

New Mexico Masters Swimming
Annual Meeting
9 Apr, 2022

Attendees: Roman Anaya, Kay Armstrong (Secretary), Nick Decker (Web Master), Teddy Decker (Vice Chair), Barb Deshler (Treasurer), Cole McGee (Chairman Elect), Bob Wilson (Chairman)

MSA: Officer elections - current slate of officers was voted in by acclamation as all were unopposed.
MSA: NMLMSC has agreed that we would welcome the West Texas LMSC to become part of NM LMSC.

Summary – Teddy Decker

Meeting was called to order at 9:15AM MST at Flying Star on Wyoming and Paseo Del Norte.

-Bob Wilson got tied up and indicated he would arrive late, so Teddy Decker opened the meeting.

-Election of officers for the 2022 calendar year were held. The slate of officers was unopposed and voted in by acclamation as follows:

Cole McGee Chairman.

Teddy Decker, Vice Chair

Kay Armstrong, Secretary

Barbara Deshler, Treasurer

-It was noted that all the current officers are willing and happy to relinquish their positions to another if someone is interested.

-Bobby Goldie has stepped down from the Coaches Chair position – anyone who is interested please contact Cole.

-Teddy reviewed several ideas that have been in discussion to drive up interest in NM Master's Swimming (swim invitational, open time trial events, etc). She kindly offered Cole her support for further planning and execution.

-Barb Deshler provided an update on the plan for a North Domingo Baca Community Center pool. A proposal is up before the City Council to cut the requirement for community discussion / inputs regarding the development; this would likely put the pool on a long-term hold. Christina Kawamoto (Registrar) sent an email to the NMMS membership on 11 Apr asking all to contact their representatives and express support for the pool.

- Zoe Nance, Open Water coordinator, has 3 swims planned for 2022. She has also set up a Facebook page for information dissemination - <https://www.facebook.com/SwimNewMexico>

--Sat Apr 23, Caballo Lake State Park

--Sat Jun 25, Abiquiu Lake Boat Ramp

--Sat Aug 13, Lake Heron State Park Primitive Boat Ramp

- Cole attended the USMS "Relay" conference earlier this year. This event was designed to focus less on national organization management and more on supporting state and local swimming. Some highlights:

- presentation on how to make the most of social media
- USMS ready to support local marketing efforts
- benefits of swim clinics, who is willing to conduct them
- growing the USMS membership base by encouraging “masters” swim groups at local sports centers to register as official USMS workout groups. (While some swimmers at so-called “masters” practices are USMS members, not all local adult swim groups are registered with USMS.) Workout group registration cost is minimal, but registering the group and requiring participants to join USMS ensures all receive the membership benefits (marketing discounts, magazine, emails, online group events and challenges, etc.)

-Cole also asked about our history with successful events.

- Over the past few years most have been stroke clinics, very few annual meets.
- Kicked around ideas, such as dual sanctioned meets with USA swimming, with combo youth / adult races, or a Masters heat in each event.

-Teddy proposed that NMMS encourage state colleges to establish College Club Swimming (CCS)

- CCS is backed by USMS which defines this as “the collective organization that unifies college club swimming programs across the country.”

- CCS is a bridge between youth swim programs and Masters swimming programs.

- Recommended we work through college intramural offices, and offer our support for clinics and competitions

-NMMS recognizes that coaching Masters is difficult due to group size, workout times, etc.

- Thoughts to address these challenges – coach’s clinic, multiple coaches at one location who alternate

-Teddy made a motion to have NMMS incorporate the West Texas LMSC

- This group is comprised of approximately 35 people, most in the El Paso area

- This group is pretty isolated from the rest of Texas and other Masters swim groups; incorporation with us gives them opportunities for competition

- Teddy made the motion, Bob seconded, approved unanimously.

- Teddy will notify the national office and ask that legislation go forward to make it happen.

Treasurer Report – Barb Deshler

- Bottom line – As COVID restricted most activities over the last 24 months, our financial situation has not changed much

- Cole will review the planned / executed budgets from the last few years to assist with expense planning for this year. As the national USMS conference will provide a remote option again this year we likely won’t have any additional travel expenses.

Closing: The 2022 budget and any changes to the board will be sent to the membership for approval. Pass or failure will be based only on the responses received.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM MST.

KAA – 4 May 2022