

**NC LMSC Meeting
November 30, 2008 – 7:30 PM
Phone Conference
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Jerry Clark - Chairman, Ruth Battle – Vice Chair, Greta van Meeteren – Secretary, Elizabeth Nowak – Treasurer, George Simon – Registrar.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Registrar's report.

George announced that the registration process for fall is doing fairly well. 281 people registered as of last count, 85 of which were new members. 126 of the members requested mailed cards, and George sent out 120 mailings so far.

The on-line donations to NCMS are \$215. He received a total of \$240 so far. Last year's total in donations was \$469.

2 clinics were held in the Charlotte area. One at which 22 people attended – this resulted in 4 registrations. The second clinic had 16 attendees and resulted in 4 registrations as well.

3. Treasurer's report.

Elizabeth announced that the financials for the NC LMSC through 11/13/08 are pretty average up to this point. She will add a column to the 2008 financial report for the 2008 budget numbers that will compare budget to actual. She will start working on a 2009 budget draft that will be submitted to the Officers by the end of the calendar year (Dec. 31st) for review and approval in early January 2009. The NC Masters Swim Club account that was set up to pay expenses related to relays/t-shirts for Nationals has a balance of \$123. Jerry/Joe/George will continue to promote donations to this account in the upcoming newsletters."

Jerry mentioned that the board of USMS has been discussing an annual charge to workout groups that would be similar to the existing charge for clubs. The matter has been referred to a committee of the board for further study. The general reason for creating this committee is that Clubs are currently paying \$30.00 per year but workout groups are paying nothing. There are wide ranges in the size of workout groups across the country. Some discussion about any value being added by charging workout groups an annual fee ensued; especially when we know the fee for individual memberships in 2010 will increase.

4. Officials Committee report.

Charles Cockrell is in the process of sending out Emails to LMSC official committee chairmen to highlight USMS rule changes as well as the differences in USMS rules versus USA-Swimming rules to every LMSC.

Jim Slaughter has agreed to be the officials' chair for NC.

5. Possible by-law revisions to change board structure.

Jerry will attempt to put together some language to bring about changes in the structure of the board. It turns out that very few if any team reps ever participate in the board meetings and/or

react to Emails sent to them about upcoming meetings. The thought might be to get about 3 at-large members who are willing to put in an effort for the LMSC.

6. Newsletter.

There has been more discussion about the newsletter and how to produce this at a lower cost. If fewer newsletters would be mailed, it might be possible to go to 1st class mail, which might be cheaper. Another issue is file size. Perhaps not adding all the meet entry forms would help. The board will keep investigating.

7. Masters at military bases.

There currently is a Fort Bragg masters team according to George. Some of the issues surrounding masters at military bases are: there is a transient population; how to get a coach to conduct workouts there; how to give the group access to workouts.

8. Calendar of meets.

Jerry requested Emails from everyone who is aware of meets in 2009 anywhere in the area.

So far:

- The Sunbelt meet in Charlotte will be held January 24 and 25.
- A meet will be held in Greensboro on February 28 at the Grimsley high school pool.
- A meet at Duke will be held March 28.
- There will be open water events in Raleigh in May, June and July.
- The SCM meet in Hillsboro remains a problem. It is very difficult to get a meet director working on this.

9. Delegate policy.

The board agreed that the current policy (requesting applications from people who are interested) for selecting delegates is sufficient.

10. New Business

Discussion was held surrounding the 2011 convention in Greensboro. USAS always reserves the rooms for the convention. The delegates themselves book their own rooms. One of the important jobs for convention is arranging the hospitality suite and organizing pool availability. At the last convention held in Greensboro, George Simon, Joe Gosha, Hill Carrow, Don Gilchrist and Rhea Wilkinson worked in the hospitality suite. We agreed that someone based in Greensboro should be part of the committee working on planning the hospitality suite. Jerry would like to approach them again for the job. Jerry would like to approach them again for the job.

A nominating committee for the 2010 board elections needs to be put in place. Jerry will work on this and send the board some suggested names.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greta van Meeteren.