

Potomac Valley Meeting Minutes - 10/26/97

The meeting began with a formal presentation to Joann Leilich of an award honoring her years of service to Potomac Valley as registrar. She is named on the Wall of Champions at the Swimming Hall of Fame.

1) Officer's Reports:

Treasurer:

- 1) Submitted a balance sheet for 1997 (contains line item for sending PV delegates to the USMS convention including airfare, hotel, parking, and registration, TOTAL = \$3718)
- 2) Reported that convention costs came in under budget.
- 3) Will submit a new budget for 1998 at the March 22 PV meeting.

Registrar:

- 1) If your PVMS renewal form is in a newsletter (8.5" x 11" size), please cut it to size, because it is filed in a small folder.
- 2) If you wish to know how many people are registered in each team in Potomac Valley, send an email request to PVRegistrar@usms.org
- 3) Potomac Valley has a web site which can be accessed through the USMS site at:
<http://www.usms.org>
- 4) Potomac Valley is the 3rd largest LMSC in the country in the smallest geographic area.
- 5) You can donate an additional \$1 when renewing your USMS membership, to International Swimming Hall of Fame or the USMS Foundation.
- 6) The Marketing Committee at convention noted that big corporations are donating a lot of money to Masters swimming. They will not continue to donate large amounts unless they feel that we're supporting them by buying their products.
- 7) Our corporate supporters are: PowerBar, Kast-a-Way, The Finals, Competitor Swim Products, Pfizer, Alamo, and Quest.
- 8) A number of local PV members competed in the Hawaii Ironman including: Terrapin Tim Jacobs of Baltimore in 13:01:50, Robin Westbrook of Great Falls in 14:07.24, and Eric Sorenson of Dunn Loring in 10:24.09.
- 9) U.S. Representative Phil English has proposed a postage stamp to honor USMS. Write or call your representative if you support this.

Sanctions:

- 1) Meet evaluators have been chosen for the DCRP meet (Tom Denes), the Terrapin Masters 1000/1650 yard meet (Jeff Roddin), and the Albatross Open (Dave Diehl).

Top Ten:

- 1) Walt Reid is retiring from his position as national Top Ten Compiler and Records/Tabulations Committee Chair.
- 2) The 1996/7 Short Course Yards awards will be presented at the Turkey Classic meet.

Old Business:

1) A motion was passed that unbudgeted expenditures totalling less than \$100 may be approved by the Chairman and Treasurer so long as the expenditure is consistent with the purposes and budget of the organization, is a written request (email or paper), and is reported at the next general meeting.

2) Potomac Valley still has a reserve of \$14,000. Dave Diehl proposed that the reserve be left intact since it appears to be stable.

3) Next year's officers were elected:

Effective January 1, 1998, Debbie Morrin will be Chairman, Rob Whitters will continue to serve as Treasurer, and Cheryl Wagner will continue to serve as Secretary. Joann Leilich volunteered to assume responsibility for Top Ten Awards.

4) The next meeting will be on March 22 at 12PM in Jeff Roddin's house.

Address: 13548 Coachlamp Lane (Silver Spring, MD):

Phone: 301-603-0528.

Directions:

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

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

c) After about 1 mile turn right on Middlebridge Drive.

d) Turn left onto Coachlamp Lane. House is 13548 Coachlamp Lane.

Attendees:

