

Potomac Valley Masters Swimming Committee (PVMSC) Meeting

October 27, 1996

Chairperson Report

1. *Motion:* Approve last meeting's minutes. *Passed.*
2. Notes from convention:
 - A. Attendance included 178 overall delegates (5 delegates from PV).
 - B. A USMS swimmer was stripped of his USMS/World Records and banned for two years for falsifying his age.
 - C. 1998 USMS SC Nationals will be in Indianapolis and LC will be in Fort Lauderdale.
 - D. DC Masters will be running the One Hour National Postal swim in 1998.
 - E. PV is now the 3rd largest LMSC by registered swimmers.
 - F. PV has a 68% registered swimmer renewal rate (comparable to National average)
 - G. One rule change: 'place your feet' command in backstroke is now optional.
 - H. The use of Safety marshalls is strongly encouraged at local meets.
 - I. Club dues went from \$10 to \$20 (dues to the National office)
 - J. USMS now has a home page on the Internet - <http://www.usms.org/>
 - K. A National award has been drafted to honor a club and/or LMSC which best exemplifies the fitness aspect of Masters swimming.
 - L. MasterCard will be doing a USMS promotion where local Masters swimming will benefit.

Treasurer Report

Balance sheet/budget handed out.

Secretary Report

Nothing to report.

Registrar Report

1. Joann is retiring as Registrar on 1/1/97 and therefore a replacement will be needed. (Jeff Roddin has since become Registrar)
2. Registration renewal forms were passed out to teams in attendance; others will be mailed.
3. 1354 registered swimmers in PV as of 10/27/96.
4. Two year registrations are not being considered by USMS. This places the burden on local Registrars. Due to the small level of interest the following motion was made:

Motion: Eliminate two year registrations. *Passed* (those who registered in 1996 for two years will be honored for 1997 but no new ones will be accepted)

Sanctions Report

1. 1997 Meet schedule passed out (see attached).
2. Evaluators have been assigned as follows for the following meets:
 - A. UMCY Turkey classic (Dave Diehl)
 - B. Terrapin 1000/1650 (Pat Diehl)
 - C. DCRP Meet (Rob Whitters)
 - D. Albatross Open (Dave Diehl)

Newsletter Report

New editor is Sarah Hertz of Reston Masters.

Top Ten/Awards Report

1. Short course yards awards will be presented at Turkey Classic.
2. Top ten LCM results were sent in to National Chairperson on time.
3. For relays to be submitted to USMS for All-America consideration, the meet results must be categorized by proper age group and sex (M, F or mixed). At present, many local meets are not doing this.

Old Business

It was clarified we do not pay extra postage for printing other LMSC's meet info sheets in our newsletter because we pay a bulk rate for postage which is based on weight.

New Business

1. If a team would like to host a USMS clinic for swimmers and coaches they need to submit a bid to the National office. One bid per zone will be accepted.
2. USMS has 3 Coachscopes available for free rental (must pay postage, however). Contact person is Michael Collins of Davis Aquatic Masters (DAM). His email is SWIMMC@aol.com
3. The issue of paying the registrar was discussed because the volunteer position has become significantly more demanding over the years. Currently about half of LMSCs pay their registrar varying amounts, usually directly proportional to the number of registered swimmers in their region. No immediate consensus was reached for PV and the discussion was postponed to the next board meeting. It was agreed more detailed information on how other LMSCs handle this situation was needed to make any decisions for our region.
4. The issue of combining all PV swimmers into one large registered team was discussed. This would enable more people to swim on relays at Nationals. The registrar could submit the one team to the National office, however local teams could stay affiliated 'unofficially' with their home teams for local competitions. This decision would have to be unanimous among all teams in PV.

It was agreed this type of decision would not likely pass since some teams with less than five swimmers continue to pay dues and remain registered and some of the larger teams prefer their autonomy. Also, this extra classification would burden the registrar since the database is not configured to manage this arrangement. A solution for small teams not fielding enough swimmers for relays at Nationals would be for them to merge with larger teams. This solution would also not impact each and every team in PV, just the merging ones.

Next PVMSC meeting:

Noon, Sunday, March 16, 1997 at Jeff Roddin's house.

Directions to 13548 Coachlamp Lane (Silver Spring, MD):

From DC or the beltway (I-495) in MD, take Georgia Ave (Exit 31) north.

At about 3/3.5 miles north of beltway bear right on Rt-182 (Lahill Road; 1 block past fire station).

After about 1 mile turn right on Middlebridge Drive.

Take second left onto Coachlamp Lane.

House is 13548 Coachlamp Lane.

Phone: 301-603-0528

Attendees:

Joann Leilich - DC Masters

Kathleen Snyder - DCRP

Martin Arase - FXCM

Pat Diehl - Terrapin Masters

Dave Diehl - Terrapin Masters

Rob Whitters - RMST & AVST

Lynn Hazlewood - RMST

Jeff Roddin - ANCM

Tom Denes - ANCM

Linda Bowers - UMCY

Bill Donovan - DCAC

Nancy Falk - JCCN

Mark Walters - GERM

Ray Novitske - Unattached