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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to nominate Al Prescott for the USMS office of Vice President of Community Services. Further, I would like to provide this recommendation in support of Al Prescott for this office. I have known Al, the captain of the Minuteman Masters Swim Club and the present chair of the New England LMSC for several years. It is my firm belief that Al not only has the tools, understanding and passion for the sport that should be required of its officers, but that he also has a sense of community that he applies to the whole of masters swimming without bias.

I have personally witnessed Al filling various roles in his dedication to the sport of swimming. I have seen Al in action at an LMSC meeting as a member of the board, considering various points of view and their application towards solving a unique problem. In this instance he proposed a solution that was not only fair, but appealing to all parties involved. He is constantly applying his adept problem solving skills for the benefit of not only his workout group, but also for that of New England and the greater USMS community in general. He is a leader and an example of excellence on the pool deck and often takes on the challenges that face our LMSC with pride and enthusiasm.

Al works hard to realize his vision of a thriving masters swimming community. He selflessly works with others to begin workout groups in areas where there were none before. He has personally organized open water swims, at his own house and at Walden Pond, inviting masters swimmers, tri-athletes and other non masters swimmers not only when pool closings have kept swimmers out of the water, but also to promote another aspect of masters swimming sometimes overlooked.

Al is looked up to as a leader within not only his workout group, but also within his LMSC and USMS. He understands the need to draw people to the sport and elates in the staggering numbers of new swimmers in our region. With this said, Al is aware of the issues facing the sport of swimming in the community, and has often voiced possible solutions to things such as pool closings due to lack of funds for maintenance. That pools are closing around us is a tragic fact. Al Prescott represents the passion and community that makes USMS such a uniquely large but at the same time closely knit family. Al constantly works for the advancement of the sport, and should be considered for this position as a most valuable resource for USMS.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew J. Mulrooney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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P.S.: This letter may be published for the HOD packet

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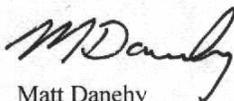
The purpose of this letter is to personally recommend Al Prescott for position of Vice President of Community Services in the New England NELMSC. Al and I met almost three years ago when my wife and I came out of a long swimming retirement to join the Minuteman Masters Swim Club in Bedford, MA. In the time I have known Al he has been a constant "man in motion"; not just within the confines of our team but also within the NELMSC and US Masters Swimming as a whole. Al serves as the Captain of our club and in that capacity is the eyes and ears of the club; always looking out for his teammates best interests. Also in the time I've known Al he has served as the Chairperson for the NELMSC. He is constantly coaching, mentoring, and guiding many of the swimmers on the team both old and young. Al is an all-around positive influence period.

As a small business owner himself, Al is keenly aware of building ties between any organization and the local community in which that organization operates. Al is always very focused on ways Masters Swimming can be improved through grassroots involvement. In recent months Al has been very vocal in group discussions on the team about ways our NELMSC can have a more direct relationship the local community. For example; I have had several discussions with Al on ever growing importance of community ties in an effort to further enhance the availability of pool facilities for all Masters Clubs and Teams. It's a two-way street with Al though as he is very aware NELMSC needs to also be actively involved on the ground locally in a positive way. Al strongly believes a formal, long term effort to build strong ties to the local communities will not only help the community but also put our NELMSC where it belongs; in a situation where the NELMSC stands to benefit but also it puts the NELMSC in good stead as a reliable partner. These thoughts merely scratch the surface when it comes to the potential benefits of Al's thought leadership in this area.

I believe Al would be an excellent VP of Community Services for the NELMSC. I believe there is a strong need for a true "ambassador" quality in that role and Al fits the bill perfectly.

In closing, I don't believe you could find a better, more qualified candidate for this position than Al Prescott. Al is a very selfless individual and always puts the interests our club and the greater NELMSC first with an unmatched evenhandedness and concern for fair play, participation, and enjoyment for all.

Sincerely,



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