

United States Masters Swimming (USMS)  
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (Del Val LMSC)  
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2014

Welcome

The annual membership meeting was called to order by Chairperson Laurie Hug in the Parents' Room of Germantown Academy, Fort Washington, Pa. at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made. Most participants were members of Colonials 1776; exceptions and/or club are noted.

*Attending:* Chairperson Laurie Hug, Vice Chair Tom Patterson, Treasurer Janet Jastremski, Secretary Chris Schroeder, Dan Allen (Unattached), George Horan (FINS), Vikye Swanson, Steve Dougherty, Dave Schneider, Charles Bender, Sue Watts, Stephanie Walsh Beilman, Matt McGuriman (Unattached), Kim Inverso, Joan Waldbaum, Ed Quarry (Pennypack), Brian Brady (Upper Dublin), and Gary Sangmeister (Spring Valley Y).

Secretary's Report

Presented by Chris Schroeder, Secretary

The 2013 minutes and committee reports have been posted this past year on our website, [www.dvmasters.org](http://www.dvmasters.org). Chris learned through USMS phone conferences that the primary role of the secretary in meetings is to record decisions and actions, not to summarize discussions. Therefore, the format of our minutes will change. Also, only the name of the person making a motion needs to be recorded; (S) will indicate the motion was seconded, and (P) that it was passed; all votes were unanimous unless stated otherwise. Committee reports are on our website.

Stephanie motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Janet Jastremski, Treasurer

Our fiscal year is now consistent with that of USMS (January through December). Our balance as of 9/30/14 was \$20,594.50 with convention expenses still outstanding (approximately \$3,000). There is one small discrepancy between the income from sanctioned meets, which Janet and George, our Sanctions Chair, will resolve. This past year was the first time a Finance Committee developed an annual budget and convention expense guidelines.

Recommended Action:

1. Continue to revise convention reimbursement guidelines for greater clarity.
2. The annual financial review required by our by-laws now should occur after 12/31/14, the end of our new fiscal year; our by-laws will require amending.

Stephanie motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

Registrar's Report

Presented by Janet Jastremski for Rich O'Shaughnessy, Registrar

We have 982 members, almost exactly the same number as last year despite the elimination of most registration subsidies. There was discussion about the cost of printing and mailing membership cards (\$320) to some swimmers who register online. Rich has resigned this position; the LMSC thanks him very much for the extensive work he did as registrar for several years.

Recommended Action:

1. Appoint new registrar.
2. The new registrar should develop a system to encourage online registrants to print their own card. Dan will put a link on our website with instructions for printing.

Sue motioned to accept the Registrar's Report/S/P

Sanctions Report

Presented by George Horan, Committee Chair

Again this year there was discussion about the format and (in)frequency of meets in our LMSC. Stephanie indicated that UMLY will have a SCY meet on 2/1/15, and is planning a new 50 meter outdoor pool. Some ideas to increase the number of meets and participation were: including 25 yard events at meets (see Laurie's convention report and the Officials Report for details); establishing a swim series like Maryland has; allowing our LMSC members to swim for free at some meets; sharing the use of pools and resources; and polling our members regarding their interests. Chris made a motion to establish a committee to work on developing a variety of meets in our area/S/P.

Recommended Action:

1. Gary Sangmeister will convene a Meet Workgroup to develop a varied meet schedule which reflects the interests of our membership. Initial focus is the next six months. Dave Schneider, Ed Quarry, George Horan are on the committee; others, especially coaches, are welcome to join.

Stephanie motioned to accept the Sanctions Report/S/P

Web Site Report

Presented by Dan Allen, Web Master

Many teams did not get back to Dan when he tried to verify "Places to Swim".

Charles motioned to accept the Web Site Report/S/P

Top 10 and Records Report

Presented by Tom Patterson, Vice-President and Committee Chair

There was some discussion about why our LMSC has far fewer swimmers than previously in the national Top Ten. We need better publicity for events and support for swimmers at those events.

Sue motioned accept the Top 10 and Records Report/S/P

Coaches Report

There was no coaches report. After many years of service in this position, Dick Jackson has resigned as chair. The LMSC thanks him for all his efforts on behalf of masters swimming and wishes him well in retirement.

