

# Potomac Valley LMSC Spring 2023 Meeting

*Addressing New Business Items from our 2022 Annual Meeting*

Tues 25 April 2023

**Meeting came to order at 7:04 pm**

Agenda & Minutes

## 1. Introductions

Meeting Attendees:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
ALEX	Stephanie Gauzens; Ray Novitske
DCAC	Mallory O'Connor
DCRP	Garret Sern
DCM	Nancy Kirkendall
DCWW	Lu Salazar
MASH	Will Ferris
NXWV	Tom Black
ANCM	Cathy Gainor
GMUP	Tim Timmons
DUFF	Anne Duff
SFAF	Julianne Bethea
TERR	Brett Laplante; Jeff Strahota; Mollie Grover; Natalie Taylor
Other	Doug Sayles, Colonies Zone Zone Chair

Clubs with no attendees:

ARMS, YBCC, CBC, DVM, ERSC, GERM, JCCN, L4S, NCAP, PMM, RMST, TRI3, STJS, TOLL, NAMI, WAV1, RWW

## 2. Vote to Approve Fall 2022 Meeting Minutes

Link: <https://pvmasters.org/admin/min22-11.pdf> )

MSA (Roddin, O'Connor) to approve. (motion carries by majority)

Jeff S. will provide minutes to National Office.

### 3. Committee Reports (Select Committees)

#### A. Treasurer

As of 1 April 2023, we had a total of \$106,244.37 in our checking and savings accounts combined. This is an increase of \$16,767.63 over our 1 Jan 23 balance. To say that our finances are solid is an understatement. We have received a sizeable amount of money from USMS in the last few months due primarily due to 2023 individual registrations and our expenses are generally low the first three months of the year...this is usually our "high point" of the year.

A number of years ago we decided that we would optimally like to keep a balance of approximately two years' worth of expenditures on hand in our checking and savings accounts. This was about \$55-60K, and we set our registration fees accordingly to make that happen. When USMS decided a few years ago to set one registration fee for the entire national organization, we lost the ability to keep our fees down and our bank accounts have grown ever since. At last Novembers meeting we voted to take the donations we have received from our members and pass that money along to our two teams that help sponsor charities. That was done. If we intend to spend some of our excess money, we need some new ideas.

Finally, all end-of-year treasurer requirements from the IRS and USMS were completed in February.

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TIMOTHY T. TIMMONS

PVLMSC TREASURER

Chair's Note: Tim Timmons, our amazing Treasurer, has noted at the 2022 AGM that this will be his final term before he retires from the post. We will be looking for a new treasurer and it would be great to have a nominee to shadow Tim to be able to hit the ground running when the mantle is passed.

#### B. Membership

Club updates:

- Currently have 30 registered clubs vs 31 last year
- One new club:
  - Centerville Swim Club (CSC, Cub Run Rec Center in Chantilly, VA)
- Two clubs did not renew:
  - DC Tri Club (7 members in 2022)
  - National Capital Masters (1 member in 2022)
- Please review your club listings on the PV website (<http://pvmasters.org/newsite/index.php/clubs/>) and let Ray know if anything is out of date.

Membership totals for this time of year (as of April 1):

