

Minutes of the North Texas Local Masters Swim Committee

The annual meeting of the North Texas LMSC was held at the Jakes Burgers and Beer, 1141 Flower Mound Road, Flower Mound, Texas, 75028 on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. CDT. The meeting followed a stroke clinic held down the street at the Westside Aquatics Center. Thanks to Cindy Myer, Carlos Rodriguez, and all the coaches who provided instruction.

- I. Roll Call – The following officers were in attendance: Richard Garza, Chair; Carlos Rodriguez, Vice Chair; Kim Shaw, Secretary; and Bob Tierney, Webmaster. There were 18 others representing 6 different teams. Team Representatives: TFAM – Susan Hengstenberg, Sandy Thatcher, Lyndsie Ratchford; O2 – Gevanni Martin, Vi Nguyen, Gilberto Junior, Michele Webber, Glenn de Veyra, Steve Schiemann; Granbury – Constance Rust, Fran Leslie; RIDG – Jana Kappel; NTXL – Lynn Morrison, Floyd McDaniel, Robert Kelsoe, Bob Maryan; DAMM – Tom Sherrill; and Sandra Penney.
- II. Review and approve minutes from meeting on June 30, 2019. They were reviewed and approved.
- III. Reports of Officers
 - Richard Garza gave the following reports: Chair, Treasurer, Registrar, Sanctions, Officials, and Top Ten
 - North Texas LMSC is meeting all of the standards set by USMS; designated Premier Plus LMSC.
 - Revenue is down because of fewer swimmers, but we have a smaller decline than USMS. We have 947 swimmers versus 954 last year. However, the number of women members is up.
 - The new registration year is starting and clubs need to be renewed now. Only six have done so.
 - There have been 2 sanctioned meets since June for TFAM and Royal Oak.
 - We have more officials than we had last year. The process for certifying officials for USMS is easier than for USA Swimming.
 - Top Ten lists have been submitted.
 - Carlos Rodriguez gave the Vice Chair's report.
 - The stroke clinic went well.
 - Cindy Myer gave the Fitness report.
 - Go the Distance program is successful. Swimmer have gone 18,000 miles this year versus 8,000 last year. Teams can earn seven cents (\$.07) per mile per quarter.
 - Bob Tierney gave the Webmaster report.
 - Bob said the website is up to date. He found someone to takeover the LMSC website – Vi Nguyen.
- IV. Old Business
 - Policies and Procedures – we are trying to compile a list by year end. Examples – reimbursement for classes and records for people who don't reside in LMSC territory.

- First Meet Free Survey – the LMSC covers up to \$25 of the meet entry fee for swimmers entering their first masters swim meet. The reimbursement goes to the meet host. Determine whether this program is working. To what extent is it attracting and keeping new swimmers?
- Unified Fee Concept – This issue was discussed at convention but no vote was taken. The proposal is for one USMS registration fee across the country (\$60) with the LMSC receiving a set percentage of the fee (20% or \$12). This is for marketing purposes. USMS is also looking at a lifetime fee. USMS is seeking input from the LMSCs.

V. Elections – The following officers were elected by acclamation. Terms begin January 1, 2020.

- Chair – Richard Garza
- Vice Chair – Carlos Rodriguez, for a one-year term
- Secretary – Susan Hengstenberg
- Treasurer – Michael Doyle
- Registrar – Cindy Myer

VI. New Business

- An attendee suggested that the LMSC host more events such as clinics with a social component. The LMSC has the financial resources to do so. Consider hosting a zone meet.
- The Fitness Chair, Cindy Myer, said there are plans to host a long course clinic next year.
- Don't schedule events on Texas/OU weekend.

VII. Resolutions and Order – Resolved to accept all officer reports, including minutes from the last meeting.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned 3:45 p.m. CDT. No date was set for the next meeting.