

**ed States Masters Swimming (USMS)
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (DVLMSC)
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 6, 2019**

Welcome

The annual membership meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Patterson in the Parents' Room of Germantown Academy, Fort Washington, PA at 12:17 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves. Attending: Chairperson Tom Patterson, Vice Chair Jeremy Gross, Treasurer Steve Dougherty, Secretary Barbara Burke, Janet Jastremski, Dave Diehl, Kimmie Inverso, Sean Reynolds, Geoff Meyer, Gary Sangmeister, Dan Allen, Erin Orben, Laurie Hug, Sue Figenshu, Dave Schneider. USMS clubs represented were: Colonials 1776, LASH, Spring Valley Y, Central Bucks Family Y and Unattached.

Note: for ease of reference, submitted reports are linked from the report titles as listed below. In addition, they are all found in [this folder](#), which is also linked on our [LMSC website](#).

Secretary's Report

Presented by Barbara Burke, Secretary

The minutes from our 2018 Annual Meeting to USMS (taken by Chris Schroeder in Barbara's absence), along with our Treasurer's report, were posted on the [USMS](#) website. They and committee reports were also posted on our [LMSC website](#).

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the 2018 minutes/S/P

The Secretary's Report, detailing significant actions, decisions, or discussions made by the officers and /or Board of Directors (BOD) during the time between annual meetings is posted on our [LMSC website](#).

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

Registrar's Report

Presented by Janet Jastremski, Registrar

Highlights:

- Membership is down
- USMS is pushing a "Unified Fee", meaning all LMSCs will charge the same across the US
 - Fee collected by USMS and \$12 comes back to each LMSC
 - See chart on Janet's report detailing fees
 - This year we have a chance of opting out
 - Next year, we may not have a choice

Discussion points regarding the new Unified fee

- We would receive more money with the Unified fee than without, but do we even need it?
- USMS will pay convention hotel expenses
- We have people sign up for our LMSC *because* we have a cheaper LMSC fee (\$5)

All meeting attendees agree that we are opting out of the Unified fee for 2020.

All LMSC fees will remain the same for 2020 as in 2019.

Tom Patterson will fill out the Unified USMS Membership Fee Early Adoption Questionnaire.

Dave Diehl motioned to accept the Registrar's Report/S/P

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Steve Dougherty, Treasurer

Highlights:

- Linked above is only an interim report until after the December 2019 bank statement is received.
- We are a Premier Plus LMSC
 - Only 18 of 53 LMSC met all criteria for this designation

- USMS is now doing ACH direct deposits instead of paper checks
- Discussion about next year's LMSC champs "give-away"; many people wished we had had that again

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

Secretary's Note: After the meeting Jeremy Gross conducted the annual financial review as required by our By-Laws. He found the Treasurer's report and bank statements to be in order.

Sanctions Report

Presented by Steve Dougherty on behalf of George Horan, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- Application for the Bill Heebner Winter Freeze planned for 12/29/19 meet has now been received
- Discussion and decision: leave all fees the same.

Dave Diehl motioned to approve the Sanctions Report/S/P

Competition Report

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- Information in the report exported from the USMS database
- The bigger the meet, the more excited people are about the added competition
- Gary feels that less expensive meets result in more people and more entries

Discussion surrounding how to get more meet directors to schedule meets and get on our calendar as not tentative, citing issues with the June UMLY meet being scheduled very late and then being cancelled a few days before the meet due to low registration, even though there was additional time left to register. Should we partner with UMLY June LCM meet director to promote as prep for LCM Nationals in Richmond, VA and include relays so we can potentially record Top 10 LCM relays.

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Competition Report/S/P

Website Report

Presented by Dan Allen, Web Master

Dave Schneider noted that at convention, it was mentioned that there is a USMS website template. Dave doesn't think it's required. Dan will check into what the template looks like.

Dan will add Lifetime Fitness King of Prussian and Ft. Washington to the website places to swim list.

Laurie motioned to accept the Website Report/S/P

Top 10/Records Report

Presented by Tom Patterson, Committee Chair

Dave Diehl motioned to accept the Top 10 Report/S/P

Coaches Report

Presented by Dave Schneider, Committee Chair

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Coaches Report/S/P

Officials Report

Presented by Dave Diehl, Committee Chair

At 2018 annual meeting, we had 1 certified USMS official; now we have 1 additional person certified for a total of 2.

We need more officials in our LMSC. Dave is encouraging people to visit the officials page of usms.org and see what's involved in getting certified.

Discussion on swimming and officiating in same meet.

Depending on the meet director, officials might be paid. If you work at National meets, you get hospitality (food) and priority parking. You might only work certain sessions and swim other sessions. PIAA officials can officiate at our USMS meets if USMS officials are not available. We need to supply USMS officials' names to all meet directors in our LMSC.

Tom will post a link to the USMS officials certification page on the LMSC Facebook page.

Tom Patterson motioned to accept the Officials Report S/P

[Open Water Report](#)

Presented by Tom Patterson behalf of Delia Perez, Committee Chair

Delia filed an extensive report. People should let Delia know if they attend a USMS OW Championship by sending her results and photos. Also send her info from OW swims in the LMSC (Steelman, etc.).

