

## Virginia LMSC Annual Meeting Agenda

Date: Sunday, Nov. 3, 2:00 pm

Location: Miller Residence 13441 Stonegate Road, Midlothian, VA

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1. Roll Call – Kirk Clear, Chris Stevenson, Heather Stevenson, Shirley Loftus-Charley, Alice Phillips, Patty Miller, Becca Latimer, Charlie Cockrell, Jim Miller  
On line – Kyle Alhgren, Rich Williams, Kate Stephensen  
Absent – Denise Letendre
2. Reports of Officers
  - a. Chair – Kirk Clear – full report on the [vaswim.org](http://vaswim.org) website/admin  
-One highlight is the addition of three new meets next year – January sprint meet at VA Wesleyan, LC meet in May at SwimRVA, Summer Nationals in August at SwimRVA; there is another possible LC meet in Va Beach pre-Nationals as well.
  - b. Vice Chair – Denise – no report posted
  - c. Secretary – Alice – no report posted
  - d. Treasurer (Finance Committee) – Becca Latimer – online, additional discussion later
3. Reports of Committee Chairpersons
  - a. Committees:
    - Sanctions – Kyle – report online. He is feeling more comfortable in the role though some meet directors are waiting too long to get the sanction. We are hoping to add the LC meet in Va Beach and some other offerings in northern Virginia collaborating with Potomac Valley. He still needs to secure meet and financial reports from several meet directors. Discussion ensued around some of the pluses and minuses of current meets and ways we can get more folks participating.
    - Long Distance – Kate – no official report. She reports that participation in the John Shrum swim dropped a bit from 2017 (89 in 2019, 130 in 2017 – the 2018 race was cancelled because of flooding). The mile is more popular than the two mile. Profit of about \$1000. Some concerns were expressed about the timing with the Reston meet the weekend before, Chesapeake Bay right after. The drop could be due to timing (the 2017 was in July), but the problem with July can be heat and algae. Kate expects to keep the same timing and see how this year goes. Reaching out to triathletes was discussed since this is a good swim for getting ready for harder open water competition. Potential collaboration with USA swimming also.
    - Fitness – Vacant
    - Officials – Charlie – no report online; Charlie has been communicating with meet directors when the sanction comes in and will talk with new officials on the phone prior to the meet; there is a new national certification for masters officials and we have had 3 people gain that certification. For Nationals Bob Rustin is going to be our meet referee. We are going to do an application to officiate at the meet, but Charlie is feeling good about officials.
    - Coaches – Rich – online report includes the coaching certifications sessions available. Rich also proposes that we maintain a budget line for certification expenses. We discussed adding reimbursement for airfare when necessary, but expecting a commitment to give back to the LMSC. Rich suggests we use an application process for reimbursement considering financial constraints, size of

group coached, and willingness to give back. Rich was applauded for his newsletter articles and encouraged to get other coaches to contribute.

- b. Other Board Members:
  - Registrar – Shirley – online report
  - Review Chair – Heather – no report
  - Newsletter – Heather & Chris – we are officially switching to online only in 2020. Thus, we will be dropping the PrinterMark line item on the 2020 budget.
  - Website – Chris
  - Records & Top-10 – Chris – all reports are online. There were again two recognized meets for which Chris could not submit Top 10 reports. In both cases there were measurement issues that made the results ineligible for top 10. Instructions are on the back of the form. Meet directors should not assume a pool is “legal” just because there are meets at that pool regularly.
  - Social Media – Denise – not present
  - Safety – Jim – no report
  - USA Swimming Chairs/Reps & Ex-Officio members
- c. Club Representatives
  - Any present club rep – none present
4. Unfinished business
  - a. Virginia Regional Team (Denise) – discussion ensued about how we got to where we are. All agreed that people are now confused about how to register. Patty is going to write up something for the newsletter. No resolution or action items were determined beyond that.
  - b. By-Laws Rewrite – tabled for now due to the constraints of our meeting time.
5. New business
  - a. Convention Wrap-up – Kirk will work with Rich and Kyle to write up a summary for the newsletter.
  - b. New Board Position: Membership Coordinator (previously, Registrar) – will be advertising in next newsletter; also recruiting for a fitness chair.
  - c. USMS Task Force – Discussion on Recommendations for LMSC Boards
  - d. 2020 Proposed Budget (Becca)
    - Discussion on changes from 2019 – Becca brought a revised document from the original posting (now updated on [vaswim.org](http://vaswim.org)). A variety of topics were discussed, including whether to continue paying the Registrar, a position which will be renamed in 2020 according to the National Office to Membership Coordinator. Heather made motion, Alice seconded, and it passed unanimously that we would continue to pay registrar at current rate (\$2 per registrant).
    - Vote on 2020 Budget – Charlie moved to approve the updated plan, Heather seconded, votes were unanimous to approve.
  - e. Virginia Volunteer Service Award – we are currently taking nominations; submit to Kirk ([vachair@usms.com](mailto:vachair@usms.com)) due Dec 31, 2019
  - f. 2020 LCM Summer National Champs – as of yet there has been no outreach to Kirk. Charlie has had some interaction with officials. Several of us will reach out to Adam to begin coordinating efforts and supporting.
6. Open Discussion/New Items

- a. Several ideas were discussed about getting some clinics going: clinics for stroke work, for training coaches, maybe an intensive type of training camp. Rich is going to reach out to current coaches who might be willing to head up a clinic. Jim is going to write out some language for Rich. We are hoping some of the coaches we've sent to training will be able to head up an event.
  - b. LC Meet at SwimRVA, Friday May 8-Saturday May 9. Mother's Day theme. We are setting aside \$1500 in the 2020 budget to help support involvement in this meet.
7. Adjournment – 4:25 PM