

LMSC of Virginia Minutes

Sunday, October 28, 2012, 4:00pm (teleconference)

Present:

Patty Miller, Chair
Chris Stevenson, Webmaster/ Records & Top Ten
Charlie Cockrell, Treasurer / Officials
Shirley Loftus-Charley, Registrar
Pam Dameron, Fitness, Quest Masters
Heather Stevenson, Sanctions/Review
Bud Swiger, VMST
Jim Miller, Safety
Elizabeth Cohen, VMST President
Betsy Durrant, Newsletter
Craig Charley, RCA, Small Club Rep.

Old Business:

1. Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by the Chair.
2. A motion was made by Heather, seconded by Jim, and approved, to accept the minutes from October 29, 2011. For a full report of those minutes:
[http://www.vaswim.org/minutes/LMSC minutes 30oct2011.pdf](http://www.vaswim.org/minutes/LMSC%20minutes%2030oct2011.pdf)
3. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Betsy, and approved, to accept the minutes from August 20, 2012 teleconference. For a full report of those minutes:
http://www.vaswim.org/minutes/2012_LMSC_of_Va_Teleconference_Minutes.pdf
4. Chair- Patty Miller reported 29 clubs and over 1100 members for 2012. The LMSC has new Registrar and Sanction volunteers, Shirley Loftis-Charley and Heather Stevenson. Both are now using on-line, automated systems. Thanks were expressed to Lisa Bennett and Judy Martin for their services as they step down from Registrar and Sanction. The LMSC maintains great communications with its monthly newsletters, monthly emails, and web site. The Colony LCM Zone Championships will be hosted by VMST at the Richmond GRAP pool in June. Goals for 2013 – provide more communications from the LMSC to the coaches, and encourage more participation from new volunteers.
5. Treasury- Charlie C. reported \$3700 was paid for Convention this year. Three thousand dollars was transferred to the checking account from money market, as per the budget from last year. The LMSC is on financial track for the end of the year. The newsletter bills for the past 4 months have not been received, and need to be taken care of before January. Betsy will contact the printer to rectify. Charlie sends reports every month to LMSC officers to review for questions, errors, and to share the responsibility for the finances. A complete written report has been filed.
6. Registrar- Shirley Loftus-Charley reported that the LMSC has 1131 members at present, and 22 of an anticipated 28 clubs are registered for 2013. She has sent a mailing to all clubs that do not have an email. All club information has been updated on the web site, and she will now update the “Places to Swim”. A motion was made by Patty, seconded by Chris and approved unanimously to acknowledge Lisa Bennett’s work as LMSC registrar, making the move from

paper registration to an automated on-line system, and for her help in transitioning to a new registrar. A written report has been filed for Registration.

