

Potomac Valley "Annual" Meeting Minutes
10/18/98
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Last Meeting's Minutes - Changes

- Margot Pettijohn, Sanctions, requested that "meet evaluation committee" be changed to "swimming committee" in the following sentence from the 6/28/98 meeting minutes:
- Margot has determined that it is not necessary to require a *swimming committee* on the meet evaluation form.

Report from the Chair:

Report from Convention:

Meets:

- 1999 Short Course Yards Colonies Zone Meet will be hosted by Terrapin Masters at UMCP (May 1999).
- 1999 Short Course Meters Colonies Zone Meet will be hosted by either New England Masters or Garden State Masters in the Fall.
- 2000 Short Course Yards Colonies Zone Meet will be hosted by the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Ft. Lauderdale, as a Colonies/Dixie Zone Showdown.
- 2000 Short Course Nationals will be hosted by the Phoenix Swim Club, Phoenix, AZ, May 11-14.
- 2000 Long Course Nationals will be hosted by Maryland Masters, UMBC, Catonsville, MD, August 17-20.

Rules Change:

102.2 Age Determining Date

- A. For Short Course Yards, the eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by the age as of the last day of the meet.
- B. For Short Course Meters and Long Course Meters, the eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by the age as of December 31st of the year of competition.

USMS Sponsors:

- Mindspring.com is the Internet "provider of choice" for USMS.
- USMS receives credit if you mention USMS when signing up.
- There is a "Bookstore" link on the USMS Web site to amazon.com. If you enter through USMS and make a purchase, USMS will receive a percentage (a greater % if it is one of the swimming books listed on the USMS site).

Treasurer's Report:

- Newsletter expenses have been running slightly higher.
- Convention airfare expenses have been lower than usual.
- As of today, there is \$19,500 in savings; \$1,000 in checking.
- Convention expenses have been paid.

Registrar's Report:

- 1999 Registration Forms were given out.
- If you would like mailing labels for your team, send a request and a SASE to Jeff Roddin.
- The 1999 Registration Form will be available in PDF format on the website after November 1.
- If you would like a roster of individuals who have registered as members of your team, with USMS, send an email to Jeff Roddin.
- USMS has a video which can be used to advertise Masters Swimming on TV. We are considering airing the video on a local station.

Report from Convention:

Membership/Registration:

- Get your team involved with the county government and get the government involved with your team. Invite a mayor to your practice to give an award to one of your swimmers. Make a \$100 donation to a campaigning official.
- USMS National office has a publication, "Building a Successful Masters Club" available for \$6.
- Encourage local USS clubs to invite parents to join the kids in their workouts. Eventually enough interest may be generated to start a Masters Club.
- Get the word out about Masters Swimming to local cardiologists and swim apparel shops to build membership.
- This year USMS raised \$6500 for 2 charities: USMS Foundation & ISHOF through LMSC registration forms.
- Encourage a small club to host a national Postal meet to raise money for their club.
- USMS liability insurance coverage does not include any automobile coverage.
- Information is available at the USMS National Office on how to approach a local government about getting a new pool built.
- Clubs are asked to periodically check and update the USMS web site "Places to Swim" section.
- A Public Service Announcement video is available for \$75 and the final screen can be customized to have LMSC contact information included.

Competition:

- It is likely we will have Internet entries (with credit card payment) for 1999 Short and Long Course Nationals through the USMS web site.
- A motion was made to charge the USMS Officials Committee with a long-range goal of having USMS certified officials at our Nationals instead of USS officials. (Currently, there is no such thing as a USMS "official".)

Sanctions Report:

- Margot presented a tentative schedule of next year's Potomac Valley meets.
- She has a form for meet evaluators that tells them how to run a meet.
 - A. Turkey Classic will be evaluated by Debbie Morrin.
 - B. DCRP meet will be evaluated by Jack Markey.
 - C. Albatross will be evaluated by Dave Diehl.

Top Ten Report:

- Joann reported that at convention it was determined that there will be no change in the rule that, "A swimmer who wants to have a split time count for setting a record, should notify a meet official before swimming the event."
- Joann is establishing a Potomac Valley Top Ten listing for meters events. The goal is to eventually post it on the Potomac Valley web site. If anyone notes that a swimmer is inadvertently listed twice because of a change in name (getting married, divorced, etc.) let Joann know.

Officials Report:

- Dave reported that there was discussion at convention, about how to certify USMS officials.
- Dave has a list of local USA Swimming certified officials who can officiate at meets.

Other Business:

- Debbie Morrin, Chair, agreed to review the by-laws in order to determine if we need to elect a vice-chair. It's possible we can amend the by-laws to eliminate the position in Potomac Valley.
- Joann suggested that Potomac Valley donate \$1,000 to the USMS Foundation. The motion was passed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on March 14, 1999, 12PM at the Wakefield Park Recreation Center

Directions are as follows:

Take the Capital Beltway (I495) to exit #5, Braddock Road West. Stay to the very right. Make the first right turn onto the access road to the park. Follow the road to the end (becomes gravel).

Turn left into the parking lot for Wakefield Park Recreation Center.

Attendees:

Ray Novitske - ALEX
Ed Mark - AAMS
Frank Marcinkowski - BURK
Joann Leilich - DCM
Jack Markey - DCAC
Mark Walters - GERM
Jeff Roddin - ANCM
CJ Hall - ANCM
Margot Pettijohn - ANCM
Mary Ellen Mess - ANCM
Kathy Larin - NCYM
Mike Clark - NVAQ
Dave Diehl - TERR
Cheryl Wagner - TERR
Debbie Morrin - TERR
Edie Springuel - TCSD
Jeff Peters - TRIM
Linda Eckrich - UMCY