**Maryland LMSC BOD Meeting Minutes**

**Date December 13, 2015**

**Washington College, Chestertown, MD**

The meeting was called to order at 11:18 a.m. by the Chairman.

**A – Attendance:**

 Michael Lee (Chairman, MARY), Kristina Henry (TCY),

 Rand Vaillancourt (Treasurer, AAA), Michael Fanelli (Secretary, ACM)

 Nancy Brown (MARY), Raymond Toy (CMYM), Maureen White (CRAB),

 Frank Martin (DAMD), Jerry Meyer (CMYM), Nick Burley (MARY)

**B- Motions:**

To accept minutes of BOD meeting from May 30, 2015 with minor modification

 Motion: Rand Vaillancourt

 Second: Kristina Henry

 Passed

 To accept minutes of General Membership meeting from October 18, 2015 as

 written

 Motion: Rand Vaillancourt

 Second: Nancy Brown

 Passed

To accept the Maryland LMSC Nomination Committee members as David Sugar, Michael Lee, Rand Vaillancourt, and Nancy Brown

 Motion: Nancy Brown

 Second: Rand Vaillancourt

 Passed

To modify the Maryland Association Masters Swimming ByLaws: Establish an annual Auditing Committee

 Motion: Nick Burley

 Second: Jerry Meyer

 Tabled

For an unofficial audit of the Maryland LMSC financial statements for the last three years by the Maryland Masters swim team at their own time and expense

 Motion: Nick Burley

 Second: Nancy Brown

 Passed

To reaffirm the Maryland LMSC Summer Swim Series meet payment structure and approve the inclusion of the new USMS sanction fee (for all pool events to offset the increased insurance costs of open water events) as a club incurred expense. The Maryland LMSC will provide for a maximum of $1000 per meet that is approved for the Summer Swim Series. Any and all expenses, including officials and the USMS sanction fee, shall be the responsibility of the club hosting the meet.

 Motion: Rand Vaillancourt

 Second: Nancy Brown

 Passed

To reaffirm the Maryland LMSC Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series meet payment structure and approve the inclusion of the new USMS sanction fee (for all pool events to offset the increased insurance costs of open water events) as a Maryland LMSC incurred expense.

Discussion clarifying the difference between the motion and the prior motion.

 Motion: Rand Vaillancourt

 Second: Ray Toy

 Passed

Motion to reaffirm that all individual meet scoring system for the Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series uses the same 9/18 scoring method.

 Motion: Rand Vaillancourt

 Second: Nancy Brown

 Passed

Toclarify thatthe Maryland LMSC’sobligations regarding the selling of Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series caps ends once net expenditures toward the effort are recovered, and reaffirmation that all subsequent proceed that are collected will be sent to the American Cancer Society

Discussion: Members of the Maryland Masters swim team agreed that they will continue to work on the effort.

 Motion: Rand Vaillancourt

 Second: Nancy Brown

 Passed

To raise the exemption to the $25.00 Deck Entry Fee for Maryland LMSC swimmers ages 60 and over to ages 65 and over at the conclusion of the Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series.

 Discussion: Level of the age limit raise (65 or 70 years of age)

Motion: Raymond Toy

 Second: Michael Fanelli

 Passed

**C. - Report of Officers:**

1. **Chairman-** Michael Lee: Responding to USMS Tasks on time
2. **Vice Chairman-** David Sugar: Not present, (given by Chairman) As 2016 nomination committee head, we have three volunteers David Sugar, Mike Lee and Rand Vaillancourt
3. **Secretary-** Michael Fanelli: Reports are all up to date since minutes were approved
4. **Treasurer-** Rand Vaillancourt:Reports in the black and up to date
5. **Registrar-** Shane Knipschild: Not present, (given by Chairman) Our membership of 897 is on schedule to remain same as last year

**D. - Committee Reports:**

 1. Officials- Rand Vaillancourt: Up to date with all officials.

 2. Coaches- Kevin Joulbert: (given by Chairman) We continue to provide stipends to stimulate interest in USMS Coaches Certification. Talbot County YMCA has expressed an interest in having one of their coaches participate in 2016; we have four additional stipends available.

 3. Communications- Michael Mardesich: no report

4. Editor- Kristina Henry: We published the Fall edition of the Maryland Swim Times on time, and we are interested finding a someone to help format the Newsletter using InDesign.

5. Safety- Shane Knipschild: (given by Chairman) The Safety Officer wants to ensure all pools used for competition/meets meet safety standards. Additionally, would all meet directors inspect and ensure the pool and all equipment are safe. This is especially important for Starting Blocks. In a previous meet a swimmer was cut by the backstroke handles. This is due to the fact the handles were worn and exposed to sharp metal. The Safety Officer also noticed some blocks loose used at meets.

**E. – Unfinished Business:**

 Approved minutes from General Member Meeting , 10/18/2015 and BOD on 5/30/2015

**F.- New Business:**

Refer to Section B: Motions

**G.- Adjournment 12:12 p.m.**

Submitted by Michael Fanelli, Secretary

Approved as amended April 10, 2016