

MICHIGAN MASTERS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES -2014

The 2014 Michigan Masters Annual meeting was held on Saturday March 29, 2014 at Kentwood High School in Kentwood, MI.

President Gail Dummer opened the meeting at 12:44 p.m. Gail began by explaining the difference between a LMSC and a club.

Gail thanked all people who were meet directors this past year and everyone who helped run a meet.

Gail explained that she had appointed Jeremy Kennedy as the safety chair and Jeremy was introduced to the assembled members.

Gail stated that Michigan Masters had a great year – MI Masters won the Indianapolis Nationals! Meet attendance was good this year and Gail thanked all people who were meet directors this year and also thanked everyone who helped run a meet. Gail specifically thanked Skip (Frank Thompson) for all his hard work in running meets and also in his efforts at the Indy Nationals.

Chair-elect: Skip Thompson

Skip stated was meet director for several meets and he is also submitting a bid to host the 2015 MI Masters State Meet.

MI Masters had an extremely successful swim clinic with 33 people attending.

Skip went to Convention as he is an officer with MM and he is also on a committee at the National level. At convention a new method of registration is to be implemented.

Skip organized the Awards Banquet and was a consultant with Kentwood Meet Directors for the 2014 State Meet.

Motion to approve Chair-elect report – Jennifer Parks – 2nd Suzanne Grebe – motion passed

Secretary report – Denise Brown. Denise stated that the minutes have been distributed and have been on the web-site for months. Motion to accept the minutes – Suzanne Grebe – 2nd- Sue Berger-Mann – Minutes approved

Treasurer- Patrick Weiss.

MICHIGAN LMSC			
INCOME & EXPENSE	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	2014 Budget
INCOME:			
REGISTRATIONS	\$ 8,496.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,500.00
SANCTION FEES	\$ 2,862.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
INTEREST - Michigan LMSC	\$ 30.68	100.00	25.00
INTEREST - Scholarship Program			
STATE MEET MEDALS	\$ 2,035.63	1,500.00	1,500.00
Awards Banquet	\$ -	3,000.00	
Meet Award Prizes	\$ 40.00		
Donations	\$ 425.00		
Donations for Scholarship Program	\$ 370.00		
Reimbursement for Convention			
TOTAL	\$ 14,259.31	\$ 15,100.00	\$12,525.00
EXPENDITURES:			
REG FEES TO USMS			
CLUB FEE TO USMS	\$ 25.00	60.00	25.00
USMS CONVENTION	\$ 6,443.34	5,500.00	5,500.00
NEWSLETTER	\$ 1,670.20	1,700.00	1,700.00
AWARDS & MEDALS	\$ 3,871.97	3,500.00	4,000.00
POSTAGE	150.50	200.00	200.00
REGISTRAR HONORARIUM	-	400.00	400.00
NATIONAL RELAYS	\$ 964.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
WEBMASTER HONORARIUM	-	400.00	400.00
SOFTWARE	\$ -	500.00	500.00
CLUB ASSIST RENEWAL	-	100.00	100.00
Swimming Clinics	\$ 150.00	750.00	750.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,472.14	700.00	700.00
Reserve for Scholarship Program			
Awards Banquet	\$ 674.15	3,000.00	750.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,421.30	\$ 17,810.00	\$16,025.00
BUDGET (DEFICIT) OR SURPLUS	\$ (1,161.99)	\$ (2,710.00)	\$ (3,500.00)
CASH BALANCE AT 12/31	\$ 38,251.86	\$ 37,703.85	
Cash Balance for 12/31/12		Funds Reserves for Scholarship Prog. 12/31/12	\$ 1,822.84
Funds for Operations	\$ 38,591.01	Donations for Scholarship	\$ 370.00
Funds Reserve for Scholarship Program	<u>\$ 1,822.84</u>	Scholarship interest	\$ -
Total Michigan Masters Funds in Bank	<u>40,413.85</u>	Scholarship Payout	<u>\$ (1,000.00)</u>
		Funds Reserves for Scholarship Prog. 12/31/13	<u>1,192.84</u>
Cash Balance for 12/31/13			
Funds for Operations	\$ 37,059.02		
Funds Reserve for Scholarship Program	<u>\$ 1,192.84</u>		
Total Michigan Masters Funds in Bank	<u>38,251.86</u>		