7. Sanctions- Heather reported 5 OW sanctions and 2 recognitions for this summer. For the second year in a row, the financial report and LMSC fees for Warrenton's Dreaming of Spring meet were not received. Discussion ensued concerning how to get compliance to the LMSC rules, and whether a sanction for 2013 should be issued. Going forward, for meets seeking sanctions in 2013, a sanction will be approved only if the host team agrees to file the report and fees within 30 days of the meet, as per LMSC rules. A discussion concerning on-line entries took place, and was decided to strongly urge meet directors to use on-line entries, but at this point, it will not be required.
8. Records/Top Ten- Chris reported on the new requirements for pool measurements. The LMSC has a laser measurement device. Meet results are uploaded into the National database. Virginia has been doing a good job providing meet results. Open Water/Long Distance will be included into the National data base in the future. Note the rule changes in the written report.
9. Communications- Chris reported that the newsletter will be kept to 8 pages whenever possible. The first page (meet information) of entries will be printed with a blurb on how to get the paper entry. A discussion about how to trim the newsletter mailing list did not come to a conclusion, and the subject was tabled until Betsy could be present (Betsy had to leave because of the hurricane). Opting out of the paper newsletter was discussed. Shirley will put three questions on the registration form as follows:
 - a. I would like to receive the electronic monthly newsletter instead of the mailed paper version. Yes/No
 - b. I would like to have someone contact me about Virginia LMSC volunteer opportunities. Yes/No
 - c. If you responded positively to #2, what are your areas of interest/expertise?Visitors to the web site are up 34%.
10. Fitness- Pam Dameron submitted a written report. The Check Off Challenge was tabled until Betsy can be present.
11. Safety- Jim reported a lack of written responsibilities for the pool Safety Marshall. After a discussion, Jim will write a list of duties, using resources from USAS and USMS guidelines, and have it available for meet directors. An effort needs to be made to expand Open Water events, perhaps in conjunction with events run by other organizations. A written report has been filed.
12. Long Distance- Dave filed a written report.
13. Review- Heather reported no problems for this year.
14. Officials- Charlie C. reported that he will be in contact with the officials concerning rule changes and clarifications for 2013. He also will summarize the rule differences between USAS and USMS rules for new masters officials. He has a commitment for a meet referee for the Colony Zone LCM meet in June, and will be working on contacting officials to run the meet.

Election of Officers:

Chris moved, Bud seconded, and approved by acclamation to elect the slate of officers as follows: Chair– Patty Miller, Vice-Chair – Charlie Tupitza, Treasurer –

Charlie Cockrell, and Secretary – Pam Dameron

New Business:

1. Virginia Open Water Summer Challenge- Dave Holland proposed a “Virginia Open Water Summer Challenge” whereby any USMS swimmer who participates in each of these events:
 - a. Jack King ocean swim- Virginia Beach- Eastern Tidewater- June
 - b. Chris Greene cable swim- Charlottesville- Central piedmont- July
 - c. Lake Moomaw Swim- Covington- Western highlands region- August
 would receive a special award. He is asking the LMSC to provide \$200 to purchase awards to recognize the folks who do all three events. Discussion followed, with Patty expressing concern for safety and the need for more information. The LMSC is open to the series challenge, if Dave will coordinate both it, and the Lake Moomaw swim.
2. Colony Zone LCM Championships- Chris and Heather will need lots of help to make the meet a success. They are looking for sponsors. The Richmond pool, GRAP, wants to run a yearly masters event, and at some later date, USMS Nationals.
3. Free USMS merchandise (e.g. caps, stickers) is available for the cost of shipping only. A discussion on how the LMSC can use them resulted in the decision for Shirley to let the meet directors know where to order the freebies for use at their meets.
4. LMSC Logo- Patty reported that of the 10 LMSCs in our Zone, Virginia is the only one that does not have a logo. It was decided to see if there is a graphic artist in the LMSC who would like to design one for Virginia. The newsletter and monthly email will spread the word.
5. Board Make-up- Jim brought up the difficulty of having a Board with 32 members as we have now. Meetings run the risk of not having a quorum, as many of the members eligible to attend have never participated. To make the Board more functional, Patty will check the By-Laws to see what solutions can be made. A proposal may be needed to change the size of the Board, with a vote to take place in January.
6. Scheduled Meetings- A discussion concerning the need for more frequent meetings led to a decision to meet quarterly, with a smaller Board.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 6:20 pm.

Summary of Actions

1. Motion to elect officers: Chair – Patty Miller, Vice-Chair – Charlie Tupitza, Treasurer – Charlie Cockrell, Secretary – Pam Dameron MSA
2. Motion to acknowledge Lisa Bennett's work as LMSC registrar, making the move from paper registration to an automated on-line system, and for her help in transitioning to a new registrar. MSA
3. Motion to send Warrenton Masters a letter requiring the report and any fees due from the 2012 Dreaming of Spring meet before a sanction for 2013 will be given. MSA

Minutes submitted electronically by Pam Dameron, Secretary, on October 29, 2012