

Maryland Local Masters Swim Committee
Board of Directors Meeting
American Boat & Yacht Council
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
6:30pm

In attendance: John Zarkowsky, Chairman (AAA) John Adey (AAA), Jeff Bell (MARY), Kristina Henry, Secretary (TCY), Dick Mazza (AAA), Traci McNeil (CMYM), Jeffrey Smith (AAA) and Rand Vaillancourt, Vice Chairman/Treasurer (AAA).

The meeting was called to order by John Zarkowsky, Chairman, at 6:39pm.

The meeting minutes from the December 20, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were presented and reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes, as written, was made by Rand and seconded by Dick. A vote was taken. *The meeting minutes were passed as written.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman: John Zarkowsky

All reports to USMS are up-to-date and our LMSC is in compliance. 2019 has been challenging year to fill required positions.

Vice Chairman: Rand Vaillancourt

I will be putting together the nomination committee. A reminder, all board positions are open when it comes time for elections of officers. Those positions are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The Registrar is now an appointed position. A reminder, all elected positions are for a two year term. A term starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st of the second year, as stated. The next election of officers will take place at the 2021 General Membership meeting.

Secretary: Kristina Henry

All financials and meeting minutes are up-to-date and filed.

Treasurer: Rand Vaillancourt

All required filings have been submitted to USMS. That includes the 990-N tax filing and 2018 year end financial statement. A note: The previous treasurer failed to provide a financial report or checking and savings register. Those reports were reconstructed and presented to the audit committee. The audit committee reviewed the documents. All was in order.

We are in the black and all foreseeable expenses are covered.

The 2019 budget was passed at the December 2018 BOD meeting.

Some things of note:

The fee per lane used in competition for the Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series

(CCMSS) is now \$250.00.

The LMSC will now pay the sanction fee for the LMSC sponsored summer meets.

Funding for education grants/stipend is now capped at \$1,700.00.

The first quarter of 2019 financials were presented to the board.

All bank statements have been forwarded to the Secretary as required.

Rand made a motion to accept and Archive the 2018 financials. The motion was seconded by Dick Mazza. A vote was taken and *the motion to accept and Archive the 2018 financials was passed.*

Registrar: John Zarkowsky

I am working on increasing awareness about the level of effort required for each position. One example is the streamlining of the Registrar's position by using USMS staff to process updates and new registrations, including the issuing of membership cards, which will not be printed and sent due to cost (\$2 per card). All USMS members are automatically entered into the database.

Sanctions/Top Ten: Jill Springer

All meet results have been completed and submitted to USMS as required (given by Chairman).

Coaches: Rand Vaillancourt

There is still stipend/grant money available for coach certifications and Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS) courses. For Coaches Level 1&2 - \$75, Level 3 -\$75.00, Level 4 up to \$100. ALTS \$100.00. Check out the web site under "Grants" for how to apply.

One individual per club per year per levels described, and the ALTS. So far this year, I am aware of three individuals that took the coaching level 1 & 2 certification course, two received grants. Members are encouraged to apply.

Officials: Rand Vaillancourt

USMS is encouraging the use of USM certified officials and has made a request that officials take the online certification course/test (two types: starter, stroke and turn judge and referee). There is, currently, no fee. Certifications are good for up to two-years, officials must reapply upon expiration.

Officials currently receive \$110 per meet. We have been using officials from the Maryland Officials Club for most of our CCMSS meets. Some have taken the on line course(s). Individuals are encouraged to apply for the free training.

Communications: Rand Vaillancourt

Inquiries are down thanks to USMS (most are managed online via club finder) and club management.

Editor: Jennifer Robinson was not present.

The Chairman will talk to her re the deadline for the summer newsletter, which he hopes to have published by mid to late June.

Webmaster: Christopher Freigang was not present.
Chris requested that enough lead time be given for postings to the website.

Fitness: Carolyn Voorhees was not present.
No report.

Open Water/Long Distance: Traci McNeil
Participated in an online conference call. Potomac Valley will manage the Swim for Life for 2019.

Also trying to host a more social (unsanctioned) swim this summer, perhaps at Sandy Point. Volunteers always needed. Will research further.

Note: Rand pointed out that the MDLMSC, for legal and insurance reasons, does not promote non USMS sanctioned or USMS recognized events. This does not preclude an individual to do so at their own peril.

Swim Series: Rand Vaillancourt

The summer swim series budget provides for four meets. Two summer meets have been scheduled for 2019: Frostburg University May 5, and Talbot County on June 23.

Proposal suggested for 2020 Summer Swim Series to increase number of individual events to four. A motion was made by Rand and Seconded by Dick Mazza, to raise the maximum of individual events allowed for the Summer LMSC sponsored Swim meets only from three to four. After lengthy discussion, a vote was taken. ***The motion to raise the maximum number of individual events from three to four allowed for the Summer LMSC sponsored meets passed.***

Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series (CCMSS): The host clubs from the previous series have the right of first refusal to host the upcoming CCMSS. The host clubs from the previous CCMSS have accepted to host the upcoming series.

NEW BUSINESS

2019-2020 Carol Chidester Memorial Swim Series host clubs/locations has been set:

October—CMMY (Ellicott City)

November—Talbot (Easton)

December—CRAB (Chestertown)

January—AAA (Annapolis)

February—MARY (Severna Park)

March—AAA (Annapolis)

The dates and times are to be set.

A motion was made by Rand and seconded by Kristina to accept the 2019-20 CCMSS as represented.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

USMS Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 11 through 15, 2019 in St. Louis, MO. Four LMSC board members are planning to attend. Those are: John Zarkowsky, Kristina Henry, Traci McNeil and Rand Vaillancourt (Rules Committee).

The protocol for selecting convention delegates is as follows:

1) Current elected BOD members 2) Club representative 3) Committee Chairs. 4) General Membership. Also, not included in the LMSC maximum allowed, members of the following sitting USMS committees: Finance, Legislation, Long Distance and Rules.

Reminder: non-conforming events may not be listed in the list of events for LMSC sponsored and/or sanctioned meets, or results to avoid problems with USMS.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rand to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jeffrey. A vote was taken. *The motion to adjourn was passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristina Henry, Secretary

Reviewed and approved:
John D. Zarkowsky
Chair, Maryland LMSC