

**United States Masters Swimming (USMS)  
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (DV LMSC)  
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**Welcome**

The annual membership meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom and called to order by Chair Tom Patterson at 1:10pm. Folks on the call at the start of the meeting introduced themselves.

Attending: Chairperson Tom Patterson, Vice Chair Jeremy Gross, Treasurer Joe Boris, Secretary Barbara Burke, Delia Perez, Bob Kannegieser, Kate Chialastri, Michael Martin, Dan Allen, Dave Schneider, Steve Dougherty, Janet Jastremski, Jeremy Lisnoff, Kim Inverso, Dave Diehl, Laurie Hug, Staci Shaffling, Pam Shepard

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](#).

**Recognition Report**

Presented by Jeremy Gross, Committee Co-Chair

Highlights:

- Bob Kannegieser - David Harrison Outstanding Male Swimmer Award
- Kate Chialastri - Jeanne Merryman Outstanding Female Swimmer Award
- Laurie Hug - Henry "Barney" Hungerford Outstanding Open Water / Long Distance Swimmer Award
- Art Mayer - Lifetime Swimming Performance
- Tom Patterson - Outstanding Volunteer Support for DV LMSC

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

**Officials Report**

Presented by Dave Diehl, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- 259 certified stroke and turn officials
- 138 certified starters
- 47 certified referees
- Dave encourages people to get certified, and notes that if you work Nationals you get nice perks
- Get to meet lots of swimmers

Kim Inverso motioned to accept the Officials Report/S/P

**Membership Coordinator's Report**

Presented by Janet Jastremski, Membership Coordinator

Highlights:

- There are 373 men and 327 women registered for 2021 as of 10/28/21.
- There are 22 registered clubs in 2021 down from 36 clubs in 2020.
- There was one workout group registered for 2021.
- There are 73 self identified coaches for 2021, down from 80 in 2020 and 97 in 2019.
- One event registration fee handling is a pain for local membership coordinator, Janet suggests this be handled at the USMS national level
  - Steelman Racing appears to have improperly collected \$15 one-day fees (underage and people who were already USMS members)
- Introduction to USMS+ membership

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Membership Coordinator's Report/S/P

### **2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Review**

Presented by Barbara Burke, Secretary

The minutes from our 2020 Annual Meeting to USMS, along with our Treasurer's report, were posted on the [USMS](#) website. They and committee reports were also posted on our [LMSC website](#).

Delia Perez motioned to accept the 2020 DV LMSC Annual Meeting minutes/S/P

### **Secretary's Report**

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](#) and linked above.

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

### **Treasurer's Report**

Presented by Joe Boris, Treasurer and Steve Dougherty

Highlights:

- Budget for next year will be the same as this year
- Joe Boris is now the official DV LMSC bank signator
- USMS is still encouraging us to spend some of our surplus

Dave Schneider motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

*Secretary's Note:* On 11/1/21, Jeremy Gross conducted the annual financial review as required by our By-Laws. Jeremy found the Treasurer's report and bank statements to be in order.

### **Sanctions Report**

Presented by George Horan, Committee Chair

Dave Schneider motioned to accept the Sanctions Report/S/P

### **Competition Report**

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- There were no DV LMSC competitions in 2021
- There was a group discussion of potential 2022 meets and hosting pools
  - Souderton - has 10 lanes
  - Wilson (not happening)
  - Phoenixville - January 9
  - Methacton HS - 6 lanes, separate diving well
  - Jeremy G. intends to reach out to local pools

Dave Schneider motioned to accept the Competition Report/S/P

## **Records Report**

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- Gary hasn't updated the records recently, but intends to in the near future

Dave Schneider motioned to accept the Records Report/S/P

## **Web Report**

Presented by Dan Allen, Webmaster

Highlights

- No expenses (no renewals in 2021 or 2022)
- minor changes made (and more needed) to website needed to make it more mobile compatible

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

## **Top 10 Report**

Presented by Tom Patterson, Committee Chair

Highlights

- 15 for LCM
- 32 for SCM
- 15 for SCY

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Top 10 Report/S/P

## **Coaches Report**

Presented by Dave Schneider, Committee Chair

Highlights

- 76 registered coaches; 66? are not actively coaching
- Dave dropped in to a few LMSC coached practices and did some reaching out to coaches
- Coaches have to pay an extra \$25 to be a "recognized" USMS coach, one LMSC coach questioned, "Why?"
- Level I coaching certification class is now virtual
- General discussion on what to do to improve coaches' awareness of USMS events and resources available to them

