

Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2020

Attendance via Zoom call: Ann Svenson, Jim Harding, Dan Wall, Tim Sinnenberg, Rosanna Sikora, Doug Koop, Robert Singer, Bill Matz, Willy Grimmke, Karen Byer, Brian Dollard, Kristen Jurcsak, Ben Boeckel, Deb Roberts, Kristen Hislop, Laura Norris, Rich Mersereau, Kathy Meany, Meisha Rosenberg, Lauren Meilhede and Dale Seaton, Tom Fitzgerald.

Adoption of the 2019 minutes: Accepted

Reports of the Officers:

Chairman (Robert Singer): Attended the USMS National convention in September via Zoom call. The unified fee was adopted which AD-LMSC adopted in 2019. The effect of COVID-19 on the finances of USMS was discussed as well as the cancellations due to COVID-19 and the disappointment to swimmers. There is a USMS website that could be useful to our membership in terms of ideas about virtual events and dryland exercises when pools are not available. Discussed the several ways in which Ann Svenson served Masters Swimming at all levels in both DC and AD-LMSC. She was a chair, secretary, meet director many times over, managed postal events, was a swim instructor and had many accomplishments as a swimmer herself. She was also awarded the Pat Donnelly Award. In recognition of and thanks for her service she was awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Swim Outlet at this time of her retirement from the board.

Vice Chair and Sanctions Chair (Kathy Meany): Attended the USMS National Convention in September via Zoom call which she found to be impressive, professional and thorough. She mentioned that some events are back, mostly virtual with a very small # of in person events utilizing COVID waivers for the participants. In the past all past USMS presidents could be on the USMS board but that was reduced to only one past president. This allows for "younger blood" to be represented more fairly. Swimmers may now only change their CLUB affiliation every 60 days. Kathy states that the resources on the USMS website are VAST! The Happy New Year meet in 2020 had 37 registrants but only 27 participants likely due to the snowstorm on that day. The Guilderland meet had 38 registrants but was cancelled due to COVID.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Robert Singer in Doug Koop's absence): The ledger was reconciled to the bank and the report was accepted by the membership present. Separate report attached.

Membership Coordinator Report (Ann Svenson): There are 173 total registered members in AD-LMSC as of 10/31/20 (ADMS: 123, Unattached (UC03) 44, and USAMT (Uncle Sam's) 6).

Officials Chair (Deb Roberts): Official's certification is lapsing as a result of COVID-19. Current officials will need to re-certify and new officials are always encouraged.

Top Ten and Records (Dan Wall): Dan will check all AD-LMSC meets for records that have been broken and reminds swimmers that if they have broken a record while swimming any other LMSC meet to send him a link with the result.

Coaches Chair (Kristen Hislop): The USMS COVID Relief Matching Grant was applied for and awarded to the Club, ADMS, to use for coached Master's workouts. USMS will award \$6 per member of the Club,

ADMS (\$6X121 members as of 5/31/20=\$726). This amount must be matched by AD-LMSC. Kristen is currently working with the Southern Saratoga YMCA on using these funds to re-establish something similar to the "pre-COVID" coached Masters workout program at that location. There was discussion about where else the workouts might be held as many Y's are currently not recognizing reciprocity, others have not re-opened and high school and college pools are not renting to outside groups due to COVID. Also, if held at a YMCA must you be a Y member, Y Program member or just USMS member? Kristen will discuss with SSYMCA, Dan Wall will discuss with the East Greenbush YMCA and Robert Singer will discuss with the Glens Falls YMCA. If successful in using the grant money, participants will need to be members of USMS and AD-LMSC who are affiliated with the Club, ADMS.

New Business: Election of a nomination Committee: Chair Dan Wall, joined by Erin Kane and Lauren Meilhede

Nomination of Board Members: The Nominating Committee put forth the following slate of officers: Chair Robert Singer, Vice Chair and Sanctions Chair Kathy Meany, Treasurer Doug Koop, Secretary Karen Byer, Records and Top Ten Dan Wall, Member Coordinator Steve Atkins. Nominations were opened to the membership with no volunteers or nominations other than above. Vote will be held via Survey Monkey presented to all members by December 15th, 2020.

Bylaws Amendments that were accepted: #1 "Registrar" should be replaced with "Membership Coordinator" throughout the Bylaws. In 4.6.D, change the description of "Registrar" From: D. Registrar: The Registrar shall be responsible for registering all swimmers and preparing monthly reports To: D. Membership Coordinator: The Membership Coordinator is responsible for processing both Club and Member new memberships and renewals, and responding to inquiries from Members, Potential Members, Clubs, Potential Clubs, LMSC officers and the National Office in a timely manner. #2 change the election of a Nominating Committee to the appointment of a Nominating Committee by the AD-LMSC board. #3 "The Board of Directors will work together to ensure that all USMS Mandatory Standards for LMSC's are attained and maintained each year. The Board of Directors will also strive to achieve the USMS Target Standards for LMSC's.

Additional Points of Interest:

The 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 800 Free Relay, 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Medley Relay will be added to each AD-LMSC meet schedule. Day of, deck registration will be used for these events. These relays will be swum as per the meet schedule provided that there are entries for the given relay. As such, relay results will be eligible for USMS Top Ten and Records status.

The Virtual Lake George Swim run by Greenleaf Racing had 350 participants in 2020. It will be run again in 2021 regardless of COVID-19. AD-LMSC will co-sponsor the event but have no financial commitment.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Byer, Secretary