

**LMSC for NC
Board of Directors Conference Call
7:00pm Sunday March 14, 2010**

Present at the beginning were: Greta van Meeteren (chairwoman), Don Gilchrist (vice chair), George Simon (registrar), Jerry Clark (secretary), Andrea Stevens, Matt Davis and Jon Blank. Chris Bowker joined after the meeting commenced. Jennie Rogers (treasurer) had a conflict and could not make the call.

In order of discussion, the items were:

- Registrar's report. George reported that as of today, 903 people in NC are registered. He also reported that about 400 people who were registered in NC last year have not renewed. Group discussion along two lines took place. One was to increase the number of events we have which might attract people to join. The other was to have Greta send an email to those who have not renewed, telling them they are missed and asking them to renew their membership in USMS. Jerry reported that the loss rate nationally is surprisingly low thus far this year – around 50%, and that in the prior four years, the loss rate has been around 35%. Greta will cooperate with George to send out a note to the approximately 400 people asking them to come back. We also agreed that we should increase our efforts to promote the 5k and 10k postal events, which the NCMS club is sponsoring this coming long course season.
- Item 3 on our agenda came up next – a discussion about updating the 1995 version of the LMSC for NC's Meet Manager's Handbook. After some discussion and several periods of silence after a request for someone to volunteer to be chair of this group, Greta, Don, Jon and Jerry agreed to be on a committee for this purpose. Greta will ask Hill Carrow if he will join the committee. A primary concern is having meets in NC run into each other, especially in the early months of the year, but we agreed that there are other things in this handbook that need to be updated also. Furthermore, we acknowledged that USMS rules prevail and it's not our intention to write rules for NCMS that in any way conflict with USMSs rules.
- At the end of the above discussion, George Simon told us he'd received a request for a sanction of an open water swim from the Sand Sharks in Southern Pines. It would be held June 4-5, 2010. George pointed out this is one week after the USMS National Championship One Mile Open Water event scheduled in Charlotte, which has already been sanctioned. Andrea pointed out the distance in Southern Pines is 3k, while the Charlotte event is 1 mile. George pointed out that the event in Southern Pines is primarily for age group swimmers (roughly 400-500 of them) plus a few Masters swimmers. After discussion, a motion to to issue a sanction for Masters to participate in the Southern Pines was made and seconded. It failed with 6 Nay votes and 1 Abstention.

- The next item was to approve language stating the LMSC for NC would not incur any debt for funding the NCMS Club. A motion for approve was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.
- The next item pertained to updating the NCMS website. Matt told us that not too much need be done, but that some revisions and condensations could be looked at and he would prepare a few samples to show George and the board. For example, we agreed that there may be too much on the opening page.
- The next item was to discuss deadlines for each of our four newsletters. We agreed to ask Joe to wait until after the two USMS national championship meets to send out those issues, and will ask him to revise the issue dates in accordance with these two issues. We also ask Joe to give us more time to review an upcoming issue before sending it out.
- The USMS SwimFest event in early June needs to be pushed and we want to find 3-4 coaches who will attend and who will agree to share what they learned with NCMS coaches who live in nearby cities. Jon will ask around in Raleigh, Jerry will do the same in Charlotte and George will contact the coach in Asheville. Andrea and Chris confirmed they cannot go that weekend.
- The next item is the schedule of meets during the remainder of 2010. Jerry said the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center has agreed to offer us a weekend in October for a meet. The best one seems to be the 2nd weekend in October, which Jerry will schedule with the pool personnel right away. It will be a two day meet.
- Greta asked for any new business, and Don told us that groundbreaking for the new pool in Greensboro is scheduled for the first week of April.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Jerry Clark, Secretary