Rob Whitters - AVST

Frank Marcinkowski - BURK

Lee Bettis - DCM

Joann Leilich - DCM

Brian Ellis - FXCM

Mark Walters - GERM

Jeff Roddin - ANCM

Tom Denes - ANCM

Margot Pettijohn - ANCM

Lynn Hazlewood - RMST

Dave Diehl - TERR

Cheryl Wagner - TERR

1997 USAS CONVENTION - Burlingame, CA
PV Delegate: Jeff Roddin

REGISTRATION

1. Discussion regarding foreign swimmers. Conclusion was foreign swimmers may join USMS.
2. Other LMSCs charge between \$1 and \$5 for replacement cards. These LMSCs note the fee causes swimmers to be more responsible with their cards. Note PV only asks for swimmers to send a SASE to the registrar.
3. One event/one day registrations are available. LMSCs may choose whether or not they want to offer them. Note PV considers the annual registration to be low enough not to offer one event/day registrations.
4. Swimmers are entitled to a 30 day try out period (once per year). For swimmers interested in this option, the Club must have the swimmer fill out a waiver and the waiver should be filed with the LMSC registrar. Club 'B' is not responsible if a swimmer was at Club 'A' for 30 days and then goes to Club 'B' and says they are new and would like to try out (assuming the Clubs file the waiver with the registrar). Clubs in PV wishing to exercise this option should have the swimmers fill out a standard registration form and mark across the top "30 day trial."
5. Discussion about online registration using a credit card. No action now but its future is likely.
6. Problem with some LMSC Registrars sending in their monthly reports and the corresponding LMSC Treasurer not sending accompanying payment timely. A 1.5% monthly finance charge will now apply after a 60 day grace period. Note PV does not have this problem as the Registrar has check writing privileges and encloses payment with reports.
7. Discussion about adding check box to registration forms for donations to ISHOF Foundation and/or USMS Foundation. Registrars are expected to keep track of these and send them in to the National Registrar. PV 1998 Registration forms were printed prior to this discussion, unfortunately. Therefore our forms will be modified next year. This year Club Presidents will be asked to spread the word to their swimmers. Swimmers may contribute this year by adding the extra money to their registration fee and note which foundation they would like to support.

MARKETING

Very little support by USMS members for our corporate sponsors (credit card opportunity, pre-paid phone cards, Competitor products, Mindspring, Kast-A-Way, Alamo rent a car, plus others). Local clubs are asked to at least call people like Kast-A-Way to compare prices before automatically going to a local source.

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Discussion about "diving over the top" to keep heats running quickly at Nationals. Some people don't like the idea they MUST stay in the water especially if they are tired while other need extra time to get out which slows the meet considerably. Discretion will be left to meet directors.
2. 1999 SC Nationals: Santa Clara won over 2 bids from Hawaii
1999 LC Nationals: Univ of Minnesota won with no other bids

Budget Report
1/1/97 Through 12/31/97

Category Description	1/1/97 Actual	- Budget	12/31/97 Difference
INCOME			
Ind. & Club Reg	19,719.00	35,004.00	-15,285.00
Interest Income	431.78	504.00	-72.22
Rebate	15.00	0.00	15.00
Sanction Fee	600.00	900.00	-300.00
TOTAL INCOME	20,765.78	36,408.00	-15,642.22
EXPENSES			
Airfare	1,624.36	2,700.00	1,075.64
Awards	129.15	48.00	-81.15
Bank Charge	5.00	60.00	55.00
Copying	2,204.06	2,904.00	699.94
FAX	1.50	12.00	10.50
Hotel	1,056.00	1,800.00	744.00
Ind. & Clubs	14,956.00	24,000.00	9,044.00
Misc.	80.00	156.00	76.00
Office	319.60	504.00	184.40
Parking	58.00	0.00	-58.00
Postage	1,653.40	2,100.00	446.60
Publications	0.00	48.00	48.00
Refund	55.00	0.00	-55.00
Registration	650.00	456.00	-194.00
Reimbursement	0.00	756.00	756.00
Sanction Refund	685.00	696.00	11.00
Software	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUSPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	70.15	36.00	-34.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	23,547.22	36,276.00	12,728.78
TOTAL INCOME - EXPEN...	-2,781.44	132.00	-2,913.44
TRANSFERS			
TO Checking-Nation	-8,000.00	-8,004.00	-4.00
TO Savings-Nations	0.00	0.00	0.00
FROM Checking-Nation	0.00	0.00	0.00
FROM Savings-Nations	8,000.00	8,004.00	-4.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,781.44	132.00	-2,913.44

Balance Sheet

As of 10/26/97

Acct	10/26/97 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking-Nation	629.31
Savings-Nations	14,266.20
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TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	14,895.51
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TOTAL ASSETS	14,895.51
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	14,895.51
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	14,895.51
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