
MN Masters Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 07.25.2023

Attendees:

Tom Hodgson, Carrie Stolar, Nick Hestbech, Gerry, Beth Nymeyer, Seth Baetzold, Samantha, Marc Anderson, Nicki, Katie, Tom Moore, Brian Cohn, Jordan Brown

Hybrid format:

AGENDA

- Approve June 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)
 - Relay 2023: Oct 20 – 22 in Houston. Attendees: Carrie plus 3 from our LMSC: Those interested include Beth, Nicki, Gerry, Chris Campbell (current USMS VP moving to MN)
 - 2023 Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Membership Coordinator and At-Large (A)
 - Annual Meeting: Nov 12: Include in email blasts/calendar
 - Square Lake recap
 - Bylaw update: Change “registrar” to “membership coordinator”: redline version to be shared with membership
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- Jeff Kostoff's resignation/LCM meet next summer
- Split request issue
- 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):
 - 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:

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

Motions made

NA

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:
 - Nicki is also an automatic delegate due to her role on the Long Distance Committee.

- The people who will go are the following: Beth, Carrie, Sam, Nicki (virtual), Gerry, and Brian (virtual)
 - 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)
- Current positions open for elections are the following: Vice Chair, Chair, Open at Large, Director at Large
 - Will notify our Masters' members of elections in the next e-bast
 - There is currently an individual running for each position
 - Carrie will run for chair again. Brian and Beth are swapping roles
- Square Lake
 - Nicki recapped the event
 - The general feeling about the event was it was very successful
 - The survey mentioned that people found out about the event via word of mouth. (This is extremely positive to hear)
 - 45 people responded to the survey (This is almost half of the people)
 - Very positive feedback around the event
 - There was an increased in participants this year vs previous years
 - The total number of participants for the event was 95
- Bylaw update: Change “registrar” to “membership coordinator”
 - Will send out notifications to members in next email
- The current connection the board had at the U of M has retired from coaching and will impact the cost of LC Masters meets at the U.
 - We will need to consider a location in addition to Richfield for next year
 - The board also suggested finding another contact at the U of M who may be able to help for future meets
 - Tom will continue networking with the U
- Splits requests
 - Due to the fact the meet committee has not been able to connect, they are not briefed in on this
 - Options include: additional timers for each meet (roughly \$7k)
 - Request has been put in to work with coaches and swimmers to explain what a spilt request is and how to request it during the meet
 - Moving forward at the meet, we will review splits request with the coaches, refs, and timers at the start of the meet to help explain it to their swimmers
 - Due to the fact this is a committee conversation, the board has asked this group to discuss and come back to the board by October with a strategy
- USMS Updates
 - Moving forward, there will be a “Code of Conduct” that will be required to be signed upon signup or renewing membership
 - The mission vision and values have been be updated and they will be voted on at the annual meeting
- Website updated
 - There has been no additional work done on it during last few months
 - Board has been requested to determine a budget and scope to assign to a different resource

- Board has determined to pause website work for now
- Reviewed the financials during the call
 - July finances were reviewed during the call
 - More costs will be added during the upcoming week to finalize July's budget and will be reported on in next meeting
- Membership
 - Membership numbers continues to go up month over month
 - Overall, we are above last year's numbers by 3%

Registrants to Date

2023	1139	
2022	1108	103%
2021	988	115%
2020	1125	101%
2019	1244	92%

- ALTS
 - \$250 in grant money came in
 - Nothing else to report
- Coach
 - Nothing to report
- D&I (Luke)
 - Not on call
- Fitness (Beth, Katy)
 - Nothing to report
- Governance and Legal (Landon)
 - Landon has agreed to help with the upcoming elections
- Foundation (Tom H.)
 - The Foundation Committee received and unanimously approved a request for \$430.00 in club dues for an MN Masters Swimming members
 - The Treasurer's Report shows \$372.00 in donations received year-to-date
 - Carrie will connect with Tom for the posters and next steps around promotion
- HOF and Records (Marc)
 - The long course records is currently being reviewed by the committee and the site will be updated shortly
 - Marc is going to step down as chair after 10 years
 - The board congratulated Marc on his outstanding job during his tenure
 - We are getting close to the end of the nominations for 2023, please continue to promote

- Meet (Gerry)
 - Minnetonka is scheduled for Nov 12
 - U meet is on December
 - Still need to check if we can do meters at the U
 - May need to find a different pool as we are waiting for the U to confirm
- OW (Nicki)
 - Nothing to report
- Records (Marc)
 - It is extremely exciting to see all the MN members who have claimed records this year on the short course
- V3 (Martha)
 - Not on call

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Aug 29: hybrid
- Sept. 26: