

# Potomac Valley LMSC Annual Meeting

October 26, 2018 – GMU

## Agenda

### Committee Reports

- Chair – Jeff Strahota
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Timmons
- Secretary – Jeff Strahota
- Registrar – Jeff Roddin
- Top Ten – Mollie Grover
- Vice Chair/Rules – Dave Robinson
- Sanctions – Stephanie Gauzens
- Officials – Natalie Taylor
- Vice Chair/Governance – Stephanie Gauzens
- Newsletter – Cheryl Wagner
- Awards – Angela Fu
- Fitness – Christina West
- Long Distance/Open Water – Peter Lee
- Coaches – Frank Marcinkowski
- Webmaster – Ray Novitske
- Communications – Vacant

### New Business

- 2018 Rule Changes that may affect us (Strahota, Grover)
  - One Event Fee (USMS portion is \$20)
- Backstroke Wedges (Robinson)
- Elections – Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- Schedule Spring 2019 meeting

### Attendees:

- ALEX – Amelia Kays; Stephanie Gauzens, Ray Novitske
- ARMS – Ellen Hufford
- GERM – David Robinson
- L4S – Frank Marcincowski
- MASH – Will Ferris
- ANCM – Jeff Roddin
- NCYM – Peter Lee
- NXWV – Tom Black
- GMUP – Tim Timmons
- RMST – Brian Evans
- UMAC – Jeff Strahota, Mollie Grover, Natalie Taylor, Cheryl Wagner

Meeting called to order @ 2:11pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm

## Reports

### Chair – Jeff Strahota

Thank you to all of your support over my last term, and to all our volunteers, I want to thank you for your service and assistance over these last 4 years.

This fall, I was elected as an at-large delegate to the USMS Board of Directors, and I look forward to being able to help guide our organization for the next couple of years.

### Treasurer's Report – Tim Timmons

Financially, PVLMSC remains in good health. We currently have a combined total of \$57,359.20 in our Checking and Savings accounts. We began the year with a combined total of \$52,404.89 which means we are \$4,954.31 in the black for the calendar year to date.

During that timeframe, our income has totaled \$14,910.83 and our expenses have been \$9,956.52. Thus again, our net is \$4,954.31. Here are the details:

#### Income

- Registrations (Individual and Club) = \$14904.00
- Interest on bank accounts = \$6.83

#### Expenses

- Club Assistant Rebates to Clubs hosting meets = \$3,416.00
- ALTS Scholarships = \$500.00
- Miscellaneous = \$346.24
- Coaches Clinic Scholarships = \$360.00
- Convention Expenses = \$3,334.28
- Sanction Fees = \$2,000.00

I have no specific recommendations for the Board; we're in good shape.

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TIMOTHY T. TIMMONS, PVLMSC Treasurer

### Meeting Note:

As of October 15, we are about \$5k to the good.

### Secretary – Jeff Strahota

We yet again saw a couple of email issues while getting the word out about our fall meeting (which Ray was able to handle), but otherwise, nothing to report.

### Registrar – Jeff Roddin

Please continue to review your club listings on the PV website (<http://pvmasters.org/newsite/index.php/clubs/>) and let Ray or I know if anything needs updating.

Individual Membership totals for this time of year: October 31, 2014 – 2960 October 31, 2015 - 2847 October 31, 2016 – 2830 October 31, 2017 – 2704 October 19, 2018 - 2412 (downward trend continues - and is getting worse)

We have 34 registered clubs (vs 33 last year).

For 2018, we charged \$30 for OEVTs (and they could later upgrade to full membership by paying \$20). Of the \$30 fee, \$15 went to USMS and \$15 went to PV. For 2019, the USMS portion of the OEVT will increase by \$5 to \$20. We can keep the total fee at \$30 by reducing the PV portion to \$10, or we can pass along the increase to the swimmers.

For 2019, USMS has raised their portion of individual membership fees by \$2 (from \$43 to \$45). We have agreed to absorb this increase in order to keep the total registration fee at \$50 (i.e. the LMSC fee will decrease from \$7 to \$5). Our overall fee increased from \$40 to \$45 in 2014 and from \$45 to \$50 last year.

