

July 2006 Potomac Valley Board Meeting Minutes

Present

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| Janel Brattland | Arlington Ageless Masters |
| WonKee Moon | DC Aquatics Club |
| Myriam Pero | Montgomery Ancient Mariners |
| Lynn Wymelenberg | Montgomery Ancient Mariners |
| Tim Timmons | Patriot Masters Swim Team |
| Debbie Morrin Nordlund | Terrapin Masters |
| Michael Lee | Terrapin Masters |
| Eric Nordlund | Terrapin Masters |
| Dave Diehl | University of Maryland Masters |

Chair

- Introductions
- Minutes of the last meeting proposed to be approved.
 - Noted change, Mark Murray coaches Alexandria Masters as well as Fort Belvoir Masters
 - M. Lee requested changes to the proposed April 1 Minutes regarding the Terrapin Masters December Meet discussion. Lee requested that the record reflect that Terrapin Masters stated it was interested in holding its meet and the 1000/1650 Meet at the same time. Either including the distance events as part of the Terrapin meet, or separately holding the distance events at another location. Terrapin Masters wanted flexibility on this. Also noted that further discussion were to take place at the Colonies Zones Short Course Championships April 22, between both Meet Directors and Ann Svenson, not Jeff Roddin. Proposed changes to the April 1 meeting will be sent out.
 - Was noted that there were questions as to what was said at the second April 22 meeting
 - Before making any final decision with regards to the April 22 minutes, D. Morrin stated that she would like more of those at the meeting present in order work out what was said.
 - M. Lee stated that he only wanted minor changes, specifically that the date of the meet will fluctuate on an annual basis.
- Discussion as to whether there was Quorum. Eventually determined there was quorum.
- Annual Meeting: Discussion regarding when to have the Annual Meeting.
 - suggested that the meeting be held after the USMS convention.
 - Suggested that the meeting take place after the Oct 29 GMUP Sprint Classic, as it should be a short meet.
 - Suggested that the annual meeting be held at someone's house with food.
- Jim McDonnell Lake Swim Donation: the money to be donated would be a portion of the monies collected by PVLMSC for OEVT registration fees.
 - Noted that next year, the swim will be part of the USMS Championships.
 - Discussion as to whether PVLMSC wants to set a precedent of donating money.
 - Discussion as to the goal of PVLMSC's "rainy day" fund.
 - Noted that the major expenses are USMS Convention, the Newsletter, postage...
 - Discussion as to whether PVLMSC's savings should be invested. Maybe revise the bylaws with regards to finances, as they were written in 1980.

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- Revised Bylaws, Grievance Procedures Proposal: D. Morrin will re-email out proposed grievance procedures for comment by the end of August. Ideally, by the end of September a final proposal will be ready to be voted on at the Annual meeting.

Registration Notes

- Jim McDonnell Lake swim was very popular this year. No final count on the total #'s yet.
 - Noted that the event was run smoothly with no apparent problems
- Curl Burke is the second largest club now with 160 members.
- Total of 1739 members as of the end of June. #'s of annual members has increased over the last few years.

Top Ten

- Noted that Meet Directors should make sure that the USMS Number, Name, Club Affiliation, D.O.B. are correct in "Meet Manager." The name used at a meet must be the same as that from a participant's USMS card, or there may be errors.
- GMUP Sprint Classic Meet Pool Length Issues: the pool was actually the proper length, but the meet was not certified because the officials did not follow proper procedure and re-measure the pool.
- Measurements for the MLK pool were fine.
- For the Terrapin Masters SCM meet, all lanes in the pool need to be measured. After initial certification, only 3 lanes need to be measured for re-certification.

Sanctions

- Noted that there was an updated Meet Schedule.
- Noted that so far, all meets have gone well.
- Noted that at the Jim McDonnell Swim, there were some minor problems: (1) the use of the PA system was not maximized; (2) the starter did not have a good line of site for the start; and (3) no one was present at the buoy turn-around points to watch swimmers make the turn.
- T. Timmons noted he was evaluating the Terrapin Cup meet.
- M. Lee to evaluate the DCRP meet.
- Noted that evaluators were needed for:
 - Aug 26 Colonies Zone LC Meet (Possibly M. Lee)
 - Oct 29 GMUP Meet (Possibly D. Diehl)
 - Will wait to find evaluators for meets in December and beyond.
- December 1000/1650 Meet: M. Lee noted that originally, the meet was sanctioned for Terrapin Masters, however, this has since changed. M. Lee requested that Terrapin Masters' name be completely removed as the event is now run by University of Maryland Masters.
 - Agreed that (1) "checks payable," Terrapin Masters would be removed; (2) Terrapin Masters would be removed from the medals; (3) form would only state that meet was "previously run by Terrapin Masters".
- Terrapin Masters Swim Clinics with University of Maryland Coaches: M. Lee stated that Terrapin Masters planned to host various swim clinics. Asked whether the clinics needed to be sanctioned. Noted that the issue would be looked into and would see what other LMSC's do.

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Treasurer

- Noted that PVLMSC's accounts are solid, especially as dues have increased.
- Suggested that we still push members to receive newsletters via email.

Secretary

- Proposed that in the next Meeting Minutes mailings, include a form notifying recipients of the option to receive the minutes via email in pdf. Member would have to affirmatively opt out of the email option.

Newsletter

- No Report

Awards

- Noted that info was needed for USMS Top 10.
- Approved awards for long distance swimmers
- Swimmers participating in 3 open water swimming events would be recognized.

Officials

- USMS vs. USA Rules: discussion regarding the attempt by USMS to make USMS rules compatible with USA Swimming rules to aid officials.
 - Discussion regarding potential conflicts with FINA vs. USMS vs. USA rules
 - To propose rule changes to be discussed at Convention, need to be submitted by 7/15/06

Fitness

- No Report

Safety

- No Report

Coaches Chair

- Looking into involvement with ASCA

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- M. Pero noted that touchpads for one of the two pools to be used at World Masters Championships would not be available. Suggested that PVLMSC request that they only use one pool so that all swims would have touch pad times.
 - decided that it was too late for anything to be done.
- Funding for Convention: TBD
- Next meeting (Annual Meeting) to follow the October 29 GMUP Sprint Classic. Hope to have a "luncheon" or "happy hour."
- Proposed the possibility of having a PVLMSC Banquet/Event
- Noted that it appeared that there would be many participants in the August Colonies Zone Long Course Meet.

MEETING ADJOURNED