

Minutes of the North Texas Local Masters Swim Committee

The Annual Meeting of the North Texas LMSC was held at the Robson & Lindley Aquatic Center and Barr-McMillion Natatorium in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, December 8, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. CST.

- I. Roll Call – The following officers were in attendance: Richard Garza, Chair; Carlos Rodriguez, Vice Chair; Dave Young, Registrar; Michael Doyle, Treasurer; Kim Shaw, Secretary; Cindy Myer, Fitness Chair; Laurie Dunlap, Sanctions; Tom Osterland, Officials; and Bob Tierney, Webmaster. The following team representatives were also present: Sandy Thatcher and Erin Roehrig (TFAM); Gilberto Junior (O2); Floyd McDaniel and Lynn Morrison (NTXL); and Damien Zuniga. We were also joined by Bruce Rollins (GULF LMSC), South Central Zone Chair and member of the LMSC Development Committee.
- II. Review and approve minutes from meeting on June 2, 2018. Minutes have been on the LMSC website and were approved.
- III. Reports of Officers and Zone Chair Comments
 - Richard Garza gave the Chair's report.
 - The LMSC Bylaws were rewritten at the start of the year.
 - Bids for zone meets are due as soon as possible.
 - Consider creating service awards.
 - Cindy Myer, our Fitness Coordinator, won the Fitness Award which was presented at the national convention.
 - Training Course Fee Reimbursements and Accountability – in 2017, the LMSC paid the course fee for 30 people to attend Adult Learn to Swim training and Coaches Level I & II training. It is unclear how these payments have provided a benefit to the membership. After discussion among the committee, a decision was made to continue to reimburse the course fee for participants in the Coaches training, but only reimburse half the cost of the ALTS training. The participant will have an opportunity to earn reimbursement of the other half of the course fee by conducting a clinic in the LMSC. The next local ALTS training class will be on February 25, 2019 in Frisco, Texas.
 - Carlos Rodriguez reported on the peer-to-peer calls in which he participated.
 - Recognition and awards. We need to try to recognize people who volunteer, but first we need to develop ideas for how we want to recognize people and for what.
 - One of the attendees believed that we communicate to our membership about meets, but not about what is involved in putting one together. We tend to focus on the swims, but not the organization.
 - During the call it was suggested that LMSC meetings be tied to an event (like a meet) in order to attract more people.

- Coaches. There was a lot of discussion about dryland workouts. There is a video and content on the website. Coaches might provide guidance and/or references to available programs. Look for programs by swimmers. There is a yoga for swimmers website. Richard suggested putting available content on our website.
 - Do we want to host a clinic? We need a volunteer to organize it.
- Bruce Rollins commented on the items raised by Richard and Carlos.
 - He would like to receive zone meet bids by end of year.
 - Existing awards: South Central Zone has Jesse Coon Volunteer Spirit Award. (Our registrar, Dave Young, won in 2009.) The LMSC submits the nomination. Gulf LMSC created the Emmett Hines Service Award. College Club Swimming has a relationship with USMS which is administered through the National Office
 - Bruce mentioned that beginning in 2019, a sanction can be revoked prior to the end of a meet. That led to a discussion regarding who has the authority to make such a revocation and what the procedure would be. Check the new rule book when it comes out.
 - Regarding volunteers, it is important to assign them a task. Example: assign people to recruit timers or organize a social. Reach out to the bigger teams.
 - April is Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS) month.
- Michael Doyle gave the Treasurer report and distributed financial statements.
 - LMSC has made a little over \$1,300 so far in 2018, even though membership was down. Revenue is ahead of last year. The LMSC still has adequate assets to meet its goals.
 - At the last meeting, Michael requested and received the group's permission to seek a higher interest rate on the CD at another bank. Amegy Bank has free checking with interest that is paying more than the CD so the group granted permission for him to move the LMSC account bank account. The Chair needs to be included as a signatory on the account.
- Dave Young gave the Registrar report.
 - The number of registered swimmers has declined since this time last year (954 vs. 1109).
 - 210 swimmers have registered for 2019.
 - Not all clubs have re-registered so their swimmers are not yet considered re-registered.
- Kim Shaw gave the Secretary report.
 - The minutes of the LMSC meeting on June 8, 2018 were reviewed and approved.
 - Kim attended the convention in September and gave a brief overview of what she observed. Attached to these minutes is a copy of her notes.
- Cindy Myer gave the Fitness report.
 - Cindy humbly acknowledged receipt of her National Fitness award.
 - She mentioned that SmartyPants is sponsoring fitness events again this year. This winter will include the 30-minute swim.
 - Regarding the Go-the-Distance program, Cindy suggested revising the team award calculation. Rather than basing the cash award on the average distance per team member, awards will be determined based on total miles by the team. She will provide some data so we can determine the appropriate dollar amount per mile.
- Laurie Dunlap gave the Sanctions report.

- Five sanctions were issued this year: 3 to Texas Ford Aquatics and 2 to Dallas Aquatic Masters. They are the only two clubs in the LMSC who host meets.
- Elaine Disney was unable to attend the meeting and present the Top Ten report in person; however, she provided a spreadsheet that is attached to these minutes and contains the following:
 - 2018 North Texas LMSC SCM Overall Times (All Entries tab) – for each age group it shows the fastest time swum by a North Texas swimmer during the period 2002-2018
 - 2018 North Texas LMSC SCM Overall Top Ten (Top Ten tab) – for each age group it shows the top ten times swum by North Texas swimmers during the period from 2002-2015
- Bob Tierney, Webmaster, reported on the status of the new website.
 - 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.
 - Committee members will receive a link to a content viewer. Provide Bob with feedback.
 - Website should be ready to go live on January 1, 2019.
 - It will be slower.
- Tom Osterland provided the Officials report.
 - Tom has been an official for 24 years. The time has come to train the next generation of officials. We need to “grow our own” – train people to be USMS officials.
 - Recruit volunteers from each club and train them. Consider family members and swimmers.
 - Tests are online, not difficult. Trainees need to shadow existing officials.
 - Consider paying officials and definitely feed them. (Timers too.)

IV. Old Business – addressed in the officer reports.

V. New Business

- a. LMSC Summit – March 1-3. Who shall we send? Need to decide by January
- b. Winter Sprinter Meet at Texas Ford Aquatics on January 26.
- c. Find videos for website
- d. Swim clinics – Carlos and Cindy will develop a clinic for February.
- e. Zone meets – we need to get pools in our area up to speed so they can bid for meets

VI. Resolutions and Order

- a. Resolved to accept all officer reports, including minutes from the last meeting.
- b. Resolved to approve the opening of a new checking account at Amegy Bank and transfer all LMSC funds to the new account.
- c. Next meeting will be immediately following the DAM meet on February 23, 2019. Bring someone who might become a volunteer.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. CST.

Attachments: Kim Shaw’s convention notes; Elaine Disney’s spreadsheet