Recommended Action:

1. Appoint new coaches chair.

Officials Report

Presented by Stephanie Walsh Beilman, Committee Chair

Stephanie continues to participate in USMS phone conferences. She again shared copies of FINA changes to USMS rules (concerning unattached swimmers, strokes, and swimwear) and Timer Instructions. George gives rule books to all meet directors, which also can be downloaded from USMS.

Sue motioned to accept the Officials Report/S/P

Open Water Report

Presented by Laurie Hug for Delia Perez, Committee Chair

We haven't had any sanctioned Open Water Swims in our area. We need to promote our LMSC to open water swimmers and triathletes.

Stephanie motioned to accept the Open Water Report/S/P

Marketing Report

Presented by Chris Schroeder for Pam Shepard, Committee Chair

There are 243 members on the Delaware Valley Masters Swimming Facebook page. Pam has asked for a link from our website to our Facebook page.

Recommended Action:

1. Dan will do the requested link.

Janet motioned to accept the Marketing Report/S/P

Fitness Report

Sue Watts, Committee Chair

There is no report; Sue has resigned as chair.

Recommended Action:

1. Appoint new fitness chair

Social Report

Steve Dougherty, Committee Co-chair

There is no report; it has been difficult to engage the membership. Discussion ensued about combining the Fitness and Social Committees and offering Saturday meets with an opportunity for socialization after (the Maryland Albatross meet is a good example).

USMS Convention Reports

Presented by Laurie Hug, Stephen Dougherty, Charles Bender

This year we had four delegates to the convention in Jacksonville, Florida Sept 17-20<sup>th</sup>. One delegate, Dave Diehl, is on the USMS Executive Committee, which finances his participation. Laurie, Steve, and Charles attended many different workshops to gain as much information as possible for our LMSC. Next year the convention will be in Kansas City, Mo. 9/30-10/4/15.

Stephanie motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

Team Reports

*Colonials* – Stephanie reported they have 280 members, and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at LC Nationals.

*FINS* – George reported they have 170 swimmers, with about one-half being triathletes. FINS have six 90-minute coached practices weekly at Friends Select in Philadelphia. The next IGLA is in Stockholm August 2015. He also stressed the importance of all teams having an AED on deck.

*Spring Valley YMCA* – Gary reported they have 35 very enthusiastic swimmers and an increase in USMS registration. SVY has merged with Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA.

*Pennypack* – Ed started coaching around Labor Day when Dick resigned. They have about 52 swimmers, and hold practices Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Recommended Action:

1. Stephanie would like to see contact names for teams and workout groups on our website.

### Nominations Committee

Members: Stephanie Walsh Beilman, Sue Watts, and Vikye Swanson

Stephanie reported that the committee is recommending:

- 1) Chris Schroeder for a final two year term as Secretary; Chris accepted.
- 2) Steve Dougherty for an initial two year term as Treasurer (since Janet is willing to resign as Treasurer to become Registrar); Steve accepted.

There were no other nominations for either position from the floor or membership.

Kim motioned that the Nominations Report be accepted/ S/P

### New Business

- 1) Laurie appointed the following people to these positions:  
 Registrar - Janet Jastremski  
 Fitness Chair - Charles Bender  
 Social and Recognition Co-Chairs - Sue Watts and Steve Dougherty; member: Kim Inverso  
 Coaches Chair - Dave Schneider; members: Laurie Hug, Charles Bender, Gary Sangmeister, Ed Quarry
- 2) Chris announced a new workout group at William Tennent High School in Warminster; practices are Tues. & Thurs. 6:00 –7:15 p.m., and Sat. 10:30-11:45 a.m. (Sat. through 11/15/14 only).
- 3) By-law Review Committee - Stephanie will chair this new committee. Other members are Steve, Laurie, Sue, Charles and Chris. Any change to the by-laws ultimately has to be approved by the membership, which might occur by e-mail or after a swim practice which is open to the membership.
- 4) Financial Review – Should occur after the end of our fiscal year (12/31/14). Finance Committee will do this review, but the chair of the committee (the Treasurer) will recuse self from review decisions.

Stephanie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. /S/P

Submitted by Christine Schroeder, Secretary

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