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Open Water Report/S/P

[Marketing Report](#)

Provided by Pam Shepard, Committee Chair

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the Marketing Report/S/P

[Fitness Report](#)

Kim Inverso, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- Kimmie held a couple of group fitness sessions for LMSC members during the year. Exercises focus on improving swimming strength.
- Kimmie will pick a date for another group fitness session in November
- Laurie invited Kimmie to lead a dryland session any Monday evening for GA masters swimmers
- Laurie says we should be promoting the USMS fitness swim events, such as the pool fitness challenge. Often, swimmers who don't do meets do participate in these events. People can do the challenges on their own, without a coach. [SmartyPants Fitness Challenges](#)

Gary Sangmeister motioned to accept the Fitness Report/S/P

[Recognition Report](#)

Presented by Steve Dougherty and Jeremy Gross, Committee Co-Chair

Steve reviewed the process for selecting award winners. Jeremy highlighted the ranking procedure for the Open Water swims.

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the Recognition Report/S/P

[Social Committee Report](#)

Presented by Steve Dougherty, Committee Co-Chair

Steve welcomes ideas for other social events.

Dave Diehl motioned to accept the Social/Recognition Report/S/P

USMS Convention Reports

Our LMSC again earned three (3) delegate spots to the convention in St. Louis, Missouri on September 11-15, 2019. Delegates were Dave Diehl, Tom Patterson, and Dave Schneider. Laurie attended as a member of the USMS Long Distance Committee so our LMSC paid her way as well.

Our delegates split up and attended as many different sessions as they could. They have submitted very informative reports which are posted on our website; some highlights:

[Dave Diehl](#) (click name to see his report)

Highlights:

- 130+ Certified officials in the US, but no referees in the US at this time.
- Discussion on how to limit/lessen the number of hours officials work at nationals meets
- 2020 SCY Nationals – San Antonio TX
- 2020 LCM Nationals – Richmond VA

[Tom Patterson](#) (click name to see his report)

Highlights:

- Discussion regarding combining sanctions and Top Ten role in LMSC

[Dave Schneider](#) (click name to see his report)

Highlights:

- Discussion held concerning approving the budget after the convention, but no final decision was made
- Niagara LMSC has had some success getting college swimmers into USMS, by organizing combined meets
- Dave had a discussion with CEO Dawson to see if USMS has ever reached out to USAT and US Cycling. USAT and US Cycling have formed a partnership; we are not included.
- ALTS/SSL – Y in Delaware got a grant, but it did not go through us as a LMSC – should an LMSC be asked for approval (not object) before a grant is made?
- Workshop on changing name from Registrar to Membership Coordinator. People were pushing back on this idea.

[Laurie Hug](#) (click name to see his report)

Highlights:

- We need to have a sanctioned long distance swim in our LMSC.

Secretary's note: Tom Patterson tasked Geoff Meyer to confirm whether or not the Registrar's title will change to Membership coordinator. There is some confusion as to whether this change was passed at the convention or not.

The 2020 USAS Convention will return to Jacksonville, FL from 9/23-9/27

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

Team Reports

Spring Valley YMCA – Gary Sangmeister

- Roster down a bit, heavily weighted towards men
- Strong practice group; injuries and births preventing some from participating, recently
- Continuing to encourage participation in meets

Colonials 1776 – Steve Dougherty

- Membership is down a bit
- We are designated a USMS Gold team, which includes
 - Run a fitness challenge
 - Try masters swimming week
 - Certified coaches
 - Two workout locations noted on the team website
 - GA
 - Valley Forge Masters

Central Bucks Family YMCA – Sean Reynolds

- Looking forward to March 15th LMSC champs

LASH – Erin Orben

- Founded end of 2017
- 28 members, mostly age 35 and up
- Top ten placements, national presence
- Early morning practices, every day
- Summer practices are outside
- Hoping to host a meet sometime in the future

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept the Team Reports/S/P

Nominations

Chair

Jeremy Gross nominated Tom Patterson for a third term /S/P

Vice Chair

Kimmie Inverso nominated Jeremy Gross for a second term /S/P

Old Business

New Business

Team reps (gleaned from those attending today's meetings) for the LMSC Board (per by-laws):

- CB Family YMCA – Sean Reynolds
- Spring Valley Y – Gary Sangmeister
- LASH – Erin Orben
- 1776 – Steve Dougherty
- Unattached – Dan Allen

Tom plans to contact other LMSC registered teams to see if they want to designate a board rep.

Brainstorming on how to encourage more people to attend annual meeting:

- Offer club "payment" based on attendance
- Offer recognition (not money) for attendance at annual meeting
 - This is the approach chosen
 - Gary and Jeremy will work out how to recognize
- Offer an interesting speaker at the meeting

Janet reminds teams to renew before November, otherwise people registering won't see their clubs and will have to pay \$5 to change teams once they finally do register.

Geoff Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 p.m. /S/P

Submitted by Barbara Burke, Secretary

Electronic copy submitted to USMS National Office on November 3, 2019