

**Inland NW Masters Swimming Committee
Board of Managers Meeting
Minutes**

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Meeting called to order via telephone conference 1908 PDT.

Roll Call: Paige Buehler (chair), Kristen Heath (vice-chair), Alan Kirpes (treasurer), James Adams (Top 10), Brian Carhart (web), Dan Hurley (MCM), Mark Taylor (Registrar), Larry Krauser (SCM), Margaret Hair (LCM), Matt Bronson (FAF), Noelle Adams (LCM), Harm-Jan Steenhuis (SWAT)

Meeting Minutes from 10/2/11
MSA to approve the minutes.

Offline decisions -- none

Registrar Report

Mark stated our 2011 year-end (Oct 31) numbers = 354
2012 registrations to date = 62

Treasurer report – Alan Kirpes

\$12,866.13 in the checking account for LMSC, \$234.57 in Hydro
Alan presented the budget for 2012 indicating that quarters 1 and 4 generate the most revenue while quarters 3 and 4 have a negative net income with the YTD being \$-220. There was brief discussion regarding online and paper registration and how the fees get netted out.

Harm-Jan brought up a question about promotional materials at the Long Bridge Swim. Kristen stated that we had previously purchased about 1,000 flyers for approximately \$400. She also suggested that nothing be dated in an effort to use materials for a longer period of time. Paige mentioned the possibility of adding a question to online registration regarding how the member heard about USMS.

Alan stated that there is \$500 in miscellaneous and wondered if it was for anything special. Larry brought up that the clinic budget of \$500 is not sufficient. He suggested we increase the expense to \$1,000. Larry then made a motion to increase the Printing/Publications expense by \$600 to \$1,500 and increase the Clinics expense by \$500 to \$1,000. Motion carried.
MSA to approve the 2012 budget.

Committee Chair Reports

Sanctions – Brian J. (not present - Paige confirmed upcoming meets.
January 22nd, Wenatchee Meet (SCY) confirmed by Kristen Heath
February 25th, CDA Meet (SCM) confirmed by Margaret Hair and Noelle Adams
3/31 and 4/1 Champs Meet (SCY) confirmed by Daniel Hurley
June 9th, SWAT Meet (LCM) confirmed by Harm-Jan Steenhuis

Coaches - Amanda (not present, no report)

Top 10/Records – James Adams

All records are up to date and submitted to USMS. There were seven new individual records at the Spokane meet. Carolyn Magee- 5 Records, Jack Bevier- 1 Record, Gloria Waggoner- 1 Record and 1 Relay Record for WVM 65+ 200 Medley.

Newsletter – open

Kristen offered to do another newsletter. Please send anything newsworthy to her for publication. She asked that someone prepare a blurb for the newsletter about volunteering.

Officials – Wes No report

Fitness – Margaret

Nothing new to report. Paige shared she is doing the Go the Distance event hosted by USMS. She encouraged all board members to check out the USMS site, specifically the forums (login needed - easy to create)where workouts are posted.

Open Water – Larry

Larry has spoken with Sara McLarty regarding a swimming clinic in early spring. (February or March). Larry will get possible dates from Sara and then we can plan the clinic based on that information.

New Appointments

Mark Taylor is resigning from his position as registrar. Thank you Mark for your service. Brian Carhart has offered to assume this position and merge the role with the new member kits. Appointment ratified.

Volunteers

Volunteer recruiting and recognition was discussed at length. The question was asked of how we can get others engaged in leadership positions. Paige made a suggestion that we recognize volunteers for the work they have done. Others mentioned the idea of offering a reduced or waived registration fee. Kristen stated that volunteers can be recognized by an award and that we should really be paying money for our officials. We can easily have a “Most Dedicated Volunteer” award at our annual meeting. The discussion continued, and it was decided that we will think about this issue and come back to it at our next meeting.

Harm-Jan suggested we start recruiting leadership at meets and have the focus be on the highest-need positions or hard to fill positions. It was mentioned that we could easily put a blurb in the newsletter regarding a call and need for folks to volunteer.

Goals

We have positively met one of our 2011 goals, the goal creating new member kits for new USMS swimmers. We have not hosted a Tri Cities meet, nor did we reestablish the Yakima swim team. We were not sure of the goal regarding the increase of masters officials in the pool.

Harm-Jan brought up the idea of supporting official in getting certified. Paige suggested each team get an official trained annually and that the club pay for their training. We need people available at meets who are not competing who are able to be officials. Larry suggested that instead of paying for training, why don't we pay for timing equipment or officials. Kristen stated something....a tricky topic for discussion.

Ways to Spend Money

Harm-Jan made a motion to add two items to the 2012 budget: add \$200 to make sure all coaches are registered with USMS and add \$450 to subsidize 5 meet entries via Club Assistant.

Discussion ensued and then Larry called the question. Motion carried. The final net loss of the 2012 budget approved by the Board is <\$1,970>.

An online discussion of goals will continue before our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: scheduled face-to-face for the weekend of the Wenatchee meet January 23rd.

Meeting adjourned at 2032 PDT

[Minutes recorded by Brian Carhart, edited by Paige Buehler]