

Utah Masters Board Meeting  
Meeting Agenda/  
2020 Utah Masters Annual Meeting

December 3, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom Video conference

**Attending:**

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| Bruce Schroder    | Connie Larson     | Anna Marie Forest |
| Greg Underwood    | Christian Corbett | Will Reeves       |
| Aaron Norton      | Jerry Treiman     | Ani Ostendoorff   |
| Dave Robbins      | Helen Turner      | Kyle Spicer       |
| Sterling Fuhriman | Rob Bruendl       | Karen Hodges      |
| Lynne Lund        | Ulrich Scholz     | Audra West        |
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Begin at **7:06 pm**

1. Welcome to attendees and special guests
    - a. Hope all are safe and healthy during this unprecedented time
  2. COVID-19: Most swimming has been opened but with adjusted schedules. USMS is allowing LMSC to sanction events in accordance with set USMS Guidelines and local requirements. Anna to give a brief summary of those details. **LMSC – incorporates all of Utah – 271 registered members currently;**
  3. Ongoing Action items:
    - a. Social Media:
      - i. Website. [www.utahmasters.org](http://www.utahmasters.org)
        1. Board bios – NEED MORE!!! bios/pics. Need:
          - Jerry – Received bio and photo, updating webpage now
          - Karen
          - Anna-Marie
          - Dean
          - Stephanie
          - Will
          - Dan
        2. Team pics. *Send to Aaron.*
      - ii. Utah Masters email has been set. New email is [utahmastersswimming@gmail.com](mailto:utahmastersswimming@gmail.com)
      - iii. Instagram account is set: [@utahmastersswimming](https://www.instagram.com/utahmastersswimming) Please follow! **We have 60 followers.**
    - b. Reminder to any board members to register with USMS.
4. Report on Past Events

- a. Limited past events due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - b. Non-USMS Open Water Swims (Bear Lake Monster and Deer Creek) *Aprx 30 people in attendance at each event*
  - c. Pool vs. Cool Swimming Challenge – Virtual event put on by Will Reeves *Recognized with the pandemic that events were being cancelled so USMS put in effort for a swimming app called Swim.Com, was great for pools, and worked with OWS – Sanctioned as a regional meet, event allowed swimmers to track their distances for 3 months, 3 race distances 500, 1500 and 5K – ended up being a Utah event with about 15 people who participated*
  - d. 2020 Toyota UMS Virtual Championships with Swim.Com *National USMS event – several Utah swimmers participated, kudos to Joe Linford for making top 10 and Will Reeves won a few of the long distance swims*
  - e. Tour of Utah Lakes Swim (8/29/2020) *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Event – 1 mile in 6 different lakes – had about 30 participate at the first lake. Aaron and Anna have been able to participate all 4 years, usually occurs last Saturday in August, swimmers are not required to do all 6 lakes*
  - f. USMS National Convention Virtual Events *No new rules or regulations, had over 200 nationwide delegates – Will Reeves, OWS Committee and Award winner for OWS, Aaron Norton - National Delegate, and Blair Bagly (?) on Diversity Committee*
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#### 4. Calendar of Events schedule

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- a. Meet Schedule (depending on local restrictions)
  - i. Small SUSA Meet this month – *USMS has in place strict restrictions for meets to abide by COVID precautions, SUSA planning a very small meet for the locals avg 10-15 people, still planning this month, middle of the week a mid day swim meet*
- b. 2021
  - i. Las Vegas – *popular meet that we have done in the past, but is unlikely not to be held for 2021*
  - ii. State Meet – *still up in the air in regards to COVID regulations*
  - iii. Spring Nationals - *still up in the air in regards to COVID regulations*
  - iv. IGLA Games cancelled- *confirmed cancellation from QUAC Head Coach Kyle Spicer*
- c. Other events
  - i. Any new ideas?
  - ii. UTAH OWS – *site specific and in person swims, idea is to meet on Saturdays at various lakes and swimmers would be swim a different distance, price would be around \$10-15 per OWS meet, consider running them under practice rules vs sanction to help reduce cost and logistics, discussion on whether it needed to be sanctioned and the logistics necessary for proper swimmer safety – want to utilize reservoirs state wide and what is the ideal time of the year for them, make sure water is not too cold or too warm for longer swims. Would make sure that all bonding and insurance needs are met through USMS. DEQ Water Quality website is also recommended to utilize to*

*check for safety of the water in regards to temperatures, algae blooms, and water quality that could impact swimmer's safety.*

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iii. USMS "Booths" in 2021 –

