Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee (WMSC)

October 3, 2026

Board Members Present: Jenny Moeller, Melodee Liegl, Mary Schneider, Jennifer May, Melinda Mann, Fred Russell, Elyce Dilworth, Nancy Rezmer

Swim Members Present: Steve Justinger, Paul Zettel, Marti Maynes, Leigh Holmes, Kevin Van Cleave

Excused Absences: Chip Quade, Jerry Lourigan

The meeting was called to order by Mary Schneider.

WMSC Board Reports

Chair – Mary Schneider

In the last year I led the Wisconsin LMSC.

- I led the Annual Meeting
- I receive notifications of changes within USMS and send them on to the Officers or Committee Chairs responsible for knowing the changes
- I send monthly emails to the membership to let them know what events are upcoming, and highlight any accomplishments by members
- I write The Chair column for the newsletter
- I recruit members to open positions
- I participated in the Great Lakes Zone meetings
- I was a voting delegate to the USMS Annual Convention
- I work to resolve issues as they occur
- I attended the Open Water Nationals in Stillwater, MN, the short course Nationals in Greesnboro, and long course Nationals in Sacramento, CA
- I attended a number of meets this past season while also encouraging others

Vice Chair – Open Position

Treasurer Report – Jenny Moeller

As the treasurer, my duties this last year included becoming a signer on the checking account, sending checks to the Wisconsin 80+ Masters Members, keeping track of OEVT entries at sanctioned events and invoicing meet hosts for those funds, renewing the Wisconsin annual domestic report, performing bank reconciliations, and preparing financial statements to be included in the USMS annual 990 filing.

Secretary – Jennifer May

Took minutes for the 4 October 2025 Annual Meeting of WMSC and took minutes for the 11 August 2026 WMSC Executive Meeting.

WMSC Committee Chair Reports

Sanction Chair – Melinda Mann

Wisconsin Masters sanctioned 11 Pool and 1 Open Water events this past season. USMS launched a new sanction system in the spring. Meet Directors were instructed to submit all meet documents to the Sanctions Chair prior to requesting a sanction to ensure accuracy before publication.

Fitness Chair – Melodee Liegl

Hosted the Wisconsin Water Warriors event with 32 participants this past year. Recruited 4 new swimmers this year. Plan on hosting again this year.

Auditor – Elyce Dilworth

I reviewed the financial reporting packages, as well as activity in the bank account. I also reviewed the year-end financial statements which are submitted to USMS by the Treasurer. I filed the Form 990-N with the IRS.

Open Water/Long Distance Chair – Jennifer Vallo

USMS again sponsored the "Swim of Legends" in Lake Geneva, WI on August 30, 2026. It is a 7-mile event on an open course on Geneva Lake.

There were three non-sanctioned open water events in Wisconsin: Booth Lake Memorial Swim on June 6, 2026 (.6-mile, 1.2 mile and 3.1 mile), Swim Neshonoc on June 21, 2026 (1.2 mile and 2.4-mile distances) and the new Emerald City Classic on August 22, 2026 in Booth Lake (1.2 mile and 2.4 mile). These events are not USMS sponsored but were well attended and give local open water swimmers a chance to compete close to home.

USMS sponsored the following Open Water National Championships in 2026:
April 3: Sprint-Distance-Sarasota, FL
April 4: Long-Distance-Sarasota, FL
July 25: Middle-Distance-Square Lake, MN
The dates for the USMS Open Water National Championships in 2027 are still to be determined.

USMS sponsored several virtual and fitness events throughout the year to help keep us motivated and in the pool. USMS will again sponsor Virtual Championships for 2027:
January 1-31: 1-Hour
May 15-September 15: 5k/10k
September 15-November 15: 3000/6000

Web Master (Interim) – Chip Quade

On an ongoing basis:

- Posted material as requested.
- Created new pages when needed - for the Phoebe Bacon Swim Clinic and the 2026 Spring Nationals Coordination.

When unique issues arose:

- Corresponded with our web hosting provider about technical problems with their servers; created workarounds when problems persisted; kept WMSC officers up to date on issues and their resolution.
- Corresponded with USMS about their sunsetting of email-forwarding aliases for WMSC officers; investigated options for implementing similar functionality; solicited input from WMSC officers about options; implemented the wimastersswimming@gmail.com address when the USMS aliases went out of service.

