

Committee Name:	OMS Annual Meeting	2013	April
Committee Chair:	Jeanne Teisher	Vice Chair:	Wes Edwards
Minutes recorded by:	Michelle C. Jacobs-Brown	Date/time of meeting:	4-26-13: 5:00 pm

Motions Passed:

Number of committee members present: 13	Absent: 10	Guests: 8
<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Jeanne Teisher, Michelle Jacobs-Brown, Tim Waud, Joy Ward, Christina Fox, Bob Bruce, Steve Darnell, Aubree Gustafson, Gary Whitman, Sandi Rousseau, Jacki Allender, Dennis Baker, and Kermit Jensen</p> <p><u>Guest Meeting Attendees:</u> Sue Phillips, Denise Croucher, Brad Bachulis, Jim Teisher, Pat Allender, Wink Lamb, Douglas Lamb, and Tom Phipps</p>		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Roll Call

Review of Agenda

Introductions/Welcome to Annual Meeting

A. OMS Website (Jeanne):

1. Discussed and demonstrated new OMS website in development with board members and visiting membership. The group discussed the lack of functionality and outdated technology of the current website as the main reasons to update the OMS website. The old website will be taken down as soon as new website is ready; most likely in a few weeks. Jeanne asked for input from general members present at the meeting.

B. Membership Survey (Jeanne):

1. The OMS Board is made up of members from different teams, but The OMS Board would like to hear from the general membership to ensure there is adequate representation and consideration of what the membership needs. The OMS Board would like to send out a survey to reach all areas of our membership including competitive, fitness, tri-athletes, open water/long distance, and postal swimmers. This addresses many of the large groups, but the OMS Board wants to make sure they are not leaving smaller groups or individuals out.

2. The OMS Board would like to form a committee consisting of general membership volunteers to help facilitate the survey. Communication would mostly be done via e-mail and phone conferences. There is a toll free conference number available for this committee to use.

3. This survey would be a yearly occurrence, with the committee addressing comments and questions to help determine what needs to be worked on from year to year. This information would then be put on the website. The survey would be developed on Survey Monkey and sent to all membership with a response time included. Changes would be made after the first year feedback as recommended by the committee. The OMS Board plans to review the preliminary survey at the upcoming OMS Board Annual Fall Meeting.

4. Members present interested in the survey committee include Sue Phillips and Brad Bachulis. An e-mail will be sent out to the general membership to solicit volunteers for this committee.

C. Vice Chair Report (Joy Ward for Wes):

1. Reynolds Meet: Good reviews from the meet.

**Motion for full reimbursement to the Reynolds Meet. M/S/A*

2. Long Course Meters Dual Sanction Meet: Possible LCM/DS meet sometime in July hosted by Pendleton. Not sure of the date yet, but this would be a good opportunity for a dual sanction LCM meet. This meet is not anticipated to impact any Open Water meets. Bob Bruce was supportive of this meet during the Open Water Season.

**Motion to support and approve a 50 meter dual sanction meet in Pendleton, OR. M/S/A*

Meeting attendees discussed how the dual sanctioned meets are generally run. This included topics such as split lanes, time integration, and warm up rules.

D. Open Floor:

1. OMS Treasurer: Briefly discussed the current OMS Treasurer's (Mark Braun) resignation due to his upcoming move. Kermit Jensen answered the e-mail blast seeking a new treasurer, and is willing to replace Mark.

**Motion that Kermit Jensen be offered the position of OMS Treasurer. M/S/A*

2. Meeting minutes: Briefly discussed meeting minutes from February, February Emergency Meeting, and March.

**Motion to approve all three sets of minutes as submitted by e-mail. M/S/A*

3. Short Axis Clinic: Dennis discussed the outcome of the last short axis clinic held at the Reynolds pool. This clinic was put on by Dennis Baker and Allen Stark. It was 4 hours in length, and went well. Dennis feels it would be a good model for future clinics.

4. Officials Needed: Jacki Allender is looking for officials; help is needed. She is willing to train spouses or partners. Time commitment requires 1 clinic, then 7 sessions over a minimum of 3 meets to complete training. This also helps set up a positive relationship with the club who is hosting the meet.

5. Gil Young Meet: Some discussion regarding when the Gil Young LC Association Championships went from an individually scored meet to a team scoring event. This was voted on and accepted by the Board several months ago. It was decided that this was a good opportunity to promote a long course meet as a team scoring event in the summer.

6. Team Scoring: Q and A: The question was asked regarding the history behind small, medium, and large team scoring. There was discussion regarding how to make the scoring system more equitable, and encouraging smaller teams to participate. Some visiting members felt the current system is arbitrary in the way it chooses the team size at each Association meet. They would like to see a permanent set of numbers to determine team size. There was more discussion regarding the pros and cons of various methods of determining team sizes at the Association Meet. The Board agreed to discuss this issue further at the upcoming fall retreat.

7. Souvenirs (Tim Waud) and Membership Promotion: Tim is working on promoting USMS/OMS membership through bringing USMS and OMS promotional items to meets. He uses these items to grow his team. He has gone from 3 to 34 people in 1 year. He is targeting parents of swimmers, adult fitness swimmers, and anyone who is at a meet.

He is using a tri-fold flyer which provides information about USMS, the history of masters swimming, his own team, the history of his team, and practice times. The tri-fold can be printed in color or black and white. The flyer has space to add information about your team, practice times, and a space for a website address. He feels strongly that this can help promote swimming to a wider range of people, and will help promote swimming for life, as well as getting families and friends involved.

Tim had several boxes of flyers to hand out at the meet, or you can contact him for more information. He wanted to get this out to team representatives and guests to help promote masters swimming.

**Motion to Adjourn M/S/A:*

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm
