

## Minutes of the North Texas Local Masters Swim Committee

A meeting of the North Texas LMSC was held at the Texas Ford Aquatics Center in Frisco, Texas on Saturday, June 2, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. CDT.

- I. Roll Call – The following officers were in attendance: Richard Garza, Chair; Dave Young, Registrar; Michael Doyle, Treasurer; Kim Shaw, Secretary; Cindy Myer, Fitness Chair; Elaine Disney, Top Ten; Laurie Dunlap, Sanctions, and Bob Tierney, Webmaster. The following team representatives were also present: Sandy Thatcher, Carl Dunlap, and Kristen Barndt.
  
- II. Report of Officers
  - Dave Young gave the Registrar report. Dave mentioned that the number of registered swimmers has declined somewhat since this time last year (832 vs. 917). The LMSC has lost clubs in Amarillo due to the change in boundaries of the North Texas LMSC and the new West Texas LMSC (formerly Border).
  - Richard Garza gave the Chair and Vice Chair reports since Carlos Rodriguez was unable to attend. Richard stated that the LMSCs completed surveys for USMS to determine whether minimum and target standards are being met. North Texas failed to meet one of the standards by not have two officials at a meet. On behalf of Carlos, Richard provided the results of a survey initiated by North Texas LMSC with the individuals who completed the Adult Learn to Swim class. Sadly, most of the class participants failed to respond the survey, even though they requested reimbursement from North Texas LMSC for the class. While we may still get more responses, the group felt that there was not enough information available to determine whether the LMSC will continue to sponsor people who want the training. The LMSC may shift resources to other areas such as training for officials.
  - Michael Doyle gave the Treasurer report. He distributed financial statements and noted that the LMSC lost almost \$13,000 in 2017. The LMSC incurred some large expenses that had not been in the budget; namely, Adult Learn to Swim training classes for several people and hosting a swim clinic featuring Olympians Josh Davis and Jason Lezak. Also, as noted in the Registrar report, revenue related to membership dues decreased as a result of swimmers and clubs being designated to a new LMSC. The budget for 2018 factors in the decrease. The LMSC still has adequate assets to meet its goals. Michael requested and received the group's permission to seek a higher interest rate on the CD at another bank.
  - Kim Shaw gave the Secretary report. The minutes of the LMSC meeting on October 4, 2017 were reviewed and approved. Kim also discussed the changes to LMSC bylaws. She and Mack Powers worked on revising them to bring them up to the current USMS standards and make them reflect accurately the way the LMSC conducts its business. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, a quorum of LMSC members participated in conference calls to review the proposed changes. The LMSC members in attendance approved the revisions to the bylaws.
  - Cindy Myer gave the Fitness report. Cindy said that there are from 70-80 participants in the Go the Distance program each quarter. Although this is a USMS program, the North Texas

LMSC provides individual and team awards on a quarterly basis. She suggested that USMS fitness programs be highlighted on the North Texas Masters Swimming website. Also, she pointed out that all swims must be recorded in the system by the last day of the quarter. Finally, she mentioned that there may be a 2K swim to be held in July. There was a brief discussion regarding reasons why a fitness swimmer would want to join USMS. In addition to camaraderie, insurance, and magazines (paper and electronic), there are discounts. For example, XSTREME SWIM, the sponsor of our website, offers members a 10% discount.

- Laurie Dunlap gave the Sanctions report. Laurie stated that Texas Ford Aquatics and Dallas Aquatic Masters are the only two clubs in the LMSC who host meets. One of the biggest obstacles to hosting is finding officials. Laurie spends a lot of time with potential meet hosts when they consider conducting a meet. She will attempt to construct a packet of information to provide to meet hosts. Richard mentioned that USMS may be putting together a packet of excerpts from the Rule Book that specifically deal with hosting meets.
- Elaine Disney gave the Top Ten report. Elaine stated that she had submitted top ten lists for each swim season so far. She also reminded everyone that she can download record and top ten information for people who request it.
- Officials – Tom Osterland was not present, but there was discussion that meet officials should have some kind of name tag that clearly identifies them as officials along with the North Texas LMSC logo, official's name.

III. Reports of the Committees – N/A

IV. Unfinished Business – Bob Tierney, Webmaster, reported that he has been working on a new version of the website on WordPress that will make it easier to transition to a new user and allow others (besides Bob) to enter information. The downside is that 80% of the users who access our website do so from a mobile device and with WordPress, the access will be much slower.

V. Elections – N/A

VI. New Business

- a. Accountability – North Texas LMSC has been sponsoring coaches training, Adult Learn to Swim training, and attendance at the USAS Convention. So far it isn't clear whether the LMSC is benefitting from the sponsorship. Are there new masters coaches? Results from the ALTS training probably won't be known for years. We need to tighten up the processes if we are to continue incurring these costs.
- b. USAS Convention 2018 delegates – the LMSC can send three delegates in addition to Richard Garza. They need to be designated by the end of June. The convention is in Jacksonville, FL from 9/26-9-30. Two individuals are being considered, but the third slot is still open. Richard suggested having people submit applications like last year. The next convention in Dallas is in 2022.

- c. USAS Convention 2018 costs – the Florida LMSC is hosting its third convention since 2011. North Texas knows how much hosting a convention can cost so a proposal was made to provide some financial assistance. A suggestion was made to start a GoFundMe page. No decision was made.
- d. Swim clinics – the LMSC would like to continue to offer quality events. We need to determine how to reach more swimmers in the most economical way. We need to start looking for pools, coaches, etc. and consider dates.

VII. Resolutions and Order

- a. Resolved to accept all officer reports, including minutes from the last meeting.
- b. Resolved to approve changes to the Bylaws of the LMSC.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. CDT.