Motions Passed:

1. Approved: Meet bonus will be reduced to $225 for the second meet of similar format run by the same host.
2. Approved: Greg Danner elected Chair.
3. Approved: Jennifer Adams elected Membership Coordinator.
4. Approved: 2019-2020 budget, as prepared by the Treasurer.
5. Approved: Changes to bylaws, as presented by the Chair.
6. Approved: Creation of Affiliated Organization Liaison position.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm ET.

1. Welcome new members
   a. Welcomed Matt and Dana

2. Officer Reports:
   a. Chair (Greg)
      i. No questions on report
   b. Treasurer (Geoff)
      i. Expected loss of $1700, actual $1300
      ii. Money was spent on coaches getting adult learn to swim cert
      iii. Offset by new membership high
   c. Membership Coordinator (Jennifer)
      i. Registrar role rebranded as Membership Coordinator due to high level of registration online, the actual job role has changed
      ii. Discussed who is responsible for promoting masters swimming on social media, and how to create content. Rob and Greg will discuss who will take point on social media.
   d. Secretary (Jordan)
      i. Nothing to report

3. Committee Chair Reports:
   a. Vice Chair (Art)
      i. Not present
   b. Sanctions (Kay)
      i. 10 meets sanctioned for ‘18-’19
         1. 2 College Club Swimming meets
      ii. Canandaigua meet just applied for sanctioning, date may change
      iii. 13 meets sanctioned for ‘19-’20
         1. Need to change policy for one swim meet a month, due to increase of college club swimming meets.
         2. $450 bonus may change or be reduced for teams that run multiple meets a year.
         3. Increase accountability for college club swim meets
         4. Proposed reducing meet bonus for clubs second SCY meet to $225 taking effect for events that have not been sanctioned yet. (Jan 1st)
5. **MSA meet bonus to be reduced to $225 for second meet of similar format by one host (e.g., two SCY run by the same host).** The motion passed unanimously.

c. Records (Dana)
   i. Records have been updated, usually after local meet
   ii. Proposed creating records LCM 5k and 10k

d. Top Ten Recorder (Chris)
   i. Not present

e. Coaches (Scott)
   i. Not present
   ii. Recently received coaching certification
   iii. Encouraging certificated coaches to become affiliated with a club

f. Officials (Leo)
   i. 31 confirmed officials for the Niagara Region
   ii. Encouraging other officials to receive USMS cert
   iii. OW swimming event at Skaneateles was short on officials, struggles with communication
   iv. Getting OW cert printed on the official card to prove that they are certified at OW events.
   v. Get all officials in region to take the OW training

g. Open Water (Rob)
   i. Two OW events this year.
   ii. Went to convention and met with National Chair for OW events.
   iii. Wants to create an OW committee, get more race directors, to create more regional events beyond the two that exist. Creating a starter kit for streamlining the creation of OW events
   iv. Attempting to integrate USMS and USAT membership fee for OW events

h. Awards (Matt)
   i. National conference was lacking on Best Practices examples for awards
   ii. Swimmer of the year awards are now continuously updated after each local meet
   iii. Coach of the year, appreciations award nomination form is available on the Niagara website.

4. Elections:
   a. Chair candidate: Greg Danner.
      i. Discussed nature of the job
      ii. **MSA to elect Greg as Chair. Approved unanimously.**
   b. Membership Coordinator (formerly Registrar) candidate: Jennifer Adams.
      i. **MSA to elect Jennifer as Membership Coordinator. Approved unanimously.**

5. Budget
   a. Projecting $900 loss on ‘19–’20
   b. We have above the recommended holdings in the bank account.
   c. Suggested spend down account ($12,000 in account, recommended holding is 50% of annual revenue or ~$4,000)
   d. Following recommended USMS format for budget
   e. Discussed amount spent on website hosting
   f. **MSA to approve budget, as prepared by the Treasurer. Approved unanimously.**

6. Bylaws/P&P changes
   a. Changing language in bylaws from Registrar role to Membership Coordinator
   b. **MSA to approve changes to the bylaws. Approved unanimously.**
   c. Tabled P&P changes due to changes in meet bonus reimbursement.
   d. Changing meet expectations, can only have masters meets every two weeks. Will work with CCS meets on case by case basis.

7. 2019 Convention recap
   a. Explained the format of the National Convention
   b. Mentioned that each swimmer can apply to be on the national committee

8. 2020 Convention
   a. In Jacksonville, email Greg if you would like to attend

9. New Business
a. Encouraged to contact Rob for any Tri questions.

b. **MSA to create Chair appointed position: Affiliated Organization Liaison to help triathletes work between the two organizations. Approved unanimously.** Rob Perkins nominated and appointed to the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm ET.