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# MN Masters Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 06.27.2023

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## Attendees:

Tom Hodgson, Carrie Stolar, Nick Hestbech, Gerry Vandam, Beth Nymeyer, Seth Baetzold, Samantha Kraft, Marc Anderson, Nicki Phillips, Katie Vandam, Tom Moore.

## Hybrid format:

## AGENDA

- Approve May meeting minutes
- Upcoming USMS meetings:
  - Annual Meeting 2023 (hybrid): Sept 8 – 10 in Houston. Attendees: Carrie and Beth (USMS roles) plus 3 from our LMSC:
  - Relay 2023: Oct 20 – 22 in Houston. Attendees: Carrie plus 3 from our LMSC: Those interested include Beth, Nicki, Brian, Gerry, Tom H, Chris Campbell (current USMS VP moving to MN)
- 2023 Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Membership Coordinator, and At-Large (A)
- Annual Meeting: Nov 11/12 or Nov 18/19
- Square Lake
- Bylaw update: Change “registrar” to “membership coordinator”
- Website progress
- BOD shirts: Being distributed!

## Regular Board Updates

- Exec. Committee Reports: including Treasurer, Membership, USMS
  - Committee Reports: (May not all have an update to share)
    - ALTS: (Carrie/Tom): Afghan women ALTS class
    - Coach: (Beth and Wilson): Starts and turns clinic in Sept?
    - D&I (Luke)
    - Fitness (Beth, Katy)
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- Governance and Legal (Landon)
- Foundation (Tom H.)
- HOF (Marc)
- Meet (Gerry)
- Officials (open position)
- OW (Nicki)
- Records (Marc)
- V3 (Martha)

#### Future Meetings:

June 27: hybrid  
 July 25: hybrid  
 Aug 29: hybrid  
 Sept. 26

## Motions made

- MSA agreed to approve the May minutes.
- MSA agreed to fund 3-4 people for the Relay meeting
- MSA decided to update “registrar” to “membership coordinator” in the bylaws

## Meeting Notes

- Two upcoming meetings for the US Masters
  - Annual Meeting 2023 (hybrid): Sept 8 – 10 in Houston. Attendees: Carrie and Beth (USMS roles) plus 3 from our LMSC:
    - Would like to fill the 3 open positions for the upcoming meetings:
    - We need to turn in the names by August 15
    - Please let Carrie know during the meeting or via text or email if you are interested
    - Sam is planning on attending
    - Nick is undecided
    - If there are not three people who step up, Carrie will recruit people
    - Nicki will be attending, but virtual
    - Carrie is running again for the Secretary of the USMS BOD and is currently unopposed
  - Relay 2023: Oct 20 – 22 in Houston.
    - Attendees: Carrie (USMS role) plus 3 from our LMSC: Those interested include Beth, Nicki, Brian, Gerry, Tom H, Chris Campbell (current USMS VP moving to MN)
    - Carrie will share the agenda for this with the board
    - Carrie is looking for 3 people (Beth counts as one of the 3)
    - Roughly will cost \$1000 per person
    - Motion made by the board to cover the cost for 3-4 people between the two meetings
- Current positions open for elections are the following: Vice Chair, Chair, Open at Large, Director at Large

- Need at least one candidate for each of these positions
- Beth is termed out as Vice Chair, but can run if there is no one who runs
- Brian would like someone else to run for Membership Coordinator
- Annual meeting timing was discussed
  - Annual Meeting: Nov 11/12 or Nov 18/19
  - The board discusses the possibility to invite the college club swim team at the U to this meeting
  - The meeting will be in Minnetonka
- Square Lake
  - 77 people registered for the event to date
    - Registrations are from all over, including Alaska
    - 28 are doing this as a first-time event
    - Age 20-75
  - 48 t-shirts are required for the event (Beth and Nicki will chat after meeting about the shirts)
  - Paddleboards are needed
    - Nicki is trying to see if they can rent them vs bringing Kayak 3 more paddle boards needed
  - 2 more lifeguards are needed for the event
  - More volunteers are still needed for the event
  - Nicki asked the board if she can get a gas card for the boat driver. Board agreed to pay for the gas card
- Bylaw update: Change “registrar” to “membership coordinator”
- Website updates
  - Due to no work on it in the last few months, Brian is asking the board if we can move forward with an alternative person to complete the project
    - The board will need to determine a budget for this project
  - Board has decided to put this on pause for now as the final details and scope are determined
- The board shirts will distributed over time to those not at the meeting
- Finances were reviewed during the call
  - July’s numbers will reflect all of the costs from Square Lake
  - Nicki requests checks for lifeguards before Square Lake meet
- Treasure Update:
  - Membership numbers are up 2% from last year
- ALTS
  - Tom organized and Carrie led an event for Afghan women.
    - No men allowed as a respect for their beliefs and culture
    - Participants wore full attire and were funded by ALTS
    - For many, it was their first time and they were beyond grateful for the experience
    - Carrie is going to write grants to get additional funding to help support this class in the future
  - Tom would like to get a summary out to the members via the newsletter
- Coach

- Beth will be doing a coaching clinic and it is still in the planning phase
- D&I (Luke)
  - Not on the call
- Fitness (Beth, Katy)
  - 2 people showed up for log rolling
  - Will host another event like this in the future
- Governance and Legal (Landon)
  - Not on the call
- Foundation (Tom H.)
  - See the email for more details
- HOF (Marc)
  - It is nomination season. The HOF is gearing up for this year's nominations and will look to the board and clubs to submit nominations
  - Nominations are open for another month
- Meet (Gerry)
  - Meet scheduled for October
  - Sprint meet on Nov 12
  - Trying to schedule something for the U in December
    - U is not really interested in supporting us
  - Meet in Jan and Feb and March have been scheduled
  - Fargo is asking us to swim in their pool (Looking at this for Summer 24)
- OW (Nicki)
  - Getting ready for Square Lake
  - See notes above
  - The first open water swim of the summer has been completed
- Records (Marc)
  - Published records for short course are now on the site
  - See emails for updates
- V3 (Martha)
  - Not the call and no updates provided

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

- July 25: hybrid
- Aug 29: hybrid
- Sept. 26: