

## **Iowa Masters Swimming statewide executive meeting**

Meeting date: 3/22/2014                      U of Iowa Rec and Wellness Center, Wet Classroom

Present: Norm Bower, Tom Casavant, Wayne Huebener, Joe Rauch, Jeremiah Labresh, Megan Labresh, Allan Joy, Tom Kealy, Flo Dietz, Nick Gearhart, Amy Groskopf

Meeting was called to order at 11 a.m. by Chair Norm Bower

Registrar's Report: The registrar reported 326 registered members (200 male, 126 female). This number is more than a year ago at this time. Data from Registrar Marion Johnson.

There are 4 registered clubs and 18 self-identified coaches.

Record keeper's report: Rick Noeth reported that all records are up-to-date and all top ten submissions were submitted on time. There have been additional pools added to the list of certified pools.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was distributed to all attendees. The year end fund balance as \$14,172.99. There was discussion about using a portion of the funds to assist organizations wanting to host swim meets – particularly to help defer the cost of insurance.

Upcoming meets:

May 10 at Council Bluffs. This pool is short-course meters

June 21 – the live Uncommon games in the Quad-Cities

June 14 – the Iowa Senior Games

December of 2014 – University of Iowa will host a meet

May 1-4 – Y Nationals in Santa Clara, CA

August 3-10 – World Championships in Montreal

Luther College will host a meet as a test event. They have expressed an interest in hosting the state meet.

New Business:

Tom Casavant talked about open water swimming and expressed in interest in hosting a sanctioned Master's open water event at Lake McBride. Iowa Masters is willing to assist with insurance costs for this event.

Suggestions for using current funds also include supporting and promoting other Masters meets in the state of Iowa and creation of banners for Iowa Masters for clubs to hang to promote membership in Iowa Masters.

Jeremiah and Megan reported that they are working to start a new group in Des Moines. They are currently using a high school pool. They are hoping to do a series of 8 week programs, each ending with a small meet. It was suggested that they look into holding a clinic as a way to promote participation and awareness.

Tom Casavant provided additional information about the open water swimming they have been doing at Lake McBride. They have an informal group of 50-60 swimmers and 20 kayakers. Last year they completed about 50 3.5K training swims in Lake McBride. This is the course he would like to use for an official USMS open water swim.

Luther College in Decorah would like to host the state meet. It was requested that they host a regular meet first as a test event.

The question was raised as to whether electronic entry for meets could become a reality. There are pros and cons to each method. The major concern was the high number of swimmers who deck enter at meets – if deck entry is not available, will attendance suffer?

Rule changes: the major rule change for 2014 relates to the breast stroke and butterfly turns and finishes. Swimmers are no longer allowed to stack their hands. Both hands must hit the wall at the same time and same height and be separated.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Groskopf

Secretary