

**New England Local Masters ~~Swim Club~~Swimming Committee [DS edit 10/3/2019]
Annual Meeting, Loft Hotel, Lexington, MA
12 November 2011**

Meeting called to order by Al Prescott at 11:15AM.

Attendees: Laszlo Eger, Bill Meier, Tracy Grilli, Scotty, Al Prescott, Abby Scott, Rich Axtel, Jessica Stokes, Jason Eaddy, Paul Griffin, Guy Davis, Bill Ewan, (*get rest from Roll Call Sheet*), Michael Sever on phone

Rob Butcher from National USMS talked about USMS in relation to LMSC and four initiatives (Volunteers, Products & Services, Marketing, and Partnerships) USMS is working on. He also talked about the National Convention being the swimmer's voice in the process. Every other year the Convention either works on Rules or Legislation. Rob was asked about Open Water swimming and stated that there were guidelines for safety. Rob was asked about local master swim club membership being through the club registered with or the swimmer's location. The registered club dictates what LMSC a swimmer is a member of.

Agenda Items

Roll Call—sign-in sheets plus introduction of Board members and club representatives.

LMSC Finances—In lieu of a Treasurer's report, Al gave the financial picture stating that currently, with the \$5.00 dues per member, the NE-LMSC is maintaining a cash reserve of 1.7 times expenses. At the end of 2012, the cash reserve should be at 2.0 times expenses. Al also presented the budget. With approximately 2300 members, the revenue will be \$11,500 for 2012. The expenses are estimated at \$10,025 leaving \$475 towards the cash reserve. The individual budget expenses are: \$1500 for registration, \$300 office and supplies, \$750 for conference calls, \$7000 for National Convention delegates plus an at-large delegate from NE-LMSC, and \$575 for Hall of Fame expenses. The budget was approved after a discussion of adding \$1000 for an atlarge delegate.

A question was asked about who could vote. During the year, Board members vote on issues, but at the Annual meeting, any member of NE-LMSC has a vote.

Officer Reports

Chair—Al reports he was finishing his second term.

Vice Chair—Paul offered thanks for all who stepped up to fulfill his duties during his illness. Al reported that the first induction into the Hall of Fame was held at Middlebury College.

Secretary—not present

Top Ten—Laszlo reported that the guidelines from USMS on Top Ten submissions (meet results) was 2 weeks after the event. New England is doing very well. He also reported that USMS is enforcing rules, so pool measurement, for example, was required for events eligible for Top Ten Times. Jason Eaddy reported that all swim clubs in NE-LMSC were much improved in reporting and mentioned that unregistered swimmers were sometimes listed. In sanctioned meets, there should be no unregistered swimmers—recognized meets can have unregistered swimmers.

Registrar—Tracy reported that there were 2356 NE-LMSC members in 2011 with 1660 from NEM, *(I need Tracy's breakdown)*

Sanctioning—Not present

Officials—Not present

At Large—Coaching-Rich Axtel talked about coaches conference and the Streamlines publication for Coaches. There are three Streamlines publications from USMS, one for swimmers, one for coaches, and one for volunteers (LMSC board members, for example). All publications are available on the USMS website.

Unfinished Business

(two things mentioned that I can't read me writing—Guy Davis and something about At Large)

New Business

Al motioned that Article 4 be modified to add a Hall of Fame position to the Board. The motion carried.

Need text of motion that passed

Al motioned that the past chairperson serve as past chairperson to ensure continuity of process. After some discussion the motion was amended to say that the past chairperson's duties would be for one two year term. The amended motion passed with one opposing vote.

Need text of motion that passed

Al motioned that Article 12 be amended to include a NE-LMSC Operations Manual be adopted and ratified by the Board. He withdrew the motion so that this document can be prepared and presented to the Annual Meeting in 2012 for a vote. Side comment: The USMS rules and NE-LMSC By Laws would trump anything in this manual.

Discussion Topics

Tracy Grilli expressed a need for a Communications Chairperson. After some discussion, the topic was tabled until Tracy could write a motion.

Election of Officers

The slate as amended had no positions contested and was approved. The new officers for the next two years are:

Need list of officers

Return to Discussion Topics—Tracy presented a motion that a Communications Chairperson be created to disseminate information from USMS and NE-LMSC to the individual members. Motion passed with two opposing the motion. Full text of motion is

Need text of Tracy's motion

Resolutions and Order

Bill Meier, newly elected chair, proposed that NE-LMSC deploy the Swimming Saves Lives program where masters swimmers teach children and adults to swim. So resolved by vote.

Jessica Stokes will be the new Communications Chairperson.

Anything else?

Guy Davis thanked outgoing and incoming Board members and presented Al with the USMS swim bag Rob had given him. Al in turn gave the bag to Jessica Stokes as the newly elected Communications Chairperson.

Motion to Adjourn at 1:13. Approved

Respectfully submitted

Carol Yunker, for Al Prescott, for Sue Ann Richardson