

**Minutes of Wisconsin Master Swim Committee Annual Meeting
October 2, 2010
Pabst Farms YMCA, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Chairperson Dick Pitman.

Nine members were present: John Bauman, Elyce Dilworth, Suzi Green, Eric Jernberg, Jerry Lourigan, Dick Pitman, Fred Russell, Clark Knuth, and Tom Mikkelson. Missing were: Nancy Krampitz, Ingrid Stine, Julie Van Cleave, Jeanne Seidler, Ray Diederich, Trina Schaetz, and Sue Zblewski. Due to family obligations, Stacey Kiefer resigned at the Fitness Chair. Julie Van Cleave has agreed to stay on as the Long Distance Chair.

Suzi presented the minutes from the last meeting. The report was MSA.

John presented the treasurer's report. The report was MSA.

Eric had nothing new to report about sanctions. He stated that people either call or email him, he sends a form for them to fill out, they send it back with \$25, and that is it. There will be a new sanction form for open water swims. USMS is considering having all sanctions go to them for review, but they haven't made a final decision. They may also consider a uniform sanction form. Eric's report was MSA.

Sue was not present to give an official's report. Dick had nothing to add.

Stacey resigned as Fitness Chair, so there was no report. It was noted, however, the Kiefer could not continue to sponsor WMAC annual "Wisconsin Water Warriors" event. We discussed how to come up with money to pay for awards. It was suggested that the event be free for USMS members, and there would be a \$5 for non-USMS members. There was a lot of discussion about age group increments, timing of the event, and finding a person to facilitate the event. There were a few suggestions, and Eric and Dick agreed to make a couple of calls and send a few emails. John moved and Eric seconded that we budget \$500 for prizes for the event. We were thinking of small items such as goggles, mesh bags, chamois cloths, and the like. The motion was approved.

The next discussion was about Open Water and safety thereof. Suzi, Jerry, and Steve Justinger all attended a presentation about open water safety at the convention in Dallas. It comes down to open water swimming being inherently dangerous. Support staff must be trained, there must be reliable communication, and those running the meet must be educated. The brief report was MSA.

Nancy was not present to give a newsletter report. She had previously agreed to stay on as chair. Everyone agreed that it was nice to get the newsletter online. We currently email about 375 of them. Pictures are of better quality and are in color. She is ALWAYS looking for material. The report was accepted in her absence.

John gave the Registrar's report. WMSC will continue to have an annual fee of \$42. National dues increased by \$2, so we agreed that WMSC will absorb the loss. We are reducing our take to \$13 from \$15. There was also a discussion about one-event fees. Suzi moved and Fred seconded that we raise the one event fee by \$2. The motion was approved.

Dick gave the convention report. One event entries are no longer allowed at pool events. They may only be used for open water and clinic events. Sanctions will change for open water events and those swimmers will have different forms to fill out. There was a small rule change pertaining to backstroke, and it was reiterated that the new "swimwear rules" apply only to pool events.

Fred reported that USA swimming was now requiring background checks on people in positions of authority. A Code of Conduct may be added to the usual required waiver. When we have this code, it should be posted on the website. This report was accepted.

It was moved and seconded that the current slate of officers be re-elected. This was approved.

The officers are as follows

Chairperson-Dick Pitman

Treasurer-Ingrid Stine

Registrar-John Bauman

Assistant Registrar-Trina Schaetz

Secretary-Suzi Green

Sanctions-Eric Jernberg

Top Ten-Jeanne Seidler

Records-John Bauman

Webmaster-Ray Diederich

Newsletter-Nancy Krampitz

Safety-Jerry Lourigan

Fitness-

Coaches-Fred Russell

Open Water-Julie Van Cleave

Officials-Sue Zblewski

Ray was not present. He did, however, send Dick an email to let everyone know he would like pictures to post on the site. Ray has been working on finding some new pools for meets. Unfortunately, the nicer pools are not only booked far in advance, but they are expensive. Nothing was resolved.

WMSC is still trying to figure out a succession plan. Several names were discussed as potential new leaders. Jeanne seemed to be a logical choice. We talked about putting a "plea for volunteers" either in the newsletter, on the website, or both. Nothing was resolved.

We discussed the upcoming meet scheduled. So far, we have

December 4, SCM West Bend

January 16, possibly Oconomowoc

January 30, Oshkosh

February 13, East Madison YMCA

March 20, Baraboo

April 2-3, State Championship, Schroeder

We discussed a meet in Waukesha, and we discussed (again) the possibility of a joined IL State meet at some time. We wondered if people would be interested in a "relay & fun" meet.

The next item on the agenda was the 2011 convention. We decided we could afford to send a maximum of 8 people, and that these people will have been USMS members for at least five years. John moved and Eric seconded that we reimburse up to a maximum of \$30/day for food expenses. This was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Suzi Green

Secretary, WMSC