For 2019, USMS has raised their portion of club membership dues from \$43 to \$45. We have reduced the PV portion by \$2 per club to maintain the same overall fee to clubs (i.e. PV clubs won't notice the dues increase).

As of 10/22/18, 12 clubs have renewed for 2019: ANCM, ARMS, DCAC, GERM, GMUP, MASH, NXWV, PMM, RIPM, RMST, SDS, TRI3, WAV1

As of 10/22/18, 22 clubs have not yet renewed for 2019: ALEX, DCM, DCRP, DCTC, DUFF, ERSC, FBST, JCCN, L4S, LMAC, MACH, MSSC, NAMI, NCYM, SFAF, TA, TOLL, UMAC, WAVA, YBCC, YSS

### Meeting Notes:

- MSA Absorb the OEVT fee, leave it at \$30, and revisit this meeting next year. (Natalie, Cheryl)
- Strikeouts in "club not renewed" list indicate they have renewed by meeting time.
- If anyone hasn't received a notice from USMS, there may be something with your email account

### Top Ten – Mollie Grover

Had only one LC Meet this summer: 194 swims, 1 national record submitted and accepted from Terrapin Cup.

### Vice Chair/Rules – Dave Robinson

When the Rules Committee discussed our SCY relay proposal several months ago, they did not support it with a vote of 6-8, which is the closest this has ever been. I raised it again at a Rules Committee meeting at Convention, and it was also discussed and voted on the floor at Convention. It did not seem to even receive 50 % of the vote there.

Since only PV can propose rule changes, we should discuss next steps. We can #1 drop the issue, #2 re-propose it "as is", #3 create a "full blitz" larger proposal, or #4 some other approach. "Full blitz" options could include: conduct a poll at the Spring SCY Zones (Jeff's idea), have Karl Wunderlich, Ph.D. (professional statistician and originator of the Crescendo Relay handicapping) do a thorough analysis on 20 years of USMS data, and/or submit a detailed rebuttal of points raised against our proposal.

Based on a legislation proposal that was submitted this year, there was a potential wording change that could be discussed at a later meeting.

### Meeting Notes:

Talked about some more of why the rule change failed. We'll sit on this for a couple years and revisit.

### Sanctions – Stephanie Gauzens

As of Agenda/Pre-report press time, there have been no meets held since our last meeting.

### Meeting Notes:

We have had 1 meet (today's) since

We have sanctioned a few meets just this week: GERM Solstice, GMUP Colonies Zones.

Upcoming Meets not yet sanctioned:

- March 30 – Albatross
- Alexandria Tropical Splash

### Officials – Natalie Taylor

A new USMS Referee program will be released on 1 January 2019 for all USMS officials who want to become referees. There is a big push at the national level to grow USMS officials from within.

#### Requirements

- USA S Referee swimming test (online)
- USA S timers test
- USMS Supplemental question test - separate site
- Required Deck sessions
- Must be a USMS Starter and Stroke and Turn
- Must be a member of USMS

List of PV officials is posted on the PV website for any meet hosts who are looking for officials for their meets. I am working with Ray to have a listserv so hosts can email the entire group to solicit officials more easily.

There is a new USMS Outstanding Officials Awards that will be awarded annually. The Award information is posted on the USMS website.

Goal for 2019 - Host an officials clinic in PV in 2019 to certify new officials in our LMSC.

### Vice Chair/Governance – Stephanie Gauzens

We have elections this meeting!

### Newsletter – Cheryl Wagner

#### Meeting Notes:

January is next newsletter.

### Awards – Angela Fu

Ray Novitske was presented with a USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service award at the 2018 Annual Meeting. As Ray is the current Chair of the USMS Awards Committee and also the guy approving the nominations, some back-room work occurred to submit his nomination.

### Meeting Notes:

Jeff Roddin was given a recognition in front of the house of delegates for his long work on the Championship Committee.

