

2009 USMS Nebraska LMSC
Annual Meeting Minutes

Topics of discussion:

1. Officers
2. Money to spend
3. Swim meets
4. More participation
5. Website
6. Goals for 2010

1. Officers

Although still having difficulty getting new folks to agree to run for an office we do have a good group of individuals who are keeping things going. Have had some response that a few folks may be willing to get more involved beginning in 2011. Participation at this level is an on-going issue. We continually try to encourage LMSC members to get more involved but our success rate is not very good.

2. Money to Spend

We find ourselves with more money than is necessary in our bank account so have decided to spend some of it on the members. Here's what we did:

1. Waived all meet sanction fees.
2. Waived transfer fees.
3. Purchased stickers and swim caps to be sent with new registrations and renewals for 2010.
4. Offered to help host a swim meet in order to defray some costs – although there were no takers we did have more swim meets.

3. Swim Meets

We had swim meets on Feb 1 and Oct 25. A good start for generating more interest in hosting swim meets.

We also helped with the planning for a charity event – the Big Splash. This was a swim meet and swim for fun event that included both age-group and adult swims.

4. More Participation? (Same thoughts as last year)

There was a lengthy discussion with a few members regarding what seems to be a lack of participation by Nebraska LMSC members in swim meets. The fact of the matter is that right now that is not what folks in this LMSC care about. Most of our members are in it for the practices and for the camaraderie and for the fun it is. For the past few years our membership has increased. This is in large part due to the fact that Todd Samland requires USMS membership for all who swim in his program. This is an extremely dedicated group of swimmers. They just do not want to go to swim meets. That may change in the future. For right now, it is better not to push them too hard.

5. Website

The Nebraska LMSC now has its own website. Although still under construction, it is up and going. The address is <http://nebraskamasterslmsc.com>. The website has been up for over a year now. It has not been updated as much as we would like.

6. GOALS FOR 2010

1. More swim meets
2. Spend more money on members in order to make their swimming experience fun and beneficial (agree to absorb some of the costs of a swim meet, continue to waive some fees, perhaps have a social event for the entire LMSC).
3. Begin thinking about the 2012 Olympic Trials and how the Nebraska LMSC can participate.
4. Officers – this is an on-going discussion. One that will continue to be on our goals list every year. We have got to figure out a way to get new people involved in the LMSC. Have already had a volunteer to agree to take over the Officials position but cannot do so until 2011.
5. Website – this needs to be worked on and brought up to date and maintained on a regular basis.
6. Scheduled meetings with members in attendance.
7. Submit annual minutes and financial report on time 😊

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