Safety Chair – Jerry Lourigan

At the swim meets, we have people monitoring the pool and deck, reminding them to enter the pool feet first. The diving lanes for warm up are supervised usually at both ends when first set up. In open water events more swimmers are volunteering to wear the swim buoys. It is not a USMS event, however, Point to La Pointe in Bayfield, now requires every swimmer to wear a swim buoy.

Registration Chair – Nancy Rezmer

This was my first year as Registrar, taking over from Julie Paque in January, and there was more of a learning curve than I expected. I've learned a lot about communicating with the full membership, clubs, and workout groups, and I really appreciate everyone's patience as I figured out the system. I'm happy to continue another year. I also enjoyed swimming in several meets, attending Nationals, taking lots of photos, and even recruiting my twin sister to join me. The relay meet was probably my favorite, just a really fun reminder of what Masters Swimming is all about.

Coaches Chair – Fred Russell

In the fall of 2025, I contacted our listed Wisconsin Masters Coaches. I helped them with any questions they might have, "talked up" the meet schedule, and checked if they might help coach at Nationals.
I also continued to send out 3 workouts a week to many of our teams, coaches and swimmers. (I am still doing this into 2026. If you wish to be Included, let me have your email address).

The focal point for the WISC Regional National Team was in Greensboro, North Carolina last Spring. The team finished 2nd to North Carolina narrowly outscoring the 3rd Place team!
Our team was comprised of approximately 60 swimmers and was coached by Dave Clark (head), and assistants, Martha O'Brien, Tim Capps and Jerry Lourigan. (I could not make the trip as I was recovering from a heart procedure and not medically cleared). The coaches indicated our swimmers overall swam fast and had a good time.

I attended the WISC Board Annual Meeting September 20, 2026 with Mary Schneider and 2 other regular members.
Several things the Board approved, however, I objected to them:

1. Allowing a family or friends to swim together on relays. This would break down the team concept, team scoring, and take away teammate's swims. Also, who pays for these relays? This is the National Championship and we owe it to our competition to race in that spirit too.
2. Not allowing relay changes after the athletes are sent the pre-meet lineup. (In the past, I have had to make numerous changes in the past due to a "hot swimmer," missing swimmer, injured swimmer,

exhausted swimmer etc).

3. The sole use of a swim time database (which may include times from years ago) to set up relays. In my opinion this leads to inaccurate seed times and potentially poor use of swimmers in relays.

4. The reduction of coach travel, lodging, expense reimbursement by nearly a third over the 2026 North Carolina (NC) meet (Irvine will be more expensive than NC)! US Masters wants all coaches and volunteers to be reimbursed appropriately.

I sent my concerns to WISC in writing prior to their meeting and expressed them too. Their minds appeared "made up" well ahead of time.

The top two people on WISC are volunteers with good intentions but have three or less years in Masters Swimming. They were the ones that pushed for the changes made above. I do not think they know the core/majority of their team, nor how tough and committed they are to the team, coaches, and their performances. It took years to get the team to be in the Top 2.

In the meantime, I was told by WISC president, Gerald Palmer, that they wanted to move away from the older coaches (Clark and I) and go with younger coaches.

Please note that it took a long time to help put this team together and earn the national respect WISC currently enjoys.

Officials Chair – Susan Wagner

As Officials Chair:

1. I communicate with the National Committee regarding rule clarifications and changes.

2. I secure qualified Officials to work Wisconsin Masters Swim Meets.

3. I share updates and direction from United States Masters Swimming to the Wisconsin Master's Officials.

Top 10 Recorder – Jeanne Seidler

The Top 10 Recorder (TTR) in the LMSC is the last stop that meet results and Meet Manager files make before being passed on to the USMS Top 10 Administrator by the TTR. Meet Directors and timing system operators and Meet Manager operators need to make every effort to ensure that the results of an event are complete and correct before the meet ends, on the day the meet is held. When running the meet, if a problem occurs with obtaining the results from touch pads, the operators and Meet Director should stop the meet and get the results back on track before resuming the meet. The Meet Director must also pay careful attention to what is written in the meet information submitted for sanction as the sanctioned meet information is a contract regarding the conduct of the meet.

USMS reads the meet information and will reject individual or relay results if the meet information does not match the conduct of the events. The Meet Director or Meet Manager operator must enter any automatic splits as separate events in the Meet Manager file. If the Meet Director/Meet Manager has entered splits from longer events, the individual needs to proofread any times that are manually entered.

