

Georgia LMSC Annual Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 2013
Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center

1.ROLL CALL: The following members attended the meeting: Lisa Watson (GMKW), Jeffrey Tacca (AWJ), Sean Fitzgerald (ART), Bill Lotz (GMKW), Ed Saltzman (DYNA), Greg Forman (GMKW), John Zeigler (GMKW), Cathy Jones (GMKW), Berry Hamilton (GMKW), Sue Ottosen (GMKW), Leslie Landey (SAMS), Elaine Krugman (GMKW), Mike Slotnick (SMSC), Jack Soucy (WRAM), Lorin Broome (SSS), Jeff Pelletir (SSS), Judith Haase (GMKW), Pam McClure (SAMS), Jennifer Almand (GMKW), Chelsea Lincoln (SAMS), Ian King (SAMS), Richard Dixon (GMKW), Rob Copeland (SSS)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2012 MEETING-The minutes were approved.

3.Reports of Officers

- *Chair* – Lisa Watson: Atlanta will host the USMS convention in 2016
- *Vice Chair* – Sean Fitzgerald: St. Nick's meet date is still uncertain due to pool maintenance. The filter system needs to be replaced and will probably be done in December. We should know in the next week or two.
- *Treasurer* – Ed Saltzman:
 - Dynamo will host St. Pat's in March
 - Georgia Masters one of the healthiest LMSC's financially
 - Georgia Masters continues to subsidize the USMS rate increase for all of its swimmers. During the past five years, USMS has raised dues \$2/yr. and will be raising them again to offset the increase in insurance rates. Instead of this increase being passed on to Georgia Masters swimmers, the LMSC Board has reduced the LMSC fee instead, so swimmers will not see this rate increase.
- *Registrar* – Bill Lotz: 800 members is the goal for Georgia Masters; we're at 788; last year we had 852 and 854 before that.
- *Member at Large* – Jeffrey Tacca: If swimmers have ideas or suggestions for USMS, let him know, so he can pass the information on.

4.Reports of Committees

- *Communications* – Ed Saltzman
 - We're in the process of expanding our web page. Donna working with graphic artist for new Georgia Masters logo.

- Georgia Hall of Fame will be included on the website in future; Herb is the first Georgia Masters swimmer to be inducted.
- Fitness – John Zeigler
 - GAJA took first place at Greenville.
 - Review of Pan Am Games for GAJA swimmers
 - Review of Eric Shanteau’s Swim For Our Lives
 - 1,000 members signed up for Nike Go the Distance program.
- *Long Distance* – Rob Copeland
 - Talked about Swim across America in May
 - Eric Shanteau’s Swim For Our Lives was capped at 800 swimmers
 - Georgia Games Open Water swim had 250 swimmers.
- *Officials/Sanctions* – Ed Saltzman
 - Sanctioned meet count is down from last year due to problems finding hosts and pools for meets. Costs for meets are also high; GA Tech charges \$3,000 for a 2-day meet.
 - Cumming, Columbus, and Woodstock all have new 50 meter pools, so he requested swimmers to check with contacts in these areas and rally to get meets scheduled.
 - Goal: “Swim Across Georgia” with meets all around the the state.
 - Rule changes; Europe pushed through many FINA changes and USMS adopted these changes. Most notable is that all swimmers must belong to a club (rather than be unattached). So, USMS has formed “Unattached Club” to stay within the rules.
 - Stroke rule changes: Must have hands separated on wall touch in both breaststroke and fly; no overlapped hands. For backstroke, must immediately initiate pull on turn.
 - Discussed need for more officials; a volunteer position with no pay. Volunteers must get qualified to become an official. Certification requires studying a self-paced DVD program, followed by a written test. Must pass test with score of 90%.
 - Top Ten: If swimmer is a USA and USMS swimmer, USA sanctioned meet swims will count for Top Ten records. Must inform Ed about swim and get pool measurements for it to be given Top Ten consideration.

5.Unfinished Business

- Greensboro bidding for 2016 SC Nationals.
- Masters Worlds will be held in Russia in 2015 following Worlds Championships
- April 2014 – East Coast College Club Championships; we need volunteers at GA Tech to run meet. 1,000 swimmers expected for two pools.
- Late March: Next mid-year dinner meeting of board.

6. Election of Officers – All four elected positions ran unopposed and were re-elected.

- *Chair* – Lisa Watson
- *Vice Chair* -- Sean Fitzgerald

- *Secretary* – Karol Welling
- *Treasurer* – Ed Saltzman
- *Registrar* – Bill Lotz
- *Newsletter Editor* – Bob Kohmescher
- *Member at Large*— Jeffrey Tacca

These officers can't live forever! Please consider running for an office and/or being a committee chair in the future. We need new blood in our LMSC for it to continue to thrive!

7. New Business

- Reports from the USMS Convention – Major Meets
 - Dixie Zone Championships for 2014 – SCY- Raleigh, NC and LC-Tupelo, MS
 - SCM-Atlanta, GA (ST NICK!!)
 - Open Water- Chattanooga, TN
- Possible USMS Swimmer & Coach Clinic
- USMS fees – \$2 USMS increase each year for next 5 years
- 2014 Georgia LMSC & Dixie Zone Calendar
 - January 1-31 Hour Swim Postal Championships
 - January 25-26 Charlotte, NC SCY
 - February 1 Marist SCY Developmental Meet
 - February 15-16 Auburn SCY
 - March St Patrick's Day SCY Invitational in Savannah
 - March 29-30 Dixie Zone SCY Championships in Raleigh, NC
 - April 4-6 St Petersburg, FL SCY
 - April ??? Spring Fling @ Ga Tech ART
 - April 10-13 Y Nationals- Sarasota, FL
 - April 27 W Gwinnett Park SCY Developmental Meet (tentative date)
 - May 1-4 USMS SC NATIONALS- Santa Clara, CA
 - May 30 Classic City LC @ UGA (tentative date)
 - June- 7-8 Nashville, TN LCM
 - TBA Dixie Zone Open Water Champs in Chattanooga, TN
 - June 21-22 Greenville, SC LCM
 - June 27-29 Dixie Zone LC Championships in Tupelo, MS
 - July Georgia Games Open Water
 - August 13-17 USMS LC Nationals at University of Maryland
 - September 17-21 USMS Convention-Jacksonville, FL
 - September (Sept or Oct) SSS Pentathlon/Georgia LMSC Annual Mtg

- October 10-12 Orlando, FL SCM
- November Collins Hill 'Veteran's Day' SCM Developmental Meet December
- November 13-14 Dixie Zone SCM Championship at Georgia Tech (St Nick)

8. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.