

**2015 North Carolina LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**March 28, 2015**  
**Triangle Aquatic Center, Cary NC**

**Board Members Present:**

- Jon Blank
- Steve Weatherman
- Jerry Clark
- Tom Cox
- Don Gilchrist
- George Simon
- Kristen Smith
- Jenny Perrottet
- Sonny Nguyen (LMSC member)

The previous meeting minutes were not reviewed, and therefore, not approved at the time of this meeting. Kristen Smith was welcomed as the new Coach's Chair.

**Registrar Report**

George reported that approximately 500 USMS members did not renew their memberships for the 2015 season. This is the typical percentage of non-renewals. George is considering sending an email to those that did not renew their memberships in an effort to obtain information as to why they chose not to renew. Jon liked this idea and Steve volunteered to help George answer these emails.

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Jeff Murray had a prior commitment and was unable to attend the meeting.

**Old Business**

1. LMSC Delegate Selection for USMS Annual Convention.
  - a. Proposed LMSC Policy addressing selection of members to attend the annual convention. Don proposed the following:
    - i. "The officers of the LMSC who will be in office at time of the convention are given priority to attend at the LMSC expense. Order of priority is established as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If one of more of these members elect not to attend, then the below selection process, paragraph 3, should be followed:
      1. Members of the LMSC who are on USMS committees that are granted a vote by their USMS are allowed to attend the USMS Convention at the LMSC expense as defined by the

reimbursement policy. Should a senior LMSC member waive their right to attend the convention or if USMS membership growth allow additional voting members to attend the convention or if the board determines that additional nonvoting participation is in the interest of the LMSC, then additional delegate positions (voting or not) will be filled by LMSC committee members with the following as consideration; USMS committee membership, LMSC committee participation as chairperson, contributor of significance to the LMSC goals, or as other qualifications as determined by the board members.”

- ii. Jon suggested that anyone in the LMSC interested in going to the convention submit a list of volunteer efforts to the Board so that they can vote objectively based on volunteer hours.
  - iii. It was suggested that non-voting members submit a letter to the Board explaining why they would like to attend the National Convention. The Board will vote at that time.
2. Top Ten Recorder/Records.
    - a. Andy Clark is the new Recorder. Andy is Jerry’s son, but there is no nepotism as Jerry is not on the Board of Directors. Jerry mentioned that Jim Matysek has been approached regarding USMS taking care of the state and national records.
  3. Newsletter and Newsletter Editor.
    - a. Editor. There is currently no newsletter editor. Sonny Nguyen was previously approached but did not feel he had the appropriate skillset. However, he agreed to fill the position. Jon agreed to discuss the position further with Sonny. There was a motion from Don to make Sonny a member of the Board. The motion passed.
    - b. Compensation. A motion was made to pay the Newsletter Editor a \$500 honorarium. The motion passed.
  4. April is Adult Learn to Swim Month.
    - a. Jon announced that Governor McCrory proclaimed April as Adult Learn-to-Swim month in the state of North Carolina.

## **New Business**

1. LMSC Leadership Summit.
2. USMS Convention
  - a. 30 September – 4 October. This will take place at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Anyone that is interested in attending please tell Jon.
3. Request for Reimbursement for Long Distance Committee membership at USMS Convention.
  - a. Greta van Meeteren. Greta van Meeteren requested reimbursement for her attendance to the National Convention, as she was a voting member of the USMS Long Distance Committee. Per the LMSC by-laws, committee chairs are reimbursed, but not necessarily members. Jerry suggested,

reluctantly, that the Board reimburse her, as she was an excellent Newsletter Editor, but that he received a rather “snappy” email from her requesting such payment. Jerry believes any angst on her part will be quelled if the Board reimburses her, and made a motion for her to receive payment for her attendance at the convention. George seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

- b. There was a vote to accept the current LMSC policy, with the amendment that any member wishing reimbursement, submit a written request to the Board with volunteer qualifications. Furthermore, it is the intent of the LMSC to reimburse those committee members that are voting delegates at the USMS Convention, and “at-large” members appointed by the President. The motion passed.
4. USMS Award Nominations.
  - a. Don Gilchrist was submitted for the Dorothy Donnelly Award.
5. Open Water Subsidy 2015: Asheville and Lake Lure.
  - a. Sonny and George recommended these be subsidized.
6. Open Water Tracker Program.
  - a. MPierce, Colorado, openwatertracker.com
7. Pool Measurement at Sports Center in Morehead City for a late May LCM meet.

### **Open Forum**

1. Jerry reminded Jenny to send Anna Lea Matysek the email addresses for Kristen and Sonny.