The only swim meet results forwarded to USMS for Top 10 consideration are results from sanctioned or recognized pool meets conducted in 25y, 25m or 50m pools that have been measured according to USMS rules. If the pool has a bulkhead that is used for a turn, start or end wall, the bulkhead confirmation

measurement must be completed both before the meet starts and again at the end of each session. The measurements must be turned in to the TTR with the Meet Manager zipped backup. Non-conforming individual events or relays are not reported to USMS for Top 10 consideration and do not appear in the USMS event rankings database. Open water or postal events are not uploaded to the USMS Event Rankings Database either.

The Top 10 Recorder is responsible for applying many rules to the data and checking for errors before the final submission is made to USMS. This process may result in additional consultations with the Meet Director/Meet Manager.

This year, the 2025-2026 short course yards Top 10 consideration end date was May 31, 2026, with a begin date of June 1, 2025. The USMS 2026 Top 10 preliminary version was compiled and published in mid-August. Anyone noticing errors in the preliminary version is encouraged to report the errors to the National Swims Administrator. Other key dates are for the LCM Top 10 and SCM Top 10. The LCM is sent in to the USMS office by the Top 10 recorder by Oct 30th. The SCM is sent to the USMS office at the end of January. It will take several months to assemble the preliminary Top 10 for swimmers. Below is a list of the meets that have been submitted to USMS from Wisconsin for Top 10 consideration.

Sep 13, 2026 SCY WI 2026 Wisconsin Masters Games SCY at Schroeder

Jun 20, 2026 LCM WI 2026 Wis LCM State Champs at Schroeder

May 17, 2026 SCY WI 2026 Enduro & Crescendo Masters Meet

Mar 28, 2026 SCY W 2026 Wis SCY State Champs at Schroeder

Mar 1, 2026 SCY WI 2026 Wis. SCY at Whitefish Bay HS, Dave Clark Classic

Feb 28, 2026 SCY WI The 2026 SPARTAN SPLASH AT MCFARLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Feb 8, 2026 SCY WI The 2026 WATER WOLVES SCY SWIM MEET AT SUN PRAIRIE HS

Jan 24, 2026 SCY WI 2026 VERONA SCY SWIM MEET AT VERONA AQUATIC CENTER

Jan 11, 2026 SCY WI 2026 FOUNDERS MEET AT PABST FARMS

Dec 6, 2025 SCM WI 2025 JOHN BAUMAN MEMORIAL SCM MEET

Nov 2, 2025 SCY WI Baraboo Masters Swim Meet

Sep 13, 2025 SCY WI 2025 Wisconsin Masters Games SCY at Schroeder

Jun 21, 2025 LCM WI 2025 Wis State LCM Champs at Schroeder Geoff Mykleby Mem

Note:

2025-2026 SCY runs June 1 to May 31

2025-2026 LCM runs Oct 1 to Sep 30

2026 SCM runs Jan 1 to Dec 31

The Sep 19, 2026 Whitewater meet is not listed above because the meet was not submitted to the TTR.

The Wisconsin Masters Games meet is not expected to be held in 2027 but will return in 2028.

Discussion

1. **Announcements from the Chair, Mary Schneider**
   - None

2. **Elections**
   There were no nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions. Officers were voted in by acclamation.
   - Chair – Mary Schneider
   - Vice-Chair – Rita Hookstead
   - Secretary – Jennifer May
   - Treasurer – Jenny Moeller

Appointment of Committee Chairs

Communications (including Newsletter and Webmaster) – Chip Quade

Registrar – Nancy Rezmer

Coaches – Fred Russell

Sanctions – Melinda Mann

Long Distance/Open Water – Jennifer Vallo

Safety – Jerry Lourigan

Officials – Susan Wagner

Fitness – Melodee Liegl

Top 10 Recorder –Jeanne Seidler

Auditor – Elyce Dilworth

3. **New Business**
   - Budget proposals (see Appendix A):
     - Increase Water Warriors budget to $650
   - Review of the proposed meet schedule (see Appendix B)
     - It is noted that some dates are tentative
     - Paul discussed adding a Milwaukee Rec meet on May 16
   - It has been difficult to collect money for the One Event (OEVT) fees from the meet directors. In addition, OEVT entries are not allowed at a SCM or LCM meet where world records may be set. This is a ruling by World Aquatics (previously FINA).
   - Discussion regarding communication to the membership regarding a member charged with felonies
     - Mary followed the national office recommendations to not send a general notice to membership
     - Kevin Van Cleave to contact the national office to discuss additional communication
   - Date for next year's annual meeting – 2 Oct 2027 at 9:30am

Approved Motions

- Jen moved and Elyce seconded the motion to accept the 2025 annual meeting minutes.
- Election of officers and appointment of committee chairs were approved by acclamation.
- Melinda moved and Jen seconded the motion to accept the Officer reports.
- Jenny moved and Jen seconded the motion to accept the Chair reports.
- Jen moved and Melinda seconded the motion to accept the budget as amended.
- Jen moved and Fred seconded to approve the meets which have firm dates.
- Elyce moved and Jenny seconded to conditionally approve the meets with tentative dates.