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1. USMS attend State HS Swim meets and/or championships to show what HS students can do next. *Efforts to get out and recruit younger swimmers – hold booths at High School and College Swim Teams to recruit them into Master's once they are through with their respective school team, to encourage and keep them swimming into their adult lives. Looking for volunteers to assist with these booths – planning a few in the next year. Volunteers who are interested should reach out to Aaron or Bruce. Will suggested also having LMSC also volunteering to be timers at a meet to help get noticed at the High School and Collegiate Meets*

2. USMS attend and/or support CCS events and NCAA events with

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5. LMSC Operational Budget – Joe Linford

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a. Budget approved but spend will be very low this year.

b. Aaron Proposal: UT LMSC buy a simple laptop and Team Manager software and along with free version of Meet Manager will be able to keep all Utah databases *Board to decide on this proposal – this proposal would allow LMSC to have all records and documents for USMS, USMS provides Meet Manager for free, but we do not have a Team Manager software that would aid LMSC and the laptop and software would be dedicated solely to the LMSC vs having to utilize someone's personal computer. The cost of this does fall within the personal budget. Discussion among board and attendees of the meeting, agreed to this proposal and purchase of a laptop and Team Manager software.*

c. Next year will depend on pandemic plans. Propose to push back until the situation is more clear

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6. Club Development (Blair)

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a. Blair has moved out of the state. We need a new Club Development Chair. See elections below *The Club Development Chair position is now vacant. This position would help to go out to gyms, rec centers and help them start up a club. The cost for a team is \$60 a year. Many places have a "masters" swim that is not currently associated with USMS, the goal is to get more clubs around Utah to help grow our LMSC*

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7. Newsletter (Bruce)

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a. October issue was AWESOME!!

b. Next issue plans. *Looking for achievements and various stories from the LMSC clubs – any thing to be submitted should be sent to Bruce. Looking possibly for more local Utah highlight on Adult Learn to Swim program, QUAC has the ALS program, asking for a submission. Also considering spotlight on random swimmers, not necessarily top swimmers with awards, but just small bios and spotlights introducing you to swimmers – Bruce suggested starting the spotlights on the members of the Board and then move to random swimmers*

*through the LMSC. Can also do a Team spotlight, not just LMSC – do a spotlight on any swimming group out there.*

8. New Business:

a. Approval of new Utah Masters Bylaws

i. Aaron to briefly explain reason for update and differences between past Bylaws *Current bylaws were established in 2009, Aaron spent the better part of 2020 updating the bylaws and had the board review. Bylaws were presented to the Board and General. The Board will take an official vote on the new bylaws. Aaron presented only the changes/additions to the bylaws by highlighting them in yellow.*

1. *Aaron proposed the changes to the bylaws*
2. *Lynn second the proposal to the bylaws*
3. *All in attendance moved to accept the bylaws, no opposition*
4. *Bylaws are now within USMS standards*

ii. Any discussion by General membership

iii. Vote by officers of the UT LMSC

b. UT LMSC Board Elections and appointments

i. As FYI the UT LMSC elected officers are: Chair/President. Vice-Chair/President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ii. Voting Board members include: Current officers as stated above, Immediate past president and representatives from the 5 largest clubs.

1. *QUAC, SDM, UTAH, OAMC, SALT to designate a representative of the club to serve on the Board*

iii. Other non-voting members of the Board include the various committees of the board. See attached LMSC Board List and Team Statistics

iv. Chair/President Aaron is worried he is taking on too much. Currently SDM Head coach, UT LMSC Chair and now newly appointed NW Zone Chair. Discussion on potential step down or transition to someone else. But will not leave unless people are comfortable

1. *Will Reeves nominated Bruce Schroder to step into President – he felt the need to have SUSA represented on the board was good as they are not currently in the top 5 clubs*
2. *Lynne seconded the nomination*
3. *Bruce expressed openness to the transition from Vice President to President*
4. *Vote was unanimous for Bruce to become new Utah Masters President*
5. *Now Vice President position has a vacancy and will need to be filled – position does not need to be filled tonight to allow others to express interest*

v. Other positions that need filled:

1. Club Development – *With stepping down from President, Aaron expressed interest in this position to help grow the club, and Bruce did appoint Aaron with no objection from the General Members in the meeting.*
2. Officials – *still in need of someone to help coordinate officials for meets in the future*

3. Meet Direction - *still in need of someone to help coordinate meets in the future, ideally someone who has ran meets in the past.*

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c. Other new business

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i. Question for the Board: How do we want to grow: Geographical, Numbers, locations: How do we connect with existing groups that swim as masters?

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9. Board Meetings in 2021

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a. All via conference call and/or zoom

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Adjournment *8:59 pm*

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