

Meeting Name: **MN Masters LMSC Board Meeting**

Date/Time of meeting: **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

Location: Washburn Library

Meeting run by: Tom Moore

Minutes Recorded by: Hannah Cohen

Motions:

- 1) The board approved the August 2019 meeting minutes.
- 2) The board approved the Unified Fee (\$60) starting next year.
- 3) The board approved a new fee structure for club and workout groups (\$60 for club or workout group).

Number of Attendees: 10 + 1 on phone

Executive Committee members present: Tom Moore, David Bergquist, Hannah Cohen, Beth Nymeyer, Randy Ness, Randy Schlichting

Executive Committee members on conference call:

Board Members Present: Mark Kaplan, Jeremy Busch, Marc Anderson, Dave Kough

Members on conference call: Landon Ascheman

Other Members:

Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM. The August meeting minutes were approved (David B. made the motion, Randy N. seconded it, the motion passed on a voice vote).
- **Treasurer (Dave K.):** We were charged one-event fees (23 of them) for open water events. Scott charged those fees through ClubAssistant. We paid USMS for those fees. Dave K. will send an invoice to Scott to pay for those fees.
- **Registrar/Membership Coordinator (Randy N.)** – New role for registrar discussed at USMS convention:
 - Advances in technology and the capabilities of the National Office staff are enabling the functions of the current role to be largely transitioned and centralized, allowing local volunteers to focus on general member needs.
 - Registration work can be done by National office for each LMSC.
 - That allows each LMSC to have a Membership Coordinator that is focused on the local chapter.
 - Many of the administrative tasks Randy does would become the responsibility of National Office (printing and mailing USMS cards, providing regular reports, etc.) Randy is in support of those changes.
 - We should officially change the Registrar's title to "Membership Coordinator." We will do that next year (would have to turn it around really quickly to get it voted on this year).

- Registration Numbers: We currently have a total of 1323 members, which is more than last year. We have 103% of registrations from last year. USMS is at 97%.
- **Minnesota Masters Annual Meeting (Nov. 2):**
 - **Elections (Landon)** – Lots of nominations. Landon sent request for confirmation to nominees on 10/1.
 - **Awards** – Tom will distribute a draft at the next meeting.
 - **Hall of Fame (Marc A.)** - The Hall of Fame Committee has selected two nominees, Robin Kleffman and Johnny Bergman, for the Class of 2019. These members were approved by the board (Mark K. made the motion, David B. seconded it, the motion passed on a voice vote).
 - **Dinner** – Randy S. is helping coordinate details.
- **USMS Annual Meeting**
 - **Unified Fees** - The national office/BOD is promoting (not yet mandating) a Unified Membership Fee to eliminate the multitude of local pricing differences. They believe standardizing our pricing model will allow for increased flexibility (e.g. cross-sport collaborations) and ultimately lead to increased membership. The Unified Fee is envisioned to be \$60 of which 20% would be distributed to the LMSCs. As an incentive to adopt this fee early, USMS will allocate \$15 to the LMSC of which \$3 will be committed back to the national office to cover hotel costs at next year's annual meeting. In other words, an LMSC would get \$12 plus free hotel rooms. Two items of note for discussion: 1) Pacific Masters (20% of the entire USMS membership) has already adopted this practice, 2) Minnesota spent around \$2400 on hotel fees this year.
 - David B. made a motion to opt in to the \$60 unified fee starting next year. All except Mark K. were in favor. Tom abstained. We discussed how we can add value for USMS members who don't compete.
- **Other fees:** We voted for the fee structure:
 - **Currently:** \$50 for a workout group and \$125 for a club. USMS portion is \$45. MN masters makes \$5 on a workout group and \$80 on a club.
 - **New fees:** \$60 for a workout group and \$60 for a club. USMS portion is \$45. A motion to pass this fee structure was made by David B. Mark K. seconded the motion. All were in favor (voice vote).
- **ALTS** was very successful. Carrie is the chair of the task force to form a national ALTS committee.

The next meeting **10/22/19 at 6:30 PM at the Washburn Library.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.