

<b>2014 Alaska Masters LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Joanne Wainwright	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Jamie Evans
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Jamie Evans	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> Feb 9, 2014

## Action Items:

1. MSA 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes approved. Motion: Forrest Brooks. Elinor Harrington: 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. MSA 2014 Amended By-Laws document approved. Motion: Forrest Brooks. Ken Winterberger: 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Memorial Scholarship awarded to Madeline Stephens from Ketchikan, AK.

<b>Number of committee members present: 10</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 0</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Joanne Wainwright, Jamie Evans, Judy Abraham, Kristi Neptun, Paula Smith, Ken Winterberger, Ruth Carter, Kevin Knox, Melinda Greig-Walker, Jim Lima.</b>		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. Alaska Standard Time.

1. Call to order and attendance.
2. Chair's Report:
  - a. Our LMSC has not been in compliance with USMS regulations. We need to change our by-laws to show our LMSC, now known as Alaska LMSC, and our solo club, AKMS are separate entities. Club activities will be run through Alaska LMSC.
  - b. All workout groups can register through USMS for \$25. Registration offers the same benefits as a club.
  - c. New Clubs: If a new club forms within the Alaska LMSC, they must have their own checking account and compete together at any meet.. They may not compete with members of AKMS.
  - d. Iditaswim Final Report: a total of 185 swimmers participated in the 2014 challenge. Suggestions for the future include preparing mailing labels at home, knowing how much ClubAssistant receives for each entry prior to determining the entry fee, and ClubAssistant coming up with an easy spreadsheet explaining the disbursements.
  - e. Insurance for 2014:
    - i. Our insurance now covers trial members for a period of 30 days.
    - ii. Coaches must be USA/USMS registered if you are coaching both groups at the same time.
    - iii. Workout groups needing proof of insurance should contact Tracy Grilli through USMS.
    - iv. Open Water Risk Management Updates.
3. Registrar's Report: As of 2/7/2014, AKMS has 306 members: 186 women and 120 men. This is about the same number of swimmers we had last year at this time. There are 8 registered workout groups.
4. Treasurer's Report: January 2013 Starting Balances were \$7547.14 in checking and \$1153.94 in savings. Ending balances in December 2013 were \$5426.57 in checking and \$1150.28 in savings.
5. Webmaster Report: The USMS webmaster, Jim Matysek, was added as the "TechName" and USMS has access to the akmswim.org domain account. There will be a few changes made to the website, mainly for simplification in the next few months. AKMS now has a facebook page.
6. Top Ten Report: In 2013 there were 2 LCM top ten times and 7 SCY top ten times. Top ten times for SCY are currently not available. There were 159 updates to the state top ten list

7. Open Water Report: The Change Your Latitude Race is the northernmost open water ocean swim in the world and was rated one of the top 100 swims in the United States. This years race is August 3, 2014. There are no other known open water swims scheduled for Alaska this year.
8. Scholarship: Madeline Stephens of Ketchikan is the 2014 Alaska Masters Swimming Memorial Scholarship Recipient.
9. Unfinished Business:
  - a. There is a possibility for a LCM meet in May. More information to come.
  - b. Café Press: There is a link to Café Press on our website where members can order AKMS related gear and gifts. <http://www.cafepress.com/alaskamasters>
  - c. Changing the days from Friday/Saturday to Saturday/Sunday for the SCY meet has been beneficial to swimmers coming from out of town. We will continue with the Saturday/Sunday format unless the group decides otherwise in the future.
  - d. SCM date: We are still having trouble getting a good date to increase attendance for this meet. December is currently the best time, but will continue to look at other options.
10. New Business:
  - a. Amended Bylaws voting for adoption.
  - b. Sponsorship: Is the group interested in looking for businesses to sponsor our group.
  - c. Upcoming Meets:
    - i. April Zone Meet in Federal Way, WA April 12-13, 2014
    - ii. SCY Nationals May 1-4 in Santa Clara, CA; LC Nationals at University of Maryland August 13-17, 2014.
    - iii. World's in Montreal, Canada July 27-August 10, 2014

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m. Motion: Mimi Cook. 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret VanFlein.

### **2013 AKMS Treasury Report**

Jan 2013 Opening Balances:

Checking - \$7547.14

Savings - \$1153.94

I24 Certificate - \$1314.07

I75 Certificate - \$1334.68

I75.1 Certificate - \$1316.75

December 2013 Ending Balances:

Checking - \$5426.57

Savings - \$1150.28

I24 Certificate – \$1325.94

I24.1 Certificate - \$1329.37

I24.2 Certificate - \$1349.42

Year End Registrations - \$1,919.00

Year End Checkoff Challenge - \$2,618.20

2013 SCM Meet - (\$333.05)

SCY Meet – (\$1411)

### **2014 Registrar's report**

As of 2/7/2014, AKMS has 306 members: 186 women and 120 men. This is about the same number of swimmers we had last year at this time. 21 of these members have chosen to be unattached (Club UC56). The rest are members of AKMS which means we can all be on the same team if we choose to swim out of state and can be eligible for top 10 times. Almost everyone is registering online, which saves a lot of hand-typing for me!

There are 2 additional areas I want to touch on in this report: workout groups, and membership numbers.

**Workout Groups:** This year USMS instituted a new policy for workout groups. For \$25 a group can register to be listed as a drop-down option for on-line registration. Benefits of membership include a branded banner, a rule book and organizational support from the national office for club structure and coaching. We have 8 registered groups so far:

- Island Masters (AIM) in Dutch Harbor,
  
- Anchorage YMCA, Baranof Barracudas (BBSC) in Sitka,
  
- Buckner Masters (BMST) in Eagle River,
  
- Glacier Swim Club (GSC, formerly JUNM) in Juneau,
  
- Swimming with Alaska Masters (SWAM) in Anchorage,
  
- Top of the World Swimming (TOWS) in Soldotna
  
- And a new group Salty Dawgs Swim association (SDSA) in Valdez.

We have some active workout groups who chose not to register. We tried hard to give them a drop-down registration option for this meet. However, I have no way to track and confirm that we have the correct workout group name and that the group is active. Please contact Ken Winterberger (our web guru) or me to update your group contact and swim information on our website so we can help get the word out about your workout!

**Membership numbers:** We're creeping closer to topping 400 members. In 2013, we had 391 members. In 2012 we had 380. We've had over 315 members every year since 2009, but haven't broken 400 yet. Maybe this year?