

Potomac Valley LMSC
2020 Annual (fall) Meeting
Sunday October 25, 2020 2:00pm
Agenda

I. INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVE SPRING MEETING MINUTES

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Chair – Stephanie Gauzens
- Treasurer – Tim Timmons
- Secretary – Jeff Strahota
- Registrar/Membership Coordinator – Jeff Roddin
- Top Ten – Mollie Grover
- Vice Chair/Rules – Dave Robinson
- Sanctions – Stephanie Gauzens
- Officials – Natalie Taylor
- Newsletter – Cheryl Wagner
- Awards – Angela Fu
- Fitness – Christina West
- Long Distance/Open Water – Open
- Coaches – Frank Marcinkowski
- Webmaster – Ray Novitske
- Communications – Courtney Randolph

IV. OTHER AND NEW BUSINESS

- Reopening
- Schedule Next (Spring) Meeting

Attendance:

- ALEX – Stephanie Gauzens
- ANCM – Jeff Roddin, David Harmon
- ARMS – Allison Miller
- DCAC – Christina West
- DCM – Nancy Kirkendall
- DCWW – Mary Kaniewski
- DUFF – Anne Duffy
- GERM – Mark Walters, Dave Robinson,
- GMUP – Tim Timmons, Cheryl Ward
- MASH – Will Ferris
- RIPM – Florence Emanuel
- TERR – Jeff Strahota, Mollie Grover, Courtney Randolph O’Loughlin, Angela Fu, Cheryl Wagner, Natalie Taylor

Meeting Called to order at 2:03pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair – Stephanie Gauzens

Welcome – we have not had a lot going on because of the current situation, but the board and USMS have been active behind the scenes making sure most of us can get back to the later as soon as possible.

Hoping this meeting will not last the full two hours, but I wanted to set aside some time to make sure we can talk about the reopening and discuss some of the Covid-related initiatives.

Treasurer – Tim Timmons

As of 1 Oct 20, we had a total of \$70,568.41 in our checking and savings accounts. For the year, we are well into the black by over \$16,500. Our finances remain very stable with little activity after my last report.

This month our teams are beginning to register for 2021 and we have made the decision to cover their registration costs. This means that we will pay \$48 for each team. If all 34 of our teams register for 2021, our cost would be \$1632.

In November, our swimmers will begin to register for 2021. Since the “Unified Fee” was passed at the National Convention, we will receive \$12 for every swimmer who registers from November going forward into 2021. Additionally, USMS has been collecting money for swimmers that have registered since last-the end of May in the Year-Plus membership plan. We will get our money from this program in January.

On 5 Oct I sent an email to all club representatives explaining our COVID-19 monetary assistance program along with USMS’s matching grant program. This email contained attachments that explained the programs and included forms they could fill out to apply for the monies. I’m working with Dave Robinson to vet these applications. I will discuss the current status of this program at our virtual annual meeting, please see the attached Club Count sheet for reference during that discussion.

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TIMOTHY T. TIMMONS

Treasurer, PVLMSC

Secretary – Jeff Strahota

Link to draft minutes of the Spring Meeting were sent with meeting reminders for this meeting.

MSA (Robinson, West) to approve spring meeting minutes.

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.

Individual Membership totals for this time of year:

- 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 25, 2020 – 1953

We have 34 registered clubs in 2020 (vs 35 last year).

Individual registration fees will remain unchanged to swimmers in 2021 (\$60), but the PV portion will be reduced from \$15 to \$12 per person as a result of the USMS unified fee policy change (i.e. all LMSCs must have the same fee structure).

Club registration fees have changed from \$100 to \$60 as a result of the USMS unified fee policy change (i.e. all USMS clubs shall pay a unified fee of \$60 to register). However, PV has agreed to cover the renewal costs for those clubs who submit a renewal form directly to us (as opposed to renewing online). I suggest we readdress the longstanding policy to reimburse clubs who attend a board meeting or host a sanctioned event \$50 at the end of that year. Since 2021 renewal fees are paid for by the LMSC, I suggest we waive the policy for 2021 since there are no club fees to rebate, and we reevaluate the policy for 2022 and beyond.

