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# Minnesota Masters Swimming Committee Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 08.30.2023

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**Legal Name:** Minnesota Masters Swimming Committee

**Business Purpose:** "The purpose of MN LMSC is to operate exclusively for public health, safety, and charitable purposes, including but not limited to:

- Fostering and improving Masters Swimming in accordance with the standards and under the rules prescribed by USMS;
- Setting policies and procedures in the MN LMSC program and exercising control over the scheduling and conduct of Masters Swimming events sanctioned by MN LMSC; and
- Protecting and promoting the mutual interests of its members as those interests relate to the advancement of Masters Swimming."

**Business Address:** 3056 Polk St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

## Attendees:

Carrie Stolar, Nick Hestbech, Gerry Vandam, Beth Nymeyer, Samantha Kraft, Marc Anderson, Nicki Phillips, Tom Hodgson, Brian Cohn, Chris Campbell,

## Virtual Meeting

## AGENDA

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- Approve past meeting minutes
- Upcoming USMS meetings:
  - Annual Meeting 2023 (hybrid): Sept 8 – 10 in Houston. In-person attendees: Carrie, Beth and Sam. Virtual: Gerry, Brian, and Nicki. (Carrie, Beth, Nicki all automatic delegates due to USMS roles). Committee meetings and forums leading up to the annual meeting have been underway for the last few weeks.
  - Relay 2023: Oct 20 – 22 in Houston. Attendees: Carrie (funded by USMS) plus 3 from our LMSC: Those attending are Beth, Nicki, Gerry, and Chris Campbell (current USMS VP moving to MN). Chris will be funding the majority of his trip.
- 2023 Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Membership Coordinator and At- Large (A). Candidates needed for Vice Chair.
- Annual Meeting Planning
- Split request issue recommendation

### Regular Board Updates

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

### Future Meetings:

- Sept. 26: Hybrid?
- Oct 24: Hybrid?

## Motions made

The MN Board made the motion to approve Hall of Fame Nominations for 2023.

## Meeting Notes

- We will approve the meeting notes for the last few months in September
- Two upcoming meetings for the US Masters
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- Current positions open for elections are the following: Vice Chair, Chair, Open at Large, Director at Large
  - Need a Vice Chair nomination
- The annual meeting is scheduled after the Sprint Meet and will be in the cafeteria
  - Carrie requested Beth's feedback on the door prize beyond the caps
  - Will be working the with same people as last year for the food
  - Will be doing a raffle and Beth will report back with the recommendations on prizes
- Spilt Request Recommendations from the Committee:
  - We are not going to do a lot of splits moving forward
  - We will announce the auto-splits in advance of the meet
  - If you would like a relay split, you will need to request it in advance.
  - In order to get your split, you can request it anytime before or after the event is swum
    - If you request it after the event, you will not get a backup time since it was not planned
  - We are recommending that there be two additional timers at the meets moving forward
  - We will now post the results at the event to remove the overload on the system
  - Two language updates to meet will include the following:
    - There will be a definition of what a split request is
    - As well as noting that if an individual thinks they will break any type of record (local, national, world) they will need to let the meet director know ahead of time so timers can be available
- **Reviewed the financials during the call**
  - August finances were reviewed during the call
  - More costs will be added during the upcoming week to finalize August's budget and will be reported on in the next meeting
- **Membership**
  - Membership numbers continue to go up month over month
  - We've had 44 people join in the past month bringing our total for the year to 1183, now 5% ahead of last year

| Year | Registrants to Date |      |
|------|---------------------|------|
| 2023 | 1183                |      |
| 2022 | 1129                | 105% |
| 2021 | 1055                | 112% |
| 2020 | 1150                | 103% |
| 2019 | 1281                | 92%  |

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- **ALTS**
  - Nothing planned
- **Coach (Beth)**
  - Still need to connect with Wilson to discuss the idea of doing a class on starts and turns
- **D&I (Luke)**
  - Not on
- **Fitness (Beth, Katy)**
  - A fall event coming up called “Break The Clock Fitness Challenge” and individuals who partake will receive a cap and sticker and there will be a prize for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for the most minutes swam
  - Beth would like to charge between \$5-\$6 to support the cost of shipping and the caps, and Beth would like to receive the remaining funds for “Admining” the event.
    - Beth is asking for the board's approval
    - There were around 45-50 people who attended last year and roughly \$125 cost around this event
  - Chris is recommending doing a fundraiser for these types of events (ALTS may be a good option for fundraising)
  - The MN Board agreed to sponsor the event and we will be charging a price for our members that will go back as a fundraiser and will be paying Beth for “Admining”
  - Carrie and Beth will work on the next steps including the copy to announce the event
- **Governance and Legal (Landon)**
  - We currently don't have a nomination for each of the positions and there is a request for the board to put in their nominations
- **Foundation (Tom H.)**
  - No applications in August
  - \$95 dollars came in August
- **HOF and Records (Marc)**
  - Marc reviewed the Hall of Fame nominations. Requesting the board's approval on the four nominations.
    - Upon approval, the winners will be notified and then a press release will be published on the site.

- **Meet (Gerry)**
  - **Reviewed upcoming meets**
    - Fall Fling
    - Sprint meet
    - Still working on the short course meter meet
    - St. Thomas in January
    - Edin Prairie in February
    - Rochester March
    - State Meet in April/ May at St. Thomas
- **OW (Nicki)**
  - One open water event left for the season
- **Records (Marc)**
  - They just published the long course records
- **V3 (Martha)**
  - Not on

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

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