

PVLMSC Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2008
MAC – North Bethesda, MD
Recorded by Cheryl Wagner

Chair

- MSA approve minutes from last meeting

Registrar

- Registrations as of March 1: 1548 this year, 1441 in 2007, 1357 in 2006
- Two clubs did not renew their PV membership from 2007 (YWCA-Gallery Place, UMD)
- Victor Swim Club merged with Sea Devils
- Welcome back to MSSC (Fairland Aquatics Center) – they last registered 10 years ago
- Online registrations are up and running. Once the credit card charge clears, Jeff gets notified to print a USMS card to mail to the swimmer. The drawback is large PV clubs who have their own club registrars no longer have all swimmers pass through the club. Jeff will send monthly reports to these clubs giving them the registration data on the swimmers who registered online. Each online registration still needs to be proofed before printing the card – many contain typos for streets, city and even state (there is no automated checking of data – garbage in/garbage out, so if the swimmer types in bad info that is what gets passed on to Jeff).

Top Ten

- USMS 2007 Short Course Meters Top Ten is final and posted online
- Tropical Splash did their paperwork timely
- Anti-swim paperwork was timely except for a few minor glitches in deck entries that took a while to reconcile

Sanctions

- IGLA - Jeff Strahota will evaluate
- GMU SCY Zone meet - Ann Svensen will evaluate Friday, Deb Morrin-Nordlund will evaluate Sat-Sun.
- Ancient Mariners Albatross - Paul Contino will evaluate
- Reston OW event - Deb Morrin-Nordlund or Eric Nordlund will evaluate
- Long Course Zone meet - sponsored by Terrapin Masters will be on Aug 23-24, Sat PM & Sun AM. Last year, there were 180 swimmers. There will be an 800 distance event (not 1500). Meet will be weekend after Nationals. There will not be a Terrapin Cup this year.

Treasurer

- 2007 was a very good year – revenues were about \$8500 greater than expenses
- LMSC did not sponsor a meet this year, which actually helped our bottom line (but our preference is to support meets)
- Major expenses were to support Registrations (Registrar, postage) and Newsletter (postage)
- \$25k - end of year savings account balance
- filed 990EZ form with IRS since LMSC is a 501(c)3 organization
- USMS sent a letter to all LMSC treasurers with greater than \$25,000 income to file a 990EZ. Non-profit clubs will also have to file the same form.

Secretary

- Nothing to report

Long Distance

- Jeff Roddin & Julie Oplinger received the Frank Murphy long distance award
- USMS allows wetsuits in distance events but must be scored separately (wetsuit-wearers not eligible for All-American & Championship awards)
- Swim for Life is considering being USMS sanctioned next year
- There will be a Long Distance form for the Frank Murphy award next year

Awards

- Julie Oplinger volunteered to be the new Awards chair

Officials

- Dave Diehl is a member of National Rules & the National Officials committees
- PV has a large pool of officials to work our meets. Some LMSCs can't get enough officials. Across the country, officiating is inconsistent. They are trying to get more consistent.
- Every LMSC must have an Officials chair. Officials chairs have workshops and conference calls. Currently officials are USA & YMCA certified. They want to expand on that process. Let LMSC certify their own officials? We're not there yet.
- Recommends briefing meet officials before a meet
- All meets should have a rule book on deck

Fitness

- Fitness chair, Diana Corbin, is in Africa.

New Business

- Possible delegates for USMS convention (Atlanta):
Jeff Strahota, Lynn Hazlewood, Jeff Roddin, Eric Nordlund, Ray Novitske (automatic delegates: Deb Morrin-Nordlund, Dave Diehl, Ann Svenson)
- Tim Timmons noted that the number of PV meets is going down. He recommended that we propose to teams that we'll help them sponsor a meet (financially) if they're interested. In short, PV would extend a loan to a club to host a meet. The host would pay back the loan after the meet and keep any proceeds. If they cannot fully pay back the loan, PV would absorb the loss. The point in doing this is to alleviate a new club's concern about not having enough money up front to get a meet off the ground. Clubs are encouraged to consider this and to contact the PV board if interested.

Next Meeting

- August 23, 11am, UM College Park (prior to the LCM Zone meet)

Attendees:

Ray Novitske	Alexandria Masters Swimming
Janel Brattland	Arlington Ageless Masters
Ann Svenson	DC Masters
Paul Contino	DC Triathlon Club
Lauren Taylor	DC Triathlon Club
Julie Oplinger	Fairfax County Masters
Beth Koback	Germantown Maryland Masters
Jeff Roddin	Montgomery Ancient Mariners
Tim Timmons	Patriot Masters Swim Team
Roberta Dillenburg	Reston Masters
Michelle Moyer	Reston Masters
Gordon Gerson	Reston Masters
Cheryl Wagner	Terrapin Masters
Debbie Morrin-Nordlund	Terrapin Masters
Eric Nordlund	Terrapin Masters
Jeff Strahota	Terrapin Masters
Dave Diehl	Unattached