The new OEVT fee beginning in 2021 as a result of the unified fee policy change will be \$15 (\$12 to USMS, \$3 to PV). Previously the fee was \$30 (\$20 to USMS, \$10 to PV).

As of 10/25/2020, the following clubs have renewed for 2021: ALEX, ANCM, ARMS, DCAC, DCM, DCRP, DCWW, DUFF, FBST, GERM, GMUP, MASH, NAMI, NCYM, NXWV, RIPM, RMST, RWW, SDS, SFAF, TERR, TRI3, TOLL, WAV1, YBCC.

As of 10/25/2020, the following clubs have not yet renewed for 2021: CANDO, DCTC, JCCN, L4S, LMAC, MSSC, PMM, SH, STARS. Jeff has reached out to the clubs not yet renewed via several methods.

And as a reminder, the clubs immediately listed above are eligible for a free 2021 renewal – they simply have to complete and return this form prior to 10/31/2020.

Had a new club (was with us in 2019, not 2020) register for 2021 – Elite Rays Swim Club.

We have had 116 swimmers register since May 31.

Top Ten – Mollie Grover

For 2020 SCY season, 1263 individual swim and 42 relays swims were submitted for top ten consideration. There were 2 records submitted and both were accepted. This was a fairly normal season aside from the season being cut short.

There will be a top ten listing published for both LCM and SCM for 2020, as there were meets held before the world stopped. PV did not have any swims to submit for LCM but will have some for SCM (Albatross), once the season officially ends on 31 December.

When we get back to having meets, please make sure meet directors are aware of all of the required wording that must be listed on sanctions for pool events. There are pool measurement statements required (these have been required for a few years now), and come 2021, there will be timing system statements required as well (see link: 2020 Legislation proposal L-7).

Rules – Dave Robinson

Nothing to Report

Sanctions – Stephanie Gauzens

We have not had any events since our last meeting.

USMS is starting to open up possibility to sanction starting Nov 1, and with plenty of suggested methods/best practices so that we can hold these events safely.

For information on starting events: <https://www.usms.org/events/covid-19-event-resources>

Officials – Natalie Taylor

Nothing to report

As clubs start back up and look to do virtual events, those do require some officials. Some certifications for officials can be done online. Please see the USMS Official Training and Certification page:

<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/guide-to-local-operations/event-management/officials/training-and-certification>

Newsletter – Cheryl Wagner

I am planning to publish the newsletter soon.

Awards – Angela Fu

Nothing to report; will look at doing some awards in a few months when we are moving again.

Fitness – Christina West

Nothing to report

Long Distance/Open Water – Open

Looking for a new chair

Coaches – Frank Marcinkowski

No report

Webmaster – Ray Novitske

Nothing to report

Communications – Courtney Randolph

I have been working with the Chair on communication policies to cover our various means of communication. Would like to run some questions past the group.

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/potomacvalleylmsc>

Facebook: <https://fb.me/potomacvalleylmsc>

New Business

\$50 rebate for clubs - Roddin

Given the national unified \$60 club fee, what do we want to do about this rebate going forward? For most clubs, 2021 is a moot point, as we have previously arranged to pay this in its entirety for anyone registering here in October 2020.

MSA (Roddin, Timmons) to suspend our \$50 rebate program for 2021.

Covid Matching Grants

USMS set aside \$250,000 to match LMSC grants to help get teams start up again, cover any increased costs (less swimmers per lane) or offset lost events.

Tim would be writing a check based on their swimmers as of 31 May, and USMS matching \$8/swimmer for a USMS Gold Club; \$5/swimmer for non-Gold Clubs. DCAC and Germantown have both sent applications and checks are coming as of today. Tim has heard from Reston that they will also submit.

Elections

- Secretary – Jeff Strahota (N: Gauzens; S: Grover).
- Treasurer – Tim Timmons (N: Robinson; S: Roddin).

The Chair position will be contested in 2021.

Reopening:

Arlington – opened in July for single. Opened in September for programs.

Fairfax and Alexandria have been open.

DC just opened Oct 13, but reservation systems have been rough. Still nothing formal.

MD – still not more than 1 adult per lane

Next Meeting

Will be during our usual March-ish timeframe, likely zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40.