Laurie Hug motioned to accept the Coaches Report/S/P

## **Open Water Report**

Presented by Delia Perez, Committee Chair

Highlights

- Almost back to pre-covid "normals"
- Pageant swim moved to July

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

## **Marketing Report**

Provided by Pamela Shepard, Committee Chair

#### Highlights

- Facebook page membership has increased markedly

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

#### [Fitness Committee Report](#)

Kimmie Inverso, Committee Chair

#### Highlights:

- Pandemic restricted ability to offer sessions for some of the year
- Things are open now, so can offer dryland training sessions if there is interest
  - Kimmie will work on some dates for board members to sample a session
  - Kimmie is able to host virtual sessions for members as well

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Fitness Committee Report/S/P

#### [Social Committee Report](#)

Presented by Steve Dougherty, Committee Co-Chair

#### Highlights:

- Hope to have a Social in 2022 after a DV LMSC Championship meet
- Will consider other options for social events

Delia Perez motioned to accept the Social Committee Report/S/P

#### [USMS Convention Reports](#)

Our LMSC again earned three (3) delegate spots to the convention which was held virtually via Zoom for the second year in a row. House of Delegate meetings were held September 24th through September 26th. Delegates were Dave Diehl, Jeremy Gross, and Tom Patterson. Laurie attended as a member of the USMS Long Distance Committee.

Reports supplied by the attendees are linked below, and are posted on our website. Some highlights:

Dave Diehl

- Dave was unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts

[Jeremy Gross](#) (click name to see report)

#### Highlights:

- 2022 Nationals appear to be on track
- Volunteer/Leadership summit in-person in 2022
- Discussion of in-person convention; no decision
- LCM Top Ten end date was extended to include 2021 LCM Nationals in October
- Open Water committee dissolved and folded into long distance committee

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

- nothing additional to what was already reported

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

#### Highlights:

- Several events scheduled for 2022 and are within driving distance of Delaware Valley

The 2022 Convention will be held in September. At this time, USMS is undecided on whether it will be virtual or in-person.

Kim Inverso motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

### **Team Reports**

Spring Valley YMCA – Gary Sangmeister

- Lots of starts and stops over the last 2 years
- swimming 3 days a week, currently
- difficulty finding enough lifeguards to keep the pools open
- Gary and others got certified as lifeguards just so they can help keep the pool open
- swimmers want swim meets to stay motivated!
- Hoping to send swimmers to Nationals in 2022

[Colonials 1776](#) – Steve Dougherty

- [Click link for report](#)

LASH

- no report this year

Willes-Barre/Pittston

- no report this year

FINS

- no report this year

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Team Reports/S/P

### **Nominations**

#### ***Chair***

Steve Dougherty nominated Jeremy Gross for a first term

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept Jeremy Gross for Chair for a 2-year term /S/P

#### ***Vice Chair***

Jeremy nominated Steve Dougherty for a first term

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept Steve Dougherty for Vice Chair for a 2-year term /S/P

### **Old Business**

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### **New Business**

- George Horan is stepping down after 13 years as Chair of the Sanctions Committee. We are looking for someone to fill this position.
  - *Tom Patterson said he will fill this position for the time being*
- DV LMSC will cover up to \$100 of the LMSC sanctioning fee for any 2022 pool meet or open water event
- DV LMSC will reimburse pools up to \$200 to offer refreshments for pool events only

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

- Spring Valley Y – Gary Sangmeister
- LASH – no representation this year
- 1776 – Steve Dougherty
  - Workout Group - Valley Forge Masters - Dave Schneider
  - GAAC Masters (part of 1776) - Laurie Hug
- FINS - Kate Chilastri attended briefly to accept recognition award
- Groups
  - Wilkes-Barre/Pittston - Dan Allen

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Patterson at 3:32 pm /S/P

Submitted by Barbara Burke, Secretary

Electronic copy submitted to USMS National Office on November 14, 2021