

PVLMSC Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2008
UMD – College Park, MD
Recorded by Cheryl Wagner

- 1) Approval of last meeting minutes - approved
- 2) Chair:
 - nothing to report
- 3) Registrar:
 - PV Registration counts as of:
 - Aug 1, 2006: 1785
 - Aug 1, 2007: 1904
 - Aug 1, 2008: 2005
 - From 9/1 until 10/31 the PV registration fee will be \$27 (down from \$37)
 - 2 Clubs from 2007 did not renew (UMD Masters, YWCA-NC)
 - Reston had 215 OEVT registrations - less than last year but overall there were very few problems (7 out of 222 had already registered and didn't need to register OEVT)
 - PV fee is \$25 for OEVT. The USMS portion was raised \$2, so PV needs to discuss whether to absorb this increase or pass along to the swimmer. Will discuss at our annual meeting.
 - USMS sanctions require that OEVT participants are flagged in results since they can't get Top Ten and this is not being done. RMST needs to look into doing this to comply with the USMS rulebook. While not a requirement, RMST is also asked to list club affiliation with swimmers in the official results.
 - Online registrations and renewals - starting to pick up - close to 50% are now entering online and that percentage should increase.
 - Jeff will send emails to individuals (in 2009) to invite them to renew online with a credit card.
 - Jeff has email addresses for 40% of the 2008 PV membership.
 - Jeff can provide individual clubs a link for online registrations specifically for their club (that way the swimmer doesn't get confused when trying to register if they don't know what an LMSC is, what their club acronym is, etc.).
 - PV still has a problem where new swimmers who go to the USMS site to register cannot easily find PV and sometimes register through the MD or VA LMSCs by mistake. Swimmers registering through the PV website don't have this problem and hopefully clubs will take advantage of the custom links available to send the swimmers directly to their club. But for now PV continues to ask USMS to clarify the LMSC map.
 - Jeff sends a monthly roster of those who registered online to interested clubs. This is being done because club registrars (if applicable) can no longer keep track of this. USMS promises to automate this but for now Jeff will continue to send out the reports.
 - Cannot collect club fees for online registrations – that is one drawback with the online system and there is no easy solution unless clubs can collect this fee elsewhere (e.g. through workout fees instead of reg fees). Alexandria Masters collects their club dues using Pay Pal.
 - In annual meeting, will finalize what we can do about online registration renewals (previously all club reps were sent renewal forms to give to their swimmers – perhaps this year Jeff just sends out emails to the swimmers with a link to renew and then in January whoever hasn't renewed, a hardcopy can be generated and given to club reps).
 - Next year online registrants will have option to have card mailed or get PDF file. This year Jeff mailed a hardcopy to all online registrants.

4) Top Ten:

- Patriot Masters did a great job on their results for the Colonies Zone SCY meet.
- DCAC has not yet sent in results from IGLA
- DCRP has sent in results from Hains Point.

5) Sanctions:

- Need evaluators for:
 - Terrapin LCM Zone meet - Julie Oplinger
 - Patriot Masters Sprint Classic - Jeff Strahota
 - Alexandria Masters Tropical Splash - Feb 1

6) New Business

- Jeff Strahota prepared a Power Point slide presentation suggesting a PV swim series like the MD masters swim series. Give meet-sponsoring teams assistance such as HYTEK, watches, etc. Will discuss at annual meeting.

- USMS has "Places to Swim" on website - self maintained by clubs.
- On PV website, Jeff maintains listings based on input from clubs and info gathered at club renewal.

7) Treasurer:

- Doing great. \$12,766 in black.
- Funds are sufficient - won't have to increase PV dues for a number of years (although USMS may increase their portion and that is outside of our control).
- Debbie reported that Tim Timmons & Jeff Roddin are doing a great job on paying our bills from USMS.

8) Secretary:

- Nothing to report

9) Newsletter:

- Ray Novitske temporarily doing newsletter.

10) Awards:

- Presenting SCM & LCM awards at Terrapin LCM Zone meet.
- As soon as USMS SCY Top Ten is released, will compute and present those awards at Sprint Classic

11) Officials:

- National Officials Committee trying to bring all LMSC officiating up to standard level.
- Trying to create Masters certification process for local officials.

12) Fitness:

- Nothing to report

13) Old Business:

- PV Delegates for USMS convention: Jeff Roddin, Ray Novitske, Eric Nordlund, Lynn Hazlewood, Jeff Strahota
- At large Delegates: Ann Svenson, Dave Diehl, Deb Morrin-Nordlund

- Proposed: reimburse actual costs for transportation, lodging + flat amount for food (\$25 per day)

14) Next Meeting:

- After Sprint Classic meet on Oct 26. Will announce time once a "meet timeline" is published. (approx 2PM)

Attendees:

Ray Novitske	Alexandria Masters Swimming
Julie Oplinger	Fairfax County Masters
Mark Walters	Germantown Maryland Masters
Jeff Roddin	Montgomery Ancient Mariners
Tim Timmons	Patriot Masters Swim Team
Gordon Gerson	Reston Masters
Cheryl Wagner	Terrapin Masters
Debbie Morrin-Nordlund	Terrapin Masters
Eric Nordlund	Terrapin Masters
Jeff Strahota	Terrapin Masters
Skip Thompson	Guest/Michigan