

LMSC of Virginia Minutes Sunday, October 27, 2013, 4:00pm

Present:

Patty Miller, Chair
Charlie Tupitza, Vice Chair/Warrenton Masters
Charlie Cockrell, Treasurer/Finance
Chris Stevenson, Webmaster/ Records & Top Ten
Charlie Cockrell, Treasurer / Officials
Shirley Loftus-Charley, Registrar
Pam Dameron, Secretary/Fitness, Quest Masters
Heather Stevenson, Sanctions/Review, VMST President
Jim Miller, Safety
Elizabeth Cohen, VMST
Betsy Durrant, Newsletter/VMST
Jay Peluso, Peluso OW Masters
Laure Ray, Peluso OW Masters
Laurel Davis, Blacksburg Masters
Laura Heyer, Leesburg
Ginger Cyganiewicz, Sunfish Masters

Old Business:

1. Meeting called to order at 4:20 pm by the Chair.
2. A motion was made by Heather, seconded by Jim, and approved, to accept the minutes from October 28, 2013. For a full report of those minutes, refer to the LMSC web site.
3. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Betsy, and approved, to accept the minutes from February 2013 teleconference. For a full report of those minutes, refer to the LMSC web site.
4. Chair- Patty Miller reported that elections will be held next year. This year has been smooth, with the exception of the open water insurance problem.
5. Vice Chair – Charlie T. had no report. A discussion concerning 2014 SCM Colony Zone Championships resulted in Ginger Cyganiewicz agreeing to check on availability of the Freedom Center during Nov. or Dec. for Sunfish Masters to host the meet. Charlie T. will be the contact on the Board. He expressed the need for younger people to be active on the Board, and to volunteer with the LMSC work. Christiansburg is interested in running more meets, and he thanked Heather Stevenson for her help in getting his Postal meet sanctioned.
6. Treasury- Charlie Cockrell reported that the LMSC finished the year with a healthy balance. There is now money available for an increase in member services (clinics, etc.). Patty mentioned that the insurance/sanction fees for open water in 2014 have not yet been established, and there was discussion as to whether the LMSC wants to help out with the fees as we did last year. It was decided that the host for OW meets needs to provide for its own costs through entry fees or other sources. After a discussion, Heather made a motion, seconded by Chris, and passed, to use \$1000 for coaches to attend the ASCA certification courses. A motion by Betsy, seconded by Charlie T., was passed to

- accept the budget as written with the addition of \$1000 for coaches. Charlie C. sends reports every month to LMSC officers to review for questions, errors, and to share the responsibility for the finances. A complete written report has been filed and can be found on the LMSC website.
7. Registrar- Shirley Loftus-Charley reported that there are 33 clubs in the LMSC. Last year 49 registrants checked the "yes" box to volunteer. No one has contacted them. Shirley will send a list to the Executive Committee quarterly of those swimmers who answered "yes" and their comments. Betsy has agreed to take the list, as well as last year's list, organize it, and refer the swimmers on to someone in their area. A club must be registered before an individual can register for that club.
 8. Sanctions- Heather reported 8 pool sanctions, 3 open water sanctions, and one recognized event for last year. She has been getting sanction requests without the required \$20 fee. One meet report from last year, Dive Into Spring, has been reported missing. Clubs hosting meets are asked to set their dates and request sanctions during December so that a complete schedule for the 2014 season can be available by Jan. 1. This will allow ample time to advertise the meet (at least 2 months is necessary), and prevent 2 meets from occurring on the same weekend. Jack King OW event does not have a meet director. Ginger will be hosting the Crawl Brawl Nov. 30. New this year, sanctioned events must have a statement concerning the measurement of the pool (either certified on file, or bulkhead measurements taken at the meet) to be legal for Top Ten. There were no Board of Review actions this year.
 9. Records/Top Ten- Chris reported on the new requirements for pool measurements.
 10. Communications- Chris reported that communications have been excellent. Betsy requests articles and photos for the newsletter. Also, let her know what you like or do not like. Information concerning meets needs to be sent to her in a timely manner to have it published. The "opt out" option and keeping the newsletter at 8 pages whenever possible has cut the expenses for the newsletter. Betsy thanked Ginger for her article with good photos – send more! A discussion followed concerning the website link to Places to Swim. Shirley will continue to update with any information she gets from club registration. It may be best to call the clubs for workout times instead of listing them, as they change so frequently. Betsy was thanked for her nearly 20 years as the newsletter editor – she does a great job!
 11. Long Distance- Dave Holland was not present, but the new Moomaw OW event was a success, and an event director is needed for Jack King. It has been in existence since the 80's.
 12. Officials – Charlie C. reported nothing new. The convention in 2014 will be a Rules year, and new changes can be proposed. Let Charlie know if you have any concerns or proposals.
 13. Safety – Jim reported that Dave Holland developed good safety plans for his open water events. The safety plans were approved by the LMSC, then at the National level. Templates are available for new events.

New Business:

1. The Virginia LMSC had the following members recognized at the Convention in September:

Chris Stevenson was elected USMS National Vice President of Local Operations
Jay Peluso won the Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award
Patty Miller is the new Capt. Ransom Arthur Award recipient
Congratulations!!

2. Member Discounts – After discussion, Shirley made a motion, seconded by Heather, to waive the LMSC portion of the registration fee for swimmers 85 years and older. Motion passed.
3. To facilitate donations to VA LMSC, a check box has been added to the registration form. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to the donor.
4. The Opt-in/Opt-out language regarding receipt of paper newsletters on the registration form will remain as written on last year's form.
5. The Coach's Chair position is open and needs to be filled.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 5:55 pm.

Summary of Actions

1. **Money in the amount of \$1000 has been designated to enable coaches to attend the ASCA certification clinics.**
2. **Meet sanctions for 2014 are requested to be sent in during December. A complete schedule of events will be ready Jan. 1.**
3. **The LMSC will not be paying for open water event sanctions or insurance fees.**
4. **The LMSC fee has been waived for all members 85 years old and older as well as the 18-24 age group.**

Minutes submitted electronically by Pam Dameron, Secretary, on November 2, 2013