### Fitness – Christina West

The Fall Fitness Series event is a 1-mile swim completed between Nov. 15-30, and the third event in the SmartyPants Vitamins USMS Fitness Series. See here for more information and to sign up: <https://www.usms.org/events/fitness-events/fitness-series/fall-fitness-challenge>. The next Adult Learn to Swim certification course in our area is tentatively scheduled for May 5. As in the past, PV-registered swimmers can apply for a scholarship for the ALTS course. The scholarship covers 50 percent of the registration fee and is available on a first come first serve basis for those who successfully complete the course. Contact the Fitness Chair for more details.

### Long Distance/Open Water – Peter Lee

No Report

### Coaches – Frank Marcinkowski

No Report

### Meeting Notes:

12 PV Members attended the National Coaches Clinic last weekend in College Park MD. Helen Naylor from the coaches committee has been able to get some of their presentations up online. Have had 4 coaches request scholarships so far.

[ get info from frank's email ]

### Webmaster – Ray Novitske

After getting the new-look website up and running, ongoing maintenance is happening.

By the end of the year, looking to get a subscription-based email list that will email you with website updates.

Looking to get an officials listserv in the coming weeks as well!

### Communications – Vacant

No Report

## New Business

### 2018 Rule Changes that may affect us (Strahota, Grover)

- One Event Fee (USMS portion is \$20) – see motion from Jeff Roddin's Registrar Report.
- Records – Somewhat reverted the National Record requirements (for national records only) that would permit 2 watches in the event of total system failure.
- Cameras behind the blocks – on Jan 1 2019, no cameras will be allowed behind the blocks at the start of the race.

### Jim McDonnell Lake Swim (Lee, Evans)

- Peter passed out some paperwork showing the timeline of events, number of safety personnel, and official team statement. Safety plan worked as designed.
- How we as an LMSC can help more in the future? Having Peter there was extremely helpful. Was helpful to hear from Dawson. Could be helpful to have an EAP-designated person (PV OW Official) to help handle the family and friends.
- MSA to Establish a subcommittee to look into some of the suggestions of how to handle emergencies. (Stephanie, Cheryl) Peter, Tom and Frank would like to be on the subcommittee.
- For 2019 – Reston Association (RA), who owns the lake, is continuing to raise the requirements for approval. For 2019, are requiring OW-certified lifeguards. Team support exists to continue the event, but are continuing to wait for what additional requirements will come from RA.
- MSA (David, Frank) to write a letter in support of RMST and the JMLS to send to the RA. Chair, Chair-elect to work with Peter.

### Backstroke Ledges (Robinson)

It would be optimal if all PV meets had backstroke start ledges. These are available from several sources, although it is not clear that one set would fit all of our pools. FINIS has a device which it claims works with all starting blocks for \$250 each.

Link: <https://www.finisswim.com/Backstroke-Start-Wedge>

MSA Dave R and others do some homework on the logistics of this (Dave/Mollie).

### Elections – Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

Nominations

- Cheryl Wagner nominates Jeff Strahota for Secretary (Mollie seconds)
- Dave Robinson nominates Stephanie Gauzens for Chair (Natalie seconds)
- Jeff Roddin nominates Tim Timmons for Treasurer (Natalie seconds)
- Jeff Roddin nominates Mollie Grover for Chair (Stephanie seconds)

Stephanie, Tim and Jeff accepted their nominations. Mollie declined.

Ray (Mollie) moves that we vote in the nominees based on the fact that there are no opposition.

## Meeting with Dawson

Ray asked Jeff S. to recap the meeting with Dawson after the national coaches clinic.

- There have been a lot of initiatives around membership and registration that have taken a lot of time and resources, both at the national level and for volunteers. The website was rolled out with a few gaps in functionality. Larger ones have been fixed and are continuing to update some of the smaller ones that continue to come in.
- Talked about Dawson's question on a standard national membership fee.

## Schedule Spring 2019 meeting

Will schedule the next one over email.