

**MINUTES – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
INLAND NORTHWEST MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE (IWMSC)
PULLMAN, WA, MARCH 26, 2005**

Attendees: Virgil Crampton * Bernard Kingsly *
 Doug Garcia * Larry Krauser *
 Gordon Grey Susanne Simpson *
 Margaret Hair * Eric Ridgeway
 Brian Johnson *

** Voting member of Board of Managers*

1. Review/Approve Minutes of Last Meeting (2-5-05) – A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2005, meeting and was unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Virgil did receive expenses and the report from Jeanette Valandigham prior to the deadline established in the last meeting so the reimbursement for expenses has proceeded.

3. Newsletter Report – The next Newsletter will be published in late May/early June. Results from IWMSC Short Course Championships Meet, and results of IWMSC swimmers at Zone and National meets will be included. Also, the entry for the Steve Omi Swim and Long Bridge Swim will be included.

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4. Secretary’s Report – Minutes from this meeting will be submitted to the National Office since this is our General Membership Meeting.

Doug Garcia proposed some changes to IWMSC Standing Rules and Policies so that the LMSC could operate more effectively with regards to the USMS House of Delegates (Convention). A friendly amendment to the proposed changes was accepted. The proposed changes were unanimously approved.

5. Top Ten/Data Entry – Margaret will submit the SCY top ten information prior to the deadline now that our meets are complete.

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6. Meets/Sanctions – Brian Johnson solicited response from the clubs that have been holding meets and other knowledgeable individuals regarding how the LMSC can best operate meets with Margaret stepping down from doing all the work. Brian handed out the different options and responses received. Discussion of the three options ensued and the Board decided to go forward with Option 2 which is:

“Find a volunteer to serve as the central contact for all pre- and post-meet operations. This would include maintaining Hy-Tek database of registered swimmers, receiving entries, inputting into Hy-Tek, seeding pre-entries, printing heat sheets, and swimmer cards or timer sheets (these last two might fall to the host team). This information will then be provided to the host team for use on meet day. The host team for the meet would be responsible to handle deck entries and seeding, load race results into the program during the meet, post results at the meet, and return results to the central contact. The central contact would then review results and submit document with results, team points, and individual points to the Newsletter Editor and Web Editor for publication. This option would require each host team to have someone knowledgeable of the Hy-Tek program, or perhaps link with the local age-group team in their area for such support.”

Doug Garcia will discuss the central contact volunteer with Brian Lamb. Secondarily, Tom Lamar will talk with some Moscow swimmers if Brian cannot do it. It was noted that the central contact would be paid a nominal fee of around one dollar per entry.

7. Equipment – Margaret Hair will take the equipment home today after the meet and prep for the next meet. At that time she will be handing the equipment over to whomever. Maybe the meet hosts will be responsible to get the equipment from one place to the other or someone can ferry it between locations.

8. Zone Business – The following Zone information was reported:

- There will be a Zone meeting during the Zone Championship meet April 9-10.
- Doug Garcia is stepping down as NW Zone Representative. Elections for new Zone Representative will be held at Convention this year.
- Applications for Zone Convention Travel Grants are due by June 1 and confirmed by July 1.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Election Year – The Slate as presented was voted in – there were no write-ins. The following officers have been elected for a two-year term beginning at the conclusion of this meeting:

Chair: Susanne Simpson
Vice-Chair: Bernard Kingsly
Secretary: Larry Krauser
Treasurer: Virgil Crampton

10. Open Water National Event, USMS 1-3 mile Open Water Nationals (Long Bridge) – The Board discussed the logistics with Eric Ridgeway (Director of Long Bridge). Eric is enthusiastic to try to get the National event. His understanding is that we would run concurrent events with his group setting up safety, refreshments, starting, finishing, location-type stuff, etc. The LMSC would handle everything else for the National Event: bids, entries, money, awards, etc. The LMSC would deal with USMS and their requirements. A motion was made for the IWMSC to bid on the USMS 1-3 mile Open Water Nationals (Long Bridge) and was unanimously approved. Larry Krauser will handle submitting the bid and Susanne Simpson will present to the Long Distance Committee at Convention. The event will be the first Saturday in August 2007.

11. Clinic – The Board discussed holding a clinic in the fall. Susanne Simpson and Doug Garcia will work on setting this up. Proposed coaches are Kerry O'Brien, Bob Bruce, and Brian Stack. There is no money in the mentoring program that the LMSC can obtain this year so IWMSC would have to pay for everything. Doug and Tom Lamar will review dates in early November to hold the clinic. Of the proposed coaches Kerry O'Brien is our first choice.

12. Convention, Greensboro, NC, September 13-18, 2005 – Three individuals expressed interest in going to Convention: Doug Garcia, Susanne Simpson, and Virgil Crampton. Doug will be funded by the Zone. Susanne and Virgil would represent the IWMSC. A motion was made and unanimously approved that Virgil would be the LMSC Delegate. A motion was made and unanimously approved that Susanne would apply to be a Delegate-at-Large from the LMSC pending approval from USMS. A motion was made and unanimously approved that if Susanne does not receive the Delegate-at-Large status then Susanne would be the LMSC Delegate not Virgil. A motion was made and unanimously approved that: the IWMSC would reimburse expenses as follows – 50% of coach airfare, 50% of a double occupancy room, and 100% of the registration fee; the maximum total expenditure for IWMSC is \$1,000 (split equally if combined submitted expenses exceed \$1,000); and each IWMSC representative write a report for the SplashMaster newsletter. Outside of the motion it was discussed that the \$1,000 limit could possibly be revised pending actual airfare costs. Both Susanne and Virgil will apply for Zone grants; Virgil to the NW Zone and Susanne to the Zone Committee.

Meeting Adjourned