

**NC LMSC Quarterly Minutes
January 22, 2014**

Teleconference Attendees

- Jon Blank
- Jerry Clark
- Don Gilchrist
- Greta van Meeteren
- Hans van Meeteren
- Danielle Newton
- George Simon
- Marty Gaal
- Jenny Perrottet

The previous meeting minutes were not available at the time of this meeting. They will be approved at the next board meeting.

Old Business

1. New Board Members. At the time of the meeting, there were three vacant positions on the NC LMSC Board of Directors: Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. From the nominations received, three new members were voted upon and accepted into the following positions:
 - Vice Chair – Danielle Newton
 - Treasurer – Jeff Murray
 - Secretary – Jenny Perrottet
2. Open Water. The board discussed whether or not to subsidize sanctioned open water events for North Carolina in 2014. Greta suggested that they be subsidized on a case-by-case basis. Before and event can be subsidized, the event director must first request a USMS sanction. A vote was taken, and it was agreed that: “ The NC LMSC will not automatically provide subsidy for an open water event, but will evaluate on a case-by-case basis if the event director has a particularly compelling request”. Concerning growth opportunities for open water events, Don intends to pursue Lake Randleman Dam as a potential future location. The Board of Directors will continue to encourage current and future events to become sanctioned.
3. Coaching. Currently the LMSC offers full reimbursement for Level I, II and III USMS certification fees, and travel reimbursement on a mileage-based scale up to \$100. There was a suggestion that coaches who would like to hold a clinic may possibly get reimbursed for their time, but no subsidies will be offered should the coaches charge a fee. Previously, coaches have not given clinics upon receiving reimbursement after they were asked to do so. Greta

suggested that the coaches who are reimbursed sign a contract promising that they will write two articles for the newsletter in the year that the clinic or certification course is attended. Danielle suggested that they promise articles and host a 1-2 hour swim clinic that is low cost to both the coach and participants, with the goal of putting more events on the NCMS calendar. The Board accepted both suggestions.

4. Awards. Hans suggested that the Awards Committee be restored to full strength. Members include: Danielle Newton, Jerry Clark, Jeff Murray, and Hans van Meeteren. (At the time of this meeting, Greta van Meeteren was a member of this committee.) National Awards were discussed, specifically workout groups and nominations for Club of the Year. For NC, the Board will look at individual workout groups and the USMS coaching award. Nominations are due around the first of June. A combination of things will constitute whether a workout group receives a nomination. As for the Volunteer Awards (Dorothy Donnelly and Ransom Arthur) it was suggested that the LMSC submit as many people for the award as possible. The Awards Committee will research the criteria and review for these awards. Hans suggested the Awards Committee for the National Awards be comprised of the same members as the committee for the LMSC awards. The Board approved this suggestion.

New Business

1. Insurance. There was discussion regarding purchasing insurance for the Board of Directors/LMSC officers. According to USMS, the LMSC Boards are already covered under the National policy. The ESIX Insurance program is more directed to workout groups, not LMSC Boards.
2. Meet Director's Handbook. Tom Cox will spearhead a subcommittee to produce a formal Meet Director's Handbook. Other members of the subcommittee include: George Simon, Hans van Meeteren, and Don Gilchrist.
3. USMS Club Development. In the discussion over USMS Club development, Hans suggested that the Board Members think about how we can support workout groups and encourage USMS membership, and Don suggested that perhaps we can parallel USA Swimming's efforts to do the same.
4. NC LMSC Logo Contest. The LMSC is looking for a new logo to replace the old one. Greta will announce this in the newsletter.
5. Hans suggested that the Board Secretary (Jenny) review the minutes from previous Board meetings in order to determine what items should be part of a policy document.

Deferred Discussion Items

- Board composition
- Monetary compensation for Board members
- 2015 State Championship Meet bids

**Time and location of the next meeting is TBD.