

April 1, 2006 Potomac Valley Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Wonkee Moon

Chair

- Introductions
- Minutes of the last meeting approved.
 - noted, WonKee Moon is the new PV Masters Secretary, not Brad Austin.
- Mark Murray from Fort Belvoir Masters recognized as the new Coaches Chair. Is in the process of formulating an agenda.
- USMS Zone Committee is working on its bylaw. PVLMSC is looking for volunteers to compare the USMS bylaws to the PVLMSC bylaws for continuity/conflicts.
 - Any draft changes to the bylaws will be presented at the Summer meeting and can be approved at the Fall meeting.
 - recommended that a lawyer may be needed to look at any changes to the bylaws.
- Registrations: LMSC registration numbers look good. Although one team has been lost since last year (Marymount Masters), four more teams have been added (Team Z, Fort Belvoir, Potomac Marlins, and UM Masters). There are 1500 registered swimmers.

Top Ten

- Top Ten: sheets were distributed listing swimmer receiving All American Honors for Relays.
- Noted that at the GMU Sprint Classic Meet, official concluded that the length of the pool was short, therefore, times from the meet will not be certified for possible inclusion in the Top Ten.
 - The importance of careful and accurate pool measuring was noted.
- Noted that at DCAC's October meet, some participants allowed to swim were not USMS registered. Noted the importance of verifying USMS cards.
- Terrapins 1650 Meet: noted the meet will not be counted for Top Ten purposes if HYTEK results are not received.

Sanctions

- Margot Pettijohn was thanked for her work in this position
- Review of the 2005 Meet Sanction Forms
 - stressed the importance of meeting all requirements
 - DCAC form not completed because of the registrations problem. \$5 fine and a warning assessed.
 - JCC form is fine.
 - GMU Sprint Classic: a warning will be issued regarding correct pool measurement.
- 2006: meet evaluators needed.
 - Margot volunteered for the Albatross Open
 - Colonies Zone: Ann Svenson & Debbie Morrin-Nordlund
 - Jim McDonnell Lake Swims- Sanctions Chair

- Terrapin Cup: Tim Timmons
- 800/1500 Meet: Tim Timmons
- DCRP Meet: Michael Lee
- Colonies Zone Long Course: TBD
- GMU Sprint Classic: TBD
- JCC: TBD
- Terrapin SCM: TBD
- UMD 1000/1650: Ann Svenson

- Was requested that PVMLSC try and coordinate the dates of meets for the LMSC with other neighboring LMSC's, especially with new meets, as this affects turnout.
- Noted that the upcoming Terrapin/UMD meets, one Saturday evening, the other Sunday morning, was a good idea.
- Currently, the last meet with a Sanction # is the DCRP meet in July.
- Lengthy discussion regarding which team should run the December 1000/1650 Meet, either Terrapin Masters or UM Masters.
 - After prolonged discussion, proposed that the issue be discussed with both meet directors, ~~Jeff Rodin~~ Ann Svenson, and the Sanctions chair. Was expressed that PVLMSC would like to have both meets.
- The Tropical Splash Meet is scheduled for February 4, 2007.

Treasurer

- Currently, PMLMSC has \$22,000.00 \$19,000.00 in the Savings account and \$3,000.00 in checking.
- Everything is running well in finances.
- Noted that USMS was exploring the possibility of allowing USMS registrations online. USMS requested feedback from local LMSC.
 - Noted that other LMSC's were concerned about collecting LMSC dues and others don't like change.
 - Would create another layer of work for USMS and local Registrars, such as merchant fees.

Secretary

- No Report.

Newsletter

- April 15 is the deadline to submit articles for the next newsletter
- would like to have meet forms for the Sprint Classic and JCC meet for inclusion in the May Newsletter.

Awards

- Recognized that Mary Latham and Bradford Gandee were named Long Course Swimmers of the Year for 2005. Mary and Matt Kinney were Short Course Meters Swimmers of the Year.
- Proposed creating some sort of Open Water Swimmer/Postal Swim Recognition.
 - Suggested that the newsletter could be used to recognize swimmers completing three or more swims, not necessarily USMS sanctioned events. (Reston 1 & 2 mile swims)
- Noted that the Virtual Swim Along the Potomac was being confused with the River Swim.

Officials

- Not Present.

Fitness

- Virtual Swim: PVMLSC is 94% of the way there (best in the Colonies Zone), but mostly DC Masters swimmers.
-Encourage people to participate. Have until April 5 to submit March distances. -Suggested that something be written in the Newsletter recognizing participants.

Safety

- Taking feedback from people on what the Safety agenda should be. Feedback welcomed.

Coaches Chair

- Not Present.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Proposal by McDonnell Swim Coordinators to have PVLMSC to donate ½ of the OEVT registration fees collected for the event to the Swim, which donates all proceeds to the Lymphoma Foundation of America. Would be approximately \$1000.
-Matter discussed at length
-Issue tabled until the next meeting in order to give members time to think of the affect the donation would have on PVLMSC's budget.
- Draft Entry Form for the Summer Zone Meet will be emailed out and will leave 7 days for people to comment.
- Next meeting scheduled for July 8, 2006 at 10:30am, prior to the Terrapin Cup.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Attendees:

Ray Novitske – ALEX
Thomas Hunter – AAMS
Ed Mark – AAMS
Janel Brattland - AAMS
Ann Svenson – DCM
WonKee Moon - DCAC
Mark Walters – GERM
Jeff Roddin – ANCM
Margot Pettijohn - ANCM
Myriam Pero – ANCM
Tim Timmons – GMUP
Roberta Dillenburg – RMST
Gordon Gerson – RMST
Debbie Morrin – TERR
Cheryl Wagner – TERR
Michael Lee – TERR
Eric Nordlund - TERR