- Jen moved and Melinda seconded to approve the May 16 Milwaukee Rec meet.
- Jen moved and Jenny seconded the motion to accept the next meeting date of 2 Oct 27.

Mary called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen moved and Jenny seconded the motion. Motion was approved, and Mary adjourned the meeting 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer May

Secretary, WMSC

1:38 PM
10/06/26
Accrual Basis

WISCONSIN MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE, INC
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through December 2027

	Jan - Dec 27
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Registration Fees	
4010 · Workout Group Registration	150.00
4020 · Membership Registration	5,400.00
Total 4000 · Registration Fees	5,550.00
4150 · One Event Fee Income	800.00
4800 · Interest and Dividend Income	10.00
Total Income	6,360.00
Expense	
5000 · Programs & Activities	
5010 · Awards	
5010.1 · Water Warriors	650.00
5010.2 · Medals for State Meet	1,000.00
Total 5010 · Awards	1,650.00
5080 · Over 80 Swimmers	600.00
Total 5000 · Programs & Activities	2,250.00
5700 · Coach and Club Development	
5710 · Coaching Certification	650.00
5715 · Register Officials	75.00
5717 · USMS Relay Event (Annual)	1,600.00
5718 · Rule Book	50.00
Total 5700 · Coach and Club Development	2,375.00
6000 · Administrative Expenses	
6010 · Registration	
6012 · One Event - USMS Portion	640.00
Total 6010 · Registration	640.00
6015 · WI Senior Games Recognition	100.00
Total 6000 · Administrative Expenses	740.00
6100 · Website and social media	200.00
6300 · Other Expenses	
6310 · Memorials for Deceased Members	50.00
6320 · Taxes, Licenses & Permits	25.00
6325 · Office Expense	50.00
Total 6300 · Other Expenses	125.00
Total Expense	5,690.00
Net Ordinary Income	670.00
Net Income	**670.00**

Appendix B

2026–2027 Proposed Meet Schedule

Date	Event	Location / Venue	Contact
Nov 1-Dec 31, 2026	Wisconsin Water Warriors Fitness Event	Virtual	Melodee Liegl
Nov 1, 2026 (Tentative)	Baraboo Meet (SCY)	Jack Young Middle School, Baraboo	Tim Capps
Dec 5, 2026	John Bauman Memorial (SCM)	West Bend West High School	Gerry Palmer
TBD (Jan 2027)	Founders Meet (SCY)	TBD	Jennifer May
Jan 1-31, 2027	Oshkosh "Animal" Meet	Virtual	Melinda Mann
Jan 23, 2027 (Tentative)	Verona Meet (SCY)	Verona	Mara Kieser
Feb 7, 2027 (Tentative)	Sun Prairie West Meet (SCY)	Sun Prairie West	Steve Justinger
Feb 2027	WIAA State High School Boys Championships	TBD	—
Mar 6, 2027	McFarland Meet (SCY)	McFarland High School	Steve Justinger
Mar 7, 2027	Whitefish Bay Meet (SCY)	Whitefish Bay	Lauren Bolinski
Mar 27, 2027	Wisconsin Masters State SCY Championships	Schroeder	Jeanne Seidler
Mar 28, 2027	Easter Sunday	—	—
TBD	YMCA Masters Nationals (SCY)	TBD	YMCA
Apr 29-May 2, 2027	USMS Nationals Championships (SCY)	TBD	USMS
May 16, 2027	Milwaukee Recreation Meet	Vincent High School	Luke Chojnacki
TBD	Badger State Games Masters Meet	Wausau	—
TBD	Summer Fun Meet (SCY)	Brookfield East High School	TBD
Jun 19, 2027	Wisconsin Masters State LCM Championships	Schroeder	Jeanne Seidler
Jul 3-9, 2027	World Masters Aquatics Championships	Budapest, Hungary	—
Aug 6-8, 2027	USMS Nationals Championships (LCM)	Richmond, VA	USMS
Sep 19, 2027 (Tentative)	"Summer" Fun Meet	Whitewater	Jim Brandon