Skip Thompson questioned the convention expense. It was explained that traveling to Anaheim, CA was very expensive but this year's travel to Jacksonville, FL will be much less expensive. There was discussion on the number of people to send to convention. Ralph opened discussion as to send 6 people or capping out at a set

amount of money. A motion was passed that MI Masters would send 6 people (Officers) to the convention as long as it stays within the budgeted amount.

Registrar- Doug Handler

MI Masters has 815 total athletes

344 Women

471 Men

This is slightly down from last year (875)

In 2014- the USMS National membership system in-sourced from Club Assistant to "in house, USMS Membership system"

Sanctions – Sally Guthrie

This year MI Masters sanctions meets in all courses – SCY SCM and LCM. Sally will be making up a meet schedule for fall and winter within the next couple of weeks. If anyone has any questions on sanctioning a meet, and sanction fees – please contact Sally and/or Patrick Weiss.

Communications- Sally Guthrie

Sally thanked all for their help with the website and with the newsletter. Newsletter goes out twice a year.

Skip informed the assembly that Sally won the USMS Communications award given at the Convention.

Skip recognized those who made Top 10 and all who broke MI Masters records.

Open Water- Gail Dummer spoke of the reason why the insurance is for an open water event is so high and because of this – MI Masters is not sanctioning any open water events this year.

Fitness – no report

Officials - no report

Gail recognized that Sue Berger-Mann and Don Swalwell both received the Kerry O'Brien coach of the year award.

Coaching – Rachel Cush

Rachel will make up relays for Nationals and World Championships.

Skip asked who was going to pay for the relays? Skip informed the assembled members that there are no deck entries for Canadian Nationals or World Championships. Should be a system in place. Patrick Weiss stated that the entry fee for relays at Nat's and World's are expensive and we want to only enter relays that are definitely going to swim. Several members offered to help with relays.

Rachel also stated she is hoping to put on a coaching clinic in the fall.

Safety – no report

Action items:

1. Increase sanction fee from \$2 to \$3 after 45 from event if paperwork is not completed
Motion to accept – Jennifer Parks
2nd – Sally Guthrie
Motion carried
2. 2015 State Meet
Skip was the only one to bid – 2015 State meet will be held at Eastern University the 2nd or 3rd week in April.

Other items for discussion:

a) Scholarship fund – should we continue this or use up the funds and then discontinue. At this point the majority of the members would like this to continue and expand to helping people with the registration fee if they are unable to afford it.

b) Should we continue with the awards given at the State Meet or should they be given at the Awards Banquet?

There was some discussion about this and at this time these awards should be separated as they are given for different purposes and attract different people.

c) Should the high point award continue – and should the award be a plaque or something else.

One year the high point award was a towel – some loved it – some didn't. Some love the plaque and are proud of it – some don't care.

It was pointed out that the high point award does motivate some people to come and swim 7 events – even if it means swimming an event they don't normally swim.

d) Should the annual meeting be tied into the State Meet or held at a different time? Ralph Davis said that having the annual meeting at the state meet and offering lunch draws people to the meeting. If it were to be held at a different time, many people won't come.

The majority of the members would like the meeting to stay tied into the State Meet.

e) Should MI Masters host a LC State Meet?

Summer season is so short and don't see this happening.

f) Merchandise for MI Masters.

Sue Berger-Mann would love to design a shirt/logo for MI Masters

Skip said we have a logo and shirts are given to those who represent MI at Nationals.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Dr. Denise H. Brown

