

Potomac Valley LMSC
2024 Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 24, 2023 2:00pm eastern

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Agenda

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Chair** – Brett Laplante
- **Treasurer** – Tim Timmons
- **Secretary** – Jeff Strahota
- **Membership Coordinator** – Jeff Roddin
- **Top Ten** – Mollie Grover
- **Vice Chair/Rules** – Dave Robinson
- **Sanctions** – Stephanie Gauzens
- **Officials** – Vacant
- **Communications** – Courtney Randolph
- **Awards** – Vacant
- **Fitness** – Christina West
- **Long Distance/Open Water** – Paul Grecco
- **Coaches** – Vacant
- **Webmaster** – Ray Novitske

III. ELECTIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Elections
- New Business
- Schedule Next Meeting?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair – Brett Laplante

< Brett will talk at the meeting; he is stepping down as chair >

Treasurer – Tim Timmons

As of November 15, 2024, we had a total of \$111,680.05 in our checking and savings accounts combined. For this calendar year, we have taken in \$32,482.05, primarily through individual swimmer registrations. For the same timeframe, we have spent \$24,923.22, mostly on meet support, our payment of annual club registrations and payments of meet sanction fees. This results in a positive net for the year of \$7,558.83. Our finances remain very solid.

Anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year will mostly consist of supporting the remaining swim meets of 2024. Payment of stipends to our membership coordinator and top ten officer are complete and included in the figures above. Anticipated income will mostly be our portion of individual memberships for those swimmers who register in November. We'll see December swimmer registration money in January 2025. I anticipate our end-of-year Net to be around \$10,000.

As this is my last meeting as treasurer, I want sincerely thank all the board members I have worked with over the past twenty years. I have really enjoyed this position and working within this organization. I wish all of you the very best in the days, months and years ahead!

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TIMOTHY T. TIMMONS

Treasurer, PVLMSC

Secretary – Jeff Strahota

Our last meeting was the 2023 annual meeting, and minutes were approved electronically in April and sent to the National Office in a timely manner.

Membership Coordinator – Jeff Roddin

Please continue to review your club listings on the PV website (<http://pvmasters.org/newsite/index.php/clubs/>) and let Ray or I know if anything needs updating.

Attached are the final club membership statistics for 2024. Here is the trend of the final individual membership totals starting with our highest year ever (see graph below):

October 31, 2014 – 2960
October 31, 2015 - 2847
October 31, 2016 – 2830
October 31, 2017 – 2704
October 31, 2018 – 2417
October 31, 2019 – 2351
October 31, 2020 – 1958
October 31, 2021 – 1868
October 31, 2022 – 2110
October 31, 2023 – 2060
October 31, 2024 – 2123

We have 29 registered 2025 clubs (vs 30 2024 clubs). The following clubs did not renew for 2025 as of 11/14/2024:

DC Masters (12 members in 2024)

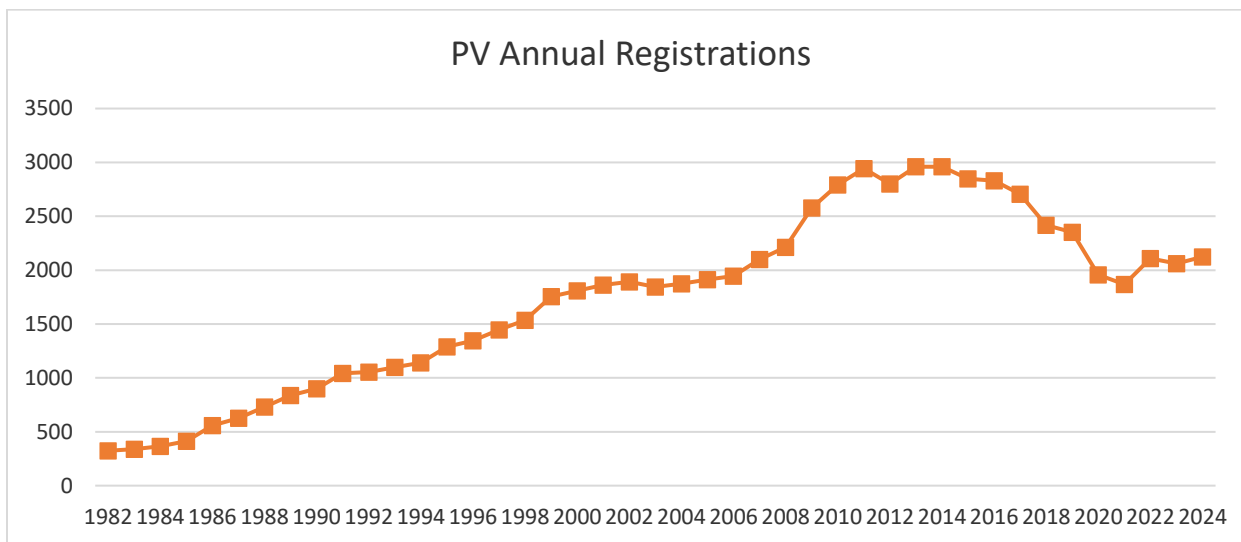
YMCA Reston Water Wolves (2 members in 2024)

WeAquatics (WEA) is a new club for 2025. They have two practices a week at Prince George's Community College. Welcome WEA!

Both individual and club registration fees for 2025 have increased from \$70 to \$75. The PV board agreed to continue the offer to cover the renewal costs for those clubs who submitted a renewal request directly to us last month (as opposed to renewing online). Twenty-eight clubs took advantage of the scholarship offer during the month of October. WeAquatics would have paid directly to USMS to register, so we should issue them a refund.

