

Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2019

Attendance: Robert Singer, Tim Sinneberg, Karen Byer, Mike Haanan, Doug Koop, Bill Blance, Matt Alpern, Dan Wall, Jim O'Shea, Honorine Wallack, Deb Roberts, Patrick Quinn, Kathy Meany, Meisha Rosenberg, Lauren Meilhede, Bridget Simpson, Richard Mersereau and Brian Dollard.

Adoption of the 2018 Minutes: Adopted by those in attendance as already presented to the USMS.

Reports of the Officers

Chairman (Robert Singer)

Attended the Leadership Conference in April 2019, Phoenix Arizona and the USAS Convention in St. Louis on our behalf.

Filled us in on changes being made at the National level in terms of phasing in changes to the officer titles to better reflect their responsibilities, the adoption of a unified fee so that all LMSC groups charge the same amount to be implemented nationally by 2021 and changes coming in the future to the one event fee. This should improve the ease by which triathletes, bikers and runners will be able to compete in our meets and will allow for different types of memberships (open water only, fitness only, age discounts). The unified fee has been adopted for AD-LMSC for 2020 and is \$60 up from our previous fee of \$52. The AD-LMSC will receive \$12 for each member an increase of \$5 per member over 2019. Also, USMS will now cover the cost of lodging for our representative at the national conference.

Ideas were brought up to stimulate the declining enrollment. There was the addition of "College Club Swimming" three years ago. These are high school or recreational swimmers who want to keep swimming but not on the college team. This program has grown from 0 to 4,000 members. Other suggestions are Stroke Clinics in the area taught by trained coaches, an indoor triathlon using stationary bikes and treadmills and an active alternative on Super Bowl Sunday.

It was discussed that there are new and clarified rules involving swimsuits in order to keep the USMS in conformance with FINA rules (2020 USMS Rulebook), the requirement for photo ID at championships, the use of safety swim buoys at the discretion of open water swim hosts and the use of fixed 15 meter marks on the pool walls taking precedence over distinctive floats on the lane dividers for the purpose of judging.

Vice Chair and Sanctions Chair (Kathy Meany)

Sanctioned 4 meets for the 2019 year. Was successful in getting certified officials other than AD-LMSC members to officiate at 3 of the 4 meets. Is still working to encourage more AD-LMSC members to become certified. Announced the known dates of the local 2020 pool meets and sanctioned open water swims.

Mohonasen Meet : Saturday afternoon January 18, 2020

Guilderland Meet: Saturday afternoon March 14, 2020

NY State Meet April 4-5, 2020 at the Nassau County Aquatic Center in East Meadow, NY

National Championship 2 mile Open Water Cable Swim in Mirror Lake/Lake Placid, NY August 15, 2020. As there are increased numbers of participants at National competitions, the 1 mile event will not be held in 2020 so that the event can conclude in a timely manner.

Lake George Open Water Swims August 22, 2020 Hague, NY. The 10K will be a National Championship but the 5K and the 2.5K

WILL be offered as well.

Organized the 2019 annual fitness swim to accompany the annual meeting in a new location to afford less crowded swimming conditions and a more centralized location. It was well received by the membership.

AD-LMSC decided to discontinue the use of paper entries for 2020 pool meets as they are no longer being received from participants. Open water swims are still receiving and accepting paper entries at this time. Standardized AD-LMSC meet charges of a \$6 surcharge and \$6 per event fee will continue for pool meets. Continue to recommend no OEVT's be accepted for pool meets.

The addition of a list of times and places where members work out together and an email contact for each group to be supplied to Dan Wall for posting on the ADMS.org website.

Registrar (Ann Svenson)

Nationally and within AD-LMSC membership is down about 5% this year. This tends to be cyclical with up ticks around the Olympics

There are 249 total registered members in AD-LMSC (ADMS: 142, USAMT: 5 and UC03: 102). There are 33 renewals for 2020 as of 11/22/19

Ann would like to retire from her position but would be willing to stand in for a year to help train her successor.

Treasurer (Doug Koop)

Separate report attached. The ledger was reconciled to the bank and the report was accepted by the membership present.

Successfully worked to obtain documentation that exempts AD-LMSC from paying tax as a not for profit organization.

Officials Chair (Deb Roberts)

There has been much welcome progress in the number of volunteer meet officials. She thanked the membership and Kathy Meany for making this possible.

Coaches Chair (Kristen Hislop)

Absent

New Business

It was discussed that for relays to qualify for record status, the event must be swam in the correct order of events during the meet.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Byer, Secretary