April 1, 2014 – 2485

April 1, 2015 – 2427

April 1, 2016 – 2339

April 1, 2017 – 2268

April 1, 2018 – 2135

April 1, 2019 – 2004

April 1, 2020 – 1815

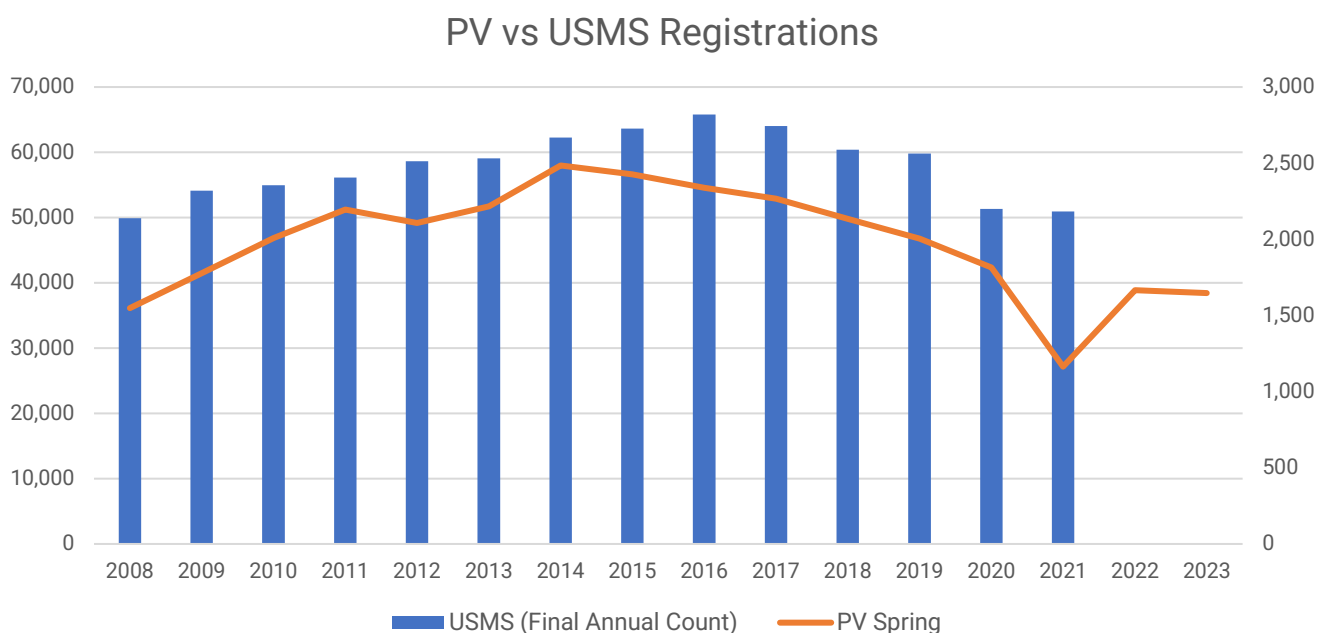
April 1, 2021 – 1164

April 1, 2022 – 1667

April 1, 2023 – 1648

As of April 1, USMS is using a new membership database. Membership Coordinators no longer have “write” access to the database and only have “read-only” access. If members need any changes to their address, name, etc. they have to do it themselves by signing into their USMS profile. For transfers, the member still submits a transfer request as they’ve done before, but the Membership Coordinator now fills out a request that is sent to the National Office and the National Office performs the transfer. Turnaround time is expected to be fast but will no longer be immediate. The date of transfer may be back dated, which will come in handy if a member needs the transfer for a meet over a weekend when the National Office is offline (i.e. the National Office will only be processing transfers during normal business days/hours).

Addition from meeting:



C. Officials.

Chair’s Note: Natalie Taylor, our amazing Officials Chair, will be stepping down from the position this July to focus on other responsibilities. We will be looking for someone to take over this position as well.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to both Tim and Natalie for their many years of service to PV LMSC.

4. Discussion regarding various proposals

- a) Creation of committee to evaluate scholarships for fixed income and/or college/post-grad swimmers (2022 AGM Minutes Shiny New Business Item #1). Intent to provide teams with funds directly to manage distribution on the ground, as they’ll know how to best use and who needs it most.

Mallory, Stephanie, and Brett to pursue.

- b) Discussion about PV LMSC role in hosting and/or funding swim meets

i) We have received a proposal that PV LMSC provide a stipend to meet hosts to pay for officials. The intent would be to recognize the officials value to PV and to support teams that host meets by reducing the burden on costs.

We discussed a potential proposal for Potomac Valley to reimburse clubs for the purpose of providing officials at sanctioned events. What was discussed was a rate of up to \$150 per official per day, up to 6 officials per course. Our expectation is that this will be \$900 per event per course and would cover pool and open water.

A proposal was proposed but withdrawn to pursue some additional details (specifically around open water and having some more stats on pool meets to properly budget).

Jeff S, Tim, Dave (and Brett as bcc) to pursue.

ii) We have received a proposal from Ray Novitske to once again be the meet director for a LCM Long Haul distance meet for this year. It is expected that The St. James will be the venue and will either be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> or July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

MSA (Jeff S., Tim) For Ray to proceed with Potomac Valley running this meet again, with a pre-approved budget of \$2500. (motion carries by majority)

Ray is aiming for the 23<sup>rd</sup>, as it would be after a kids team meet. And is looking for any assistance with finding timers!

c) PV to pay or refund first time / first year USMS swimmer registration. The intent of this/these proposal(s) is to encourage continuing participation in the sport.

Implementation of this was a key concern and some behind-the-scenes work has been done to flush out how this would work. Rather than write dozens or hundreds of checks, there would be a way to offer individualized coupon codes to these swimmers through the national office that would effectively provide these swimmers their 2024 registration for free. USMS would then deduct the cost from the LMSC portion of 2024 membership fees.

Jeff S. and Dave R. will pursue this, gathering additional information from the national office to come up with a better proposal for next meeting.

5. Clarification of rebate intent for events with USMS membership verification.

Our current policy is to reimburse clubs for the cost of online entry if that provides member number verification.

MSA (Jeff R, Tim) to reimburse DCAC and Reston for the cost of online entry as long as there is a verification of member number, up to \$750. (motion carries by majority vote)

This verification for these two OW swims is likely to be done by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

6. Other topics – for next time

General request for other suggestions on how to enhance the sport of swimming within PV. Brainstorming time! – please put this forth to your club members so we can get some ideas.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm.**