

May 14, 2016

NMMS Annual Meeting: Minutes (New Mexico LMSC)

1. NMMS –LMSC Bylaws were reviewed and approved by motion and second.
2. President Decker informed us that we are continuing to work to include the West Texas/EL Paso Masters LMSC in NMMS, but it is not completed yet. She is having a difficult time getting hold of anyone there.
3. Bobby Goldie was nominated and agreed to be Coaching Chairman for NMMS.
4. President Decker reported on USMS National Conference at which 2 delegates 329 NMMS members.
 - a. She reported that insurance costs have increased due to open water swim incidents. As a result there is now a “sanction fee” of \$90 charged on Masters Meets to cover these costs. President Decker proposed that our LMSC funds could be used to cover these fees in order to help promote more NM Masters’ meets. Approved.
 - b. Annette Thies reminded us that Masters Meets have to have official pool length measurements in order for times to be legally accepted.
 - c. Bobby Goldie agreed to look into swim clinics covered by LMSC sponsorship. Participant fee would also be charged to cover costs. Celebrity swimmers were suggested: eg. Michael Phelps, Misty Hyman.
 - d. President Decker recommended that if anyone wanted to attend the LMSC National Meeting they should contact her by email.
 - e. President Decker announced that USMS was looking for a new Executive Director.
5. Bobby Goldie announced that the Second Annual “Splash Away Cancer” will be hosted May 21 at UNM by Lobo Aquatic Masters. NMMS will sponsor caps for all participants. Each participant (swimming either 500yd, 1 mile, or 2 miles) will bring a donation of at least \$25. Funds raised will all be transferred to the UNM Cancer Center.
6. President Decker presented the current financial statement. She then asked us to spread the word that NMMS has money in the bank for members to spend on projects, meets, clinics, or any other reasonable good idea. She invited members to contact her with these ideas.
7. There was a discussion regarding ways that NMMS could sanction more Masters Meets in NM. Taos Aquatic Masters are planning to host their Second Annual Meet this year. More meets, on a regular basis, would hopefully begin to draw more swimmers from out of state.
8. There was a discussion about NM based relays entering National Masters Meets. If you register for the meet under CAQ, for instance, you cannot legally form a relay with other swimmers under NMMS. That can only be done if you register for the meet under NMMS. President Decker offered to investigate whether there is a way to enter National Meets as a State Team rather than as CAQ, so that relays can be formed from all swimmers in the state. She will disseminate this information.
9. The meeting was adjourned. A good time was had by all.