

Potomac Valley Masters Swimming Committee (PVMSC)
Annual Meeting Minutes
February 13, 1994

Attendees -

Cheryl Collins - Germantown Masters
Jeff Custer - NCYMCA
Tom Denes - Chair/Montgomery Ancient Mariners
Joann Leilich - Registrar/DC Masters
Susan Leupold - Newsletter/Arlington Ageless
Sandy MacRae - Oak Marr Masters
Mark Walters - Germantown Masters
Allison Widmann - substitute for Secretary/Fairfax County Masters

Reports of Officers -

Tom Denes (Chair) led discussion of declining, low attendance at meets. It was brought up that team registration is down also. Some possible reasons that were discussed are high entry fees, time taken to attend the meet, and difficulty in planning personal schedules unless meet is scheduled to end at a specific time. Possible remedies discussed include enforcing deadlines, limiting breaks (unless mandated by USMS regulations), and having swimmers indicate on meet entry form an event they would be willing to drop if the meet ran long.

There was also a brief discussion about the frequency of meets. Most people liked a frequency of approximately once monthly.

There was no Treasurer's report, but there was discussion that last year we depleted our reserves. For 1994 we should be stable, but we need to reassess our financial position. Sandy MacRae, who is a CPA, will audit the books in May and report his findings

Reports of Committee Chairs -

Registrar: Joann Leilich reported that registration totals as of the end of January for the past four years are as follows:

Jan. 1994	673
Jan. 1993	701
Jan. 1992	574
Jan. 1991	452

By unanimous vote, a resolution was passed to allow Joann to consider, and if feasible, to offer a two-year registration option. The fee would be double the annual fee. There is a risk to PVMSC in that if National MSC raised rates, we would have to cover the difference for those dues already paid. However, the cost to us would probably be minimal as many swimmers would not likely choose the two-year option and would remain annual registrants. It was also noted that the PVMSC registrar is NOT a contact for individual team issues (meets, schedules, etc.) Team representatives need to emphasize this fact to their members, and indicate a contact person for any meets or other team-specific events.

Top 10: It was reported that Short Course Meters results have been sent in for national submission.

Newsletter: Susan Leupold, the new newsletter editor, reported that newsletters are scheduled for mailing in mid-March, May, Sept/Oct., and December. Copy is due for the March newsletter by Tues. Feb. 16. Further discussion of newsletter dates was deferred until Lynn Hazlewood is present.

From the time the newsletter is at the printer, it takes about 2 1/2 weeks to be received. If there is a need to take the copy to a copy center for laser printing or desktop publication, PVMSC will cover these costs.

Officials: Lynn Hazlewood has the name of a single contact person to get officials for meets. While they do charge, the single point of contact ensures that there will be enough and appropriate officials at a meet.

Awards: The 1993 Competitor of the Year winners for Long Course are Elsa Mattila and John Calvert of DC Masters. If appropriate, the awards will be presented at the Albatross Open meet in March. Otherwise, the award will be sent to the recipients at home.

Unfinished Business -

Possibility of raising individual and/or team dues: Currently team dues to PVMSC are \$30 annually. Because there are teams that have abused membership in PVMSC (i.e. insurance abuse), as well as teams who do not send representatives or provide support to PVMSC (through volunteering or assistance with administrative tasks), there was discussion of how to handle these teams without placing undue financial burden on other teams. Suggestions including implementing a sizable one-time initiation fee (\$100); this was a concern to those representing start-up teams for whom additional fees could jeopardize their viability. Discussion then centered on implementing a policy whereby a team must send a representative to at least one of the three meetings each year or else face a doubling of annual team dues. The motion and resolution passed unanimously.

Purchase of Hy-Tek Meet Manager software: Deferred until next meeting.

New Business -

Timing of newsletter to better accommodate meet advertisements: Deferred until next meeting.

Holding an interim meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the National Convention:

To allow ourselves ample time to discuss delegates, finances, etc., it was proposed to either hold an interim PVMSC meeting, or move the June meeting to be early enough to resolve Convention-related issues. There was a motion to move the June meeting to May 1, to be held at noon at the National Capitol YMCA in downtown DC. Details will be released once the time and place are confirmed. The motion passed unanimously. (see below)

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sunday May 1st, at 12:00, at the National Capitol YMCA. There is the option of participating in a work-out before the meet, for a limited number of people who sign up in advance. Information and directions will be provided when the agenda is mailed out.

Minutes Submitted By Jennifer Gittins - 3/9/94