

Michigan LMSC  
Annual Membership Meeting 2010  
Haslet High School

Ralph Davis called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm. He shared how well attended the meet is with 346 athletes. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest attendance since 1998.

Secretary's Report: Corrin Popp handed our minutes from last year and were posted on the website. Questions on the minutes on why the state meet changed dates, Skip Thompson stated that the host had volunteer conflicts and then Ralph Davis intervened by stating it was his decision to change the date and he accepted all responsibility. Gail Dummer motioned to accept the minutes and Jennifer Parks seconded. Members voted to accept, vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Nelis explained the new expense of the Michigan LMSC. The balance in account is 36,616.90 with 32,657.56 in the funds for operations and 3,959.34 is the scholarship fund. Jennifer Parks motioned to change the title of the treasurer's report to say Michigan LMSC. Fred motioned accept the treasurer's report with the title change and Gail Dummer seconded and the membership vote was unanimous.

Registrar's Report: Ken Cooper Membership total as of March 31, 2010 is 722. This represents an increase from 2009 during the same period of 21%. Seventy five (75) mailed in their registrations, or just 10%. Currently, our membership is over 750. The club registration numbers are as follows, as of 3/31/2010: Michigan Masters club had 674, UNAT had 42, and Great Lakes State Masters club had 6. With the Michigan Masters club, 100 registrants, or just 7% chose not to affiliate with a workout group.

Donations for the Michigan Masters Education Endowment fund, totaled \$293.50. There were forty seven (47) total contributors, or just 6% of membership. 2010 marks the first registration year that this donation was made available online. Twenty nine (29) registrants contributed online.

Registration cost for 2011 will see an increase from National of \$2.00, while our LMSC has not raised its fee. The 2011 registration fee will be \$39.00 if registering online.

Requests for mailing membership cards cost both time and money. Almost 300 registrants requested that a card be mailed to them. These costs are paid in part by our LMSC. Everyone who registers online is provided a link in their e-mail where they can print their own card, and use their own paper. There is no valid reason to request a card, unless you cannot print your own card.

Website/Newsletter Report: Sally Guthrie is absent and sharing her report was Skip Thompson. He mentioned the new web software is now in use and they are learning how to manage it. She is trying to post news and results better. There is only 1 newsletter per year. Corrin Popp share concern that the home page is too long and wishes there are buttons or a menu to find items better. Gail Dummer mentioned that the meet schedule is in color and printing it is difficult and wished that the schedule was in a PDF file so it is easier to print.

Meets Report: Skip Thompson shared that our dual meets were the most successful ever. Numbers were up across the board for example in 2009 Brighton had 95 and 2010 had 135, Milford had 58 and 108 respectively, and the state meet 318 and 346 respectively. He mentioned that Short Course Nationals has around 2,000 participants and approximately 60 Michigan swimmers. State Championships we had 60 people register up right at the deadline and 84 paper entries which holds the host up to work on seeding and time corrections. Using the online entry program insures your name, age and USMS numbers are correct and entries are easily imported. Question on the floor from Jennifer Parks on the 1 day registration

and she was wondering if they count in our LMSC and was answered No. Motion to accept the Meet report by Ralph Davis and seconded by Gail Dummer, membership voted and was unanimous.

Sanctions Report: Skip Thompson reported that he had gotten more request to host meets with 5 new sites that are interested. Don Kroeger suggested that if the sites were spread out across the state then we could have 2 meets on the same weekend or back to back weekends. Gail Dummer mentioned that USA swimming had an evaluation form used for host sites after the meet and uses that information to help with scheduling meets for the future. Jennifer Parks felt that a minimum standard to host meets should be posted on the website. Motion to accept the sanctions report by Skip Thompson and seconded by Ralph Davis, membership voted and passed.

Top Ten Report: Ken Cooper shared that the Registrar is providing the meet hosts with a swimmer registration file that they can import into the Hy-Tek meet manger. This saves the host many hours and eliminates typos. While processing the meet files includes validating swimmer registration data, this step has all but been eliminated for the top10 recorder. A USMS registration deadline of one week prior to registering for a meet will make this even better. I would like to remind everyone that mixed relays are comprised of 2 men, and 2 women. Any other combination is illegal so it will get disqualified, and wastes time processing meets for top10.

Fitness and Safety: Maddie Diedo was appointed new to the position and shared that she is open to suggestions. Ralph motioned to accept and Fred Seconded.

Open Water: Steve Erickson was appointed new to the position and was not in attendance. Jennifer Parks spoke from the floor mentioning a new meet August 7<sup>th</sup> at Holland State Park. It is a 1.2 mile swim and is part of the GLOW series (Great Lakes Open Water)

Officials Report: George Newman shared information about the suit limitations that will be in effect for next season. He shared the 4 hour rule for meets which we ran over on. We need to look at meet sites and lanes in the future to solve the problem with running over the 4 hour rule. He also “commended and bawled out” all of us on that we are too many for the pool and get to your lanes! He shared that this is probably his last year and got a standing ovation from the membership. Thank you for all you have done!

Ralph Davis wanted to thank all the officers for their time and hard work.

New Business:

#### A. State Meet Bids

1. East Grand Rapid’s bid was presented by Brandon Converse. He shared information sheet with the membership and pictures of the facility using a power point. Some highlights of their facility is past experience hosting meets our size, 8-10 lanes for competition, 4 lanes for warm down, one locker room, parking and deck space to adequate for all participants. Questions were asked about lodging and how close to the pool and there are only a few hotels close with others 5-10 miles away. Questions about the number of lockers available and they are limited. Question about deck space and the deck space was compared to what Haslet has.
2. East Kentwood’s bid was presented by Mark Spore who is a masters swimmer and will be helping with the set up and hosting of the meet. The meet manager will be Jock Ambrose who is a long time coach and has hosted masters meets in the past. He shared information sheet with the membership and pictures of the facility. Some highlights of their facility is past experience hosting meets our size, 8 lanes for competition with 2 available in the diving well for the distance event, 5 lanes for

warm down in the diving well and 4 lanes available in the teaching pool, plenty of lockers with 2 locker rooms per gender, parking and deck space plenty for all participants. He also shared how their pool has more ladders with them on all walls for easy exit. The location is easy to find as you can see it off M6. Eating places and hotels are plenty and within 5 miles of the pool.

3. Skip commented on the excellent bids we get to vote on.
  4. Membership voted and East Kentwood won
- B. New Meets- information to come later once all bid are in and officer's can set schedule.
- C. Scholarship report- last year 2 scholarships were given and the names and bios are on the website.
- D. Floor Proposals
1. Move Black out date from 30 to 60 days. Motion Ralph Davis and was seconded by Ken and passed unanimously.
  2. Lifetime achievement award changed to include officers. Motion Jennifer Parks and Seconded by Jennifer Post, passed unanimously.
  3. Bylaws to change the wording to Michigan LMSC. Motion Ralph Davis and Seconded Ken and passed unanimously.
  4. Question about the budget for \$750 for coaches and \$780 Miscellaneous- Jennifer Parks was wondering what those are for and whether they can be used towards a grant for an open water race.

Closing Remarks: Ralph said Thank you to all in attendance today

Motion to close: At 2:08 pm Skip Thompson motioned to close the meeting and Ken Danhof seconded and passed unanimously.