Geographical breakdown of our 2024 membership by state:

- Virginia: 45%
- Maryland: 30%
- District of Columbia: 22%
- Other: 3%



Top Ten – Mollie Grover

For the 2023-2024 SCY season:

- 996 individual swims were submitted for top ten consideration.
- 25 relays were submitted for top ten consideration.

For the 2023-2024 LCM season:

- 413 individual swims were submitted for top ten consideration.
- 26 relays were submitted for top ten consideration.

Of note, the results from Gay Games XI (held in Mexico on November 4-9, 2023) were not included for top ten consideration, as the meet was not sanctioned or recognized by a FINA/World Aquatics member federation.

There were no national and/or world records set in our LMSC in these two courses.

A note on rule changes for 2025 - USMS members will be permitted to make 3 changes to club affiliation outside of the time of annual registration. There will be more details on the practical implications of the rule change coming from the National Office soon.

Rules – Dave Robinson

The USMS House of Delegates (HOD) met in September. Most amendments to the USMS Rules and legislation were fairly administrative this year. The Rules and Legislation committees entertained 4 and 8 amendments respectively and spent a good deal of the year tending to important projects happening behind the scenes. Of note:

- To eliminate the bridge membership and significantly ease the way CCS + USMS events can occur, CCS members are officially also USMS members as of Jan 1 2025.
- One change of note that could impact us: The HOD did approve legislation changing the 60 day waiting period to 3 club affiliation changes per year. In theory, a swimmer could compete for club A on Friday at meet 1, Club B on Saturday at meet 2, and Club C on Sunday at meet 3.

For more information, please see: <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2024-annual-meeting>

Sanctions – Stephanie Gauzens

Upcoming events include:

- 11/23/2024 11th Annual Solstice SCM Swim Meet
- 12/07/2024 XL Sweater Weather Swim Meet
- 1/18/2025 Tropical Splash
- 5/25/2025 Jim McDonnell Lake Swims

Tentative IGLA 2025 dates are Sat May 31 – Thurs Jun 5 2025. Swimming will be taking place at Long Bridge (SCM), and occur in morning sessions (with polo/artistic swimming in the afternoons). One of those mornings will be an off day for the pool swimming and an open water event is planned.

And a reminder to all meet hosts to close their 2025 meets during the work week (and at least 48 hours in advance) since the 3 team changes per year rule will go into effect upon renewal or on 1/1/25 and they might need to allow a little more time for people to contact membership coordinators/the national office to get things updated. (see aforementioned note in the Rules section about club affiliation changes.)

Officials – Vacant

Still Vacant! The Chair and Secretary have tag teamed this responsibility this year, but looking for someone! Please contact the new chair!

Primary duties include keeping tabs on the official community, trainings, and helping meet hosts find officials for events.

Communications – Courtney Randolph

Please find us on Facebook and Instagram. Please subscribe to the pages:

- <https://www.facebook.com/potomacvalleylmsc/>
- <https://www.instagram.com/potomacvalleylmsc/>

If you have any event news, team news, anything you would like to be included, please let me know!

PVCommunications@usms.org.

Awards – Vacant

This position is currently vacant and duties being conducted by the Chair and Vice Chair. If anyone is interested, please contact the current chair and chair elect.

Primary responsibility is calculating the annual SCY, SCM, LCM male and female swimmers of the year; as well as identifying and coordinating nominations of individuals for local, zone, and/or national awards.

Fitness – Christina West

Information on USMS Fitness events is here: <https://www.usms.org/events/fitness-events>. 2025 events are included in the USMS+ membership; if you have not registered for 2025 already and participate in these events, this is a great way to save some money and get a few added bonuses.

USMS has not yet posted the 2025 schedule for Adult Learn to Swim instructor courses (see: <https://www.usms.org/alts-central/alts-instructor-certification/alts-instructor-course-schedule>).

Long Distance/Open Water – Paul Grecco

The Jim McDonnell Lake swim will be held 25 May and has been approved / sanctioned.

The 2025 National Championships have not been announced yet.

Coaches – Vacant

USMS has restructured coach certification a bit. Level 1 class is entirely online. Level 2 and 3 are still offered via in person instruction.

We had a certification in person in Richmond earlier this year. Several people did take advantage of attending not only coach certification but also ALTS certification.

Information on coach certification is available here: <https://www.usms.org/coach-central/coach-certification>.

Webmaster – Ray Novitske

The website calendar is being updated with local meets as they become available. Club contacts and workout times have been updated from coordination with Jeff Roddin. Minor tweaks and improvements continue to be made.

Listserv Emails will be updated pending elections and new appointments as a result of this meeting.

Event Directors: Please make sure to send results in PDF format (or links to results) to PVWebmaster@usms.org.

The website has an email subscription where Ray is able to send out something when updates are made. Please encourage swimmers and team admin to subscribe.

Elections & New Business

Chair

Treasurer

Denise Dombay (GERM) has been nominated for this position.

Secretary

New Business

CCS + PVLMSC Funds. What role does PV LMSC have with CCS now that this group is closer to us as of Jan 1 2025? I bring this up because in October, University of Maryland Club Swim hosted a large (500 person) regional meet and paid their officials. Should we reimburse them for that expense?

- To be clear, they are NOT asking us for money, but we do have the officials reimbursement policy on the books and I think it would be a good opportunity to extend this offer and start building a good relationship with this community that may also benefit us with additional event venue opportunities down the road.
- CCS clubs within PV include: UMD, George Washington, Georgetown, George Mason, American University, with 9 more in VA and 4 in Baltimore.

Other?

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