

Inland NW Masters Swimming Committee

Board of Managers

Meeting Minutes

Sunday April 26th, 7:00 pm

Meeting held by teleconference. Present: Paige Buehler, Matthew Bronson, Kristen Heath, Margaret Hair, Robin Helm, Lauren Torok, Nicole Engledow, Larry Krause, Mike Hartley, Shirley Shriber, Harm-Jan Steenhuis.

OLD BIZ

Approve Feb 8 meeting minutes: Paige moved to approve the minutes and a vote was taken. Minutes approved.

Approve March 28 general membership meeting minutes: Lauren Torok moved, unknown seconded, Larry abstained. Minutes approved.

Review election results: The official results were not announced at the general mtg to allow Sunday swimmers to vote in a very close race. Paige thanked Shirley Schreiber and Carolyn McGee for taking care of the elections. Results of balloting as follows:

Chair – Paige Buehler
Vice-chair – Matt Bronson
Secretary – Kristen Heath
Treasurer – Alan Kirpes

Officer transitions update

Chair: Paige and Mike have met. Paige feels comfortable with their state of transition.

Vice Chair: no real transition done

Secretary: Kristen and Paige have met via phone. Paige has transferred the documents she has to Kristen.

Treasurer: Alan has been working to find a new lender that has branches in the majority of the cities that have workout groups or clubs in them Washington Mutual/ Chase is the best choice. There will be 2 accounts established. Alan would like to establish the ability for more than just the treasurer to be able to sign checks and deal with the account

Review 2009 budget and actual: It was discovered that there are three versions of the 2009 budget. Virgil e-mailed the annual report to Mike and Paige. Alan will start his

accounting once the money is in an account accessible to him. Paige will be working with Virgil to document the discrepancy that was seen within the documents.

Paige explained that there will be two accounts set up to separate the LMSC from the Hydropower Club.

NEW BIZ

Ratify new registrar: Mike Hartley moved to ratify Mark Taylor as the registrar. Shirley Schreiber seconded the motion. Discussion regarding banking ensued. Vote was called. All were in agreement. Mark has been appointed registrar.

LCNM request to reduce/waive LMSC fees for Snake River Challenge open water swim (July 4): Lauren (Nicole Engledow) asked that there be a set fee per swimmer that is collected by the LMSC instead of a percent of the profits. Larry moved to create a flat fee per swimmer of \$5.00 for open water swims (just the Snake River Challenge?). Mike seconded the motion. After Discussion the motion was carried. The issue will be reevaluated after the swim.

Zone policy updates and changes to meet bid schedule: Oregon would like to reinstate the LCM Zone meet. They proposed to change the bid schedule to allow for this addition. The meet surcharge to the zone meet has changed, but now zone will be providing the awards. The revised rotation would be Oregon, Other, for LMC and for SCY the rotation is Oregon, PNA, Other. Paige will vote yes on both of them.

USMS Convention 2009 – Chicago: Mid September. The grant requests are due June 1. Paige asked for interested parties to go to the convention, suggesting that more than one board member go. Kristen announced her interest. Larry suggested that Paige and Kristen go.

Who should have signature authority on accounts: Alan suggested that Carolyn McGee be a second signer. Discussion regarding the pros and cons of adding a dual-signature restriction on all expenditures. Larry made motion to have Paige and Alan as signers to the accounts. Mike seconded the motion. Discussion ensued to clarify the issue. Abstained: Shirley Shriber. Motion passed.

Alan continued to recommend that there be two signatures on each check to meet safe business practices. There was also a suggestion to start putting the balance sheet in the newsletter. The issue is tabled until Alan has further information on the 2008 financials and the account balances.

Decisions to be made

Chat about 09-10 meet schedule: Harm-Jan expressed Spokane Waves interest in setting up a meet in June/July. Generally the group didn't think there would be enough interest. The winter meet schedule was discussed and what workout groups would be willing to take which meets. Nov 6-8 was proposed by LCNM as a meet weekend with a dually sanctioned USMS and USA-Swimming meet. No dates were finalized But an outline schedule looks like:

October: SWAT (Spokane)

November: LCNM (Clarkston)

January: TCAS/MLMR (Moses Lake)

February/early March: WVM (Wenatchee)

Late March: Champs meet MCM (Moscow)

Newsletter format – electronic vs. paper, process to decide this: need to decide this. The printing is expensive to do relative to what it used to be when printed at WSU. Electronic only is very popular, but there are individuals that do not have electronic access. Paige suggested that the LMSC add the option to have a checkbox added to the registration form.

Web maintenance volunteer vs. paid, how to research that to make decision: There were suggestions to add in an appointed position for Webmaster. Discussion regarding this or a paid position ensued. No decision was made/

Tom Jager Clinic: Lauren shared that there are still 8 open spots on for the clinic on May 2nd.

Paige moved to adjourn. Larry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm