
Minnesota Masters Swimming Committee Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 09.26.2023

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, Marc Anderson, Nicki Phillips, Tom Hodgson, Brian Cohn, Seth Baetzold, Martha

Meeting Agenda: Provided by Carrie Stolar

- Approve past meeting minutes
- USMS meetings:
 - Recap from the Annual Meeting 2023 (hybrid): Sept 8 – 10 in Houston. In-person attendees: Carrie, Beth and Sam. Virtual: Gerry, Brian, and Nicki.
 - Upcoming: Relay 2023: Oct 20 – 22 in Houston. Attendees: Carrie (funded by USMS) plus 3 from our LMSC:
- 2023 Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Membership Coordinator and At-Large (A).
- OW swim buoy: replacement and loan policy
- Storage unit
- Annual Meeting Planning
- USMS 1 mile
- Fitness event -

- **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):
 - 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)

Motions Made:

- Motion made to approve the minutes from the previous meetings.
- Motion agreed to proceed with hosting the two national events.

Meeting Notes:

- **We approved the meeting notes for the last few months.**
- **Annual Meeting 2023 (hybrid): September 8 – 10 in Houston.**
 - Overall, there was positive feedback on the meeting.
 - There is a new group of national board members, including a new president, a new vice president, and a new treasurer.
 - Next year, the meeting will be a virtual event.
 - The new mission and values were approved.

- **One upcoming meeting for the US Masters Relay 2023:**
 - October 20 – 22 in Houston.
 - Attendees: Carrie (funded by USMS) and three from our LMSC, including Beth, Nicki, Gerry, and Chris Campbell (current USMS VP moving to MN). Chris will be funding the majority of his trip.
 - Current positions open for elections are Vice Chair, Chair, Open at Large, and Director at Large. A nomination is only needed for the Director at Large.

- **Open Water Swim (OW) buoy:** replacement and loan policy. Currently, the existing buoys are old, and given their condition, the team is asking if the board will approve the purchase of new buoys.
 - There is also a request for people who borrow the buoys to be charged a fee for the use of the old buoys, and new buoys will not be available for other events.
 - The cost for the buoys is approximately \$500 per buoy. The buoy was made by Engineered Textile Products of Mobile, AL (etpinfo.com), 251-476-8001. The buoy is called an R-C Mark.
 - The fee will be a topic for discussion in future meetings.

- **Storage Unit:**
 - We would like to change the combination to help ensure the limitations of the use of items in the shed.
 - This will require board members to be present for checking in and out buoys and other equipment for other events.

- **Annual Meeting Planning:**
 - Carrie would like the board to be present at the meeting.
 - Carrie needs to get the final checklist of requirements out to the board.
 - A request was presented to the board to ensure the room is available for setup to prevent similar issues as last year.
 - Carrie will create and print pamphlets and work with volunteers for sound and support.
 - The board agreed to provide caps as giveaways.


- **USMS 1 Mile:**
 - We have been asked to host two national championship events, both at Square Lake, including the 5K and the 1 mile.
 - The board has made a motion to host these events.

- **We reviewed the financials during the call.**
 - September finances were reviewed during the call.
 - More costs will be added during the upcoming week to finalize September's budget and will be reported on in the next meeting.
 - Nick is working on the paperwork for the state.
 - The board has been asked to consider the budget for 2024.

Membership:

Year	Registrants to Date	
2023	1239	
2022	1198	103%
2021	1118	111%
2020	1177	105%
2019	1319	94%

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- Membership numbers continue to increase month over month.
- **Club and workout group registration for 2024 opens next Sunday.**
- **ALTS:**
 - Beth asked to allow those who are ALTS certified to apply their certification relatively closely to the course.
 - Tom has organized three ALTS courses in the upcoming months and will be seeking support for these events.
- Coach (Beth):
 - Nothing to report.
- **Diversity and Inclusion (Luke):**
 - Not on the call.
- **Fitness (Beth, Katy):**
 - "Break the Clock" is launched.
 - The fee is \$10, and there will be \$5 going back to the foundation from everyone who signs up.
 - Considering a yoga event.
- **Governance and Legal (Landon):**
 - Not on the call.
- **Foundation (Tom H.):**
 - Please spread the word about "Break the Clock" to help bring in funds.
- **HOF and Records (Marc)**
 - Working with members to give a speech and write-up for each of the nominees from the class of 24.
 - Working on jackets for the nominees.
- **Meet (Gerry):**
 - Reviewed upcoming meets, including Fall Fling (73 swimmers are currently registered), Sprint meet, the short course meter meet at the U, St. Thomas in January, Edin Prairie in February, Rochester in March, and the State Meet in April/May at St. Thomas. There is also a mention of a long course meet.
- **Open Water (OW) (Nicki):**
 - Nothing to update.
- **Records (Marc):**
 - A person from MN competed in London and set a few records.
- **V3 (Martha):**
 - There is an open invitation to visit the V3Center on October 4.

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- Martha will send out a link to recap the event.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Oct 24: Hybrid?
- Annual Meeting Nov 12