

2 May 2023 -- IWMSC Board meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

**Attending:** Rob Heath, Dave Cabrey, Matt Bronson, Margaret Hair, Paige Buehler, Michael Hamm, Wes Bratton, Brian Johnson **Absent:** Sean Murphy, Howard Burns, Glenn Mabile, Gloria Waggoner

**Old Business:** Paige questioned the need for an official record of elections, as it may relate to officials linked with the financial account. Matt notes he was not a signer on the account. Wes believes Dave is a co-signer on the account. **ACTION: Wes** will confirm with bank.

Wes noted the LMSC annual report was completed/submitted.

Matt noted the annual meeting minutes for 2022 were submitted to USMS (posted early April).d

**New Business:**

Rob updated all regarding the Witter project....the hope to install a bubble at the Witter pool, supporting year-round use. Spokane Parks and Rec has a Permanent regional swim center on their 5 year plan. Rob meets with the local school board next week for further discussions regarding the bubble.

Rob advised that USMS offered a grant to Spokane Club to start a Whitworth work out group. USMS looks to LMSC to support half the cost....\$1890 for six months needed. Spokane Club is asking IWMSC to approve. Rob **moved for approval** of up to \$1890 from the LMSC's reimbursement to USMS; Dave seconded the motion. Discussion: six month grant window starts tomorrow. Pool Rental Cost is \$20/lane/hr. It is starting as a MWF program, 1 hr each day. This is a one-time grant, with one-time reimbursement required. Membership fees are hoped to sustain the workout group over the long run. Wes notes we have \$22K in checking.

Paige asked what might RELAY cost? National + RELAY cost us \$3K, or so last year, per Wes (post meeting, Wes clarified IWMSC costs were under \$1K). Is IWMSC willing to support other such new work out groups in a similar way? Perhaps we look at this as an annual expense supporting future expansion efforts, in a similar way to the new Whitworth workout group.

(Post meeting, Howard suggested: Any grant to new team could perhaps include four half price entries into their first meet. (A relay's worth)?)

Rob: fees from the swimmers will offset the total grant expenses supported by USMS and the associated IWMSC reimbursement costs.

The **motion was Approved** unanimously.

Paige noted Vandal Aquatics (VAN) has registered a masters club at the Valley Y in Spokane. Jacob will be coaching. Should we establish a 'club development' budget amount for future years? No one believes that's in the budget this year. All expressed support for including something for that in next year's budget. No motion for now. **ACTION: Wes** will include a budget item for 'club development' in future budgets, promoting further discussion and deliberation among the board.

**Convention/RELAY**

The group discussed delegates for upcoming Nation Convention and Relay events, but to be held in Houston. The Relay event will focus on 'event' hosting/development/organization. Rob encouraged less experienced representatives to attend the Relay Event. Paige noted the number of representatives attending is driven by LMSC size....we get two. Paige is likely going to Relay but won't count against the count of two. Tony Preston might be a good representative, as would the president of the Wenatchewe masters team. **ACTION: Rob** will pursue contact with the Wenatchee president and with Tony to test their interest.

Names due to USMS by July (for convention). Paige is serving on the national board of directors and will attend. Matt **moved** to send Mike and Rob to convention, funded by IWMSC. Paige seconded. The **motion was approved** unanimously (Mike/Rob abstained).

Relay forms are due to USMS by 15 Sep, but Paige recommends we decide by 15 July. This will be a topic at next board meeting.

Matt noted he's been contacted by Swim Across America in Seattle....seeking interest in various teams holding a pool swim in September. This is a charity swim raising money for local cancer research (Hutch cancer center in Seattle). Perhaps test interest with your local teams. Matt could provide team contact info to the SAA people, who will then reach out to local teams directly. All are supportive of providing contact info. **ACTION: Matt** to provide contact info to SAA.

Matt left the meeting at 8:30pm. Paige moved IWMSC offer a one-time cash gift to Matt, given his recent Model Master and Volunteer of the Year awards, and attendance at the national meet. Paige **moved** the approval of a \$200 gift. Dave seconded. The **motion was approved** unanimously. **ACTION: Wes** to cut a check and send to Matt.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Potential Agenda items for next meeting:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes (all)
2. Update on 'official' banking representatives (Wes)
3. Update on new Spokane Club workout group (Rob)
4. Update on the Witter project (Rob)
5. Confirm two representatives to send to the Relay Event (all)