone Meets in this area. They generally are not well attended.

Frank Thompson suggested Suzanne write a proposal and take it to the LMSC meeting. Also to talk to Bowling Green Masters since they put on a meet in April or May. This meet is hit or miss as to whether it is well attended or not.

Issue – Why can't MI Masters have a Long Course State Meet?

(This has been a topic of discussion in the past – and since time had run out discussion was tabled and will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.)

Sally Guthrie adjourned the meeting

All were in favor

Respectfully submitted:

The Rev. Dr. Denise H. Brown
Secretary Michigan Masters