

Ohio LMSC Board of Directors

Meeting called to order ~4:00 PM; March 16, 2013:

- Meeting called to order by Carl Bromer – All Officers were present with the exception of Franklin Halley (Vice Chair) and Barb Riazzi (Coaches Chair). Laura Wright (Registrar), attended via telephone conference.
- Introductions made and participating guests introduced: Trina Ingole and Dave Hardwick

Last Year's Minutes:

- On our web page approved last year

Reports:

Registrar: Laura Wright

- Laura Wright gave her report via speakerphone; she was unable to attend in person.
- Laura reported that our current membership is ~600 registered in the Ohio LMSC for 2013 (At the current rate, we could end up with close to 750 or 800 by the end of the year. It was noted that we need 800 members to be able to send three voting delegates to the National USMS Convention.
- Laura also reported that our current team status is 17. This is the number of clubs affiliated with the Ohio LMSC who are registered with USMS.
- A **Motion** was made and seconded to change the registrar's remuneration to a flat payment of \$500.00, paid at the end of December. This change was due to the changing nature of the job which is now done primarily online with little involvement from the Registrar. It was noted that Laura has done an excellent job as Registrar and this change in remuneration related to the significant reduction in time required and not in any way to the job that Laura has done. There was minimal additional discussion and the **Motion was Passed**.

Treasurer: Todd Radel

- Todd submitted the 2012/13 Financial Report showing a current (effective 2/28/2013) bank balance at \$5,899.67.
- The budgeting process for the Ohio LMSC is new and Todd submitted an up dated 2013 budget showing those things we were still considering for 2013 and beyond
- Todd discussed the need for a system to manage Sanctions checks in the future. Jeff, Our Sanctions Chair will receive all checks in the future and have them electronically deposited in the LMSC's bank account... Jeff will get the bank info (Account # and routing info) from Todd and will notify Todd via e-mail whenever such deposits are made.
- **Open Discussion:** We discussed the LMSC dues breakdown which are currently \$33 to USMS and \$7 to the Ohio LMSC which resulted in ~\$4,200 income for the LMSC last year. The USMS dues are scheduled to go up an additional \$2 to \$35 next year and will probably continue to go up at a rate of ~\$2 per year. The discussion was to consider two options... Continue to vote each year on Ohio portion of the total or set the Ohio portion at a fixed \$7. Discussion was tabled and this will be an item on our next Board meeting planned for the June 2013 time-frame.
- We also discussed having the Registration fees for all Ohio LMSC Board members paid for by the LMSC effective with the 2014 Registration. This would be a small thanks and a way of encouraging more people to become involved with the Board. Discussion was tabled and this will be an item on our next Board meeting planned for the June 2013 time-frame. It was also noted that the entire LMSC membership would have to be given the opportunity to vote to approve such a measure.

Sanctions: Jeff Stephan

- Jeff reported that nine (9) meets were sanctioned in the time period between last year's Board Meeting and this year's Board Meeting.
- Jeff also reported that all sanctions must now be done online and he has worked with meet directors to help them navigate the USMS Sanctioning system
- Jeff also gave an Open-Water update acknowledging the increased fee for sanctioning by USMS. The fee is now \$1,800 per open water event and some of that fee will be paid by the National Office. This is still a "breaking news story" and Jeff will keep us updated as necessary and in future meetings.

Top Ten: Amanda Janzen

- Amanda reported that all things are going smoothly
- Meet directors are sending meet results and pool measurements in a relatively timely manner
- Suggested that a checklist or 'information sheet' be created for meet directors so all pertinent information needed for Top 10 recordkeeping can be sent to Amanda. This will be further discussed at a future Board Meeting

Coaches: Barb Riazzi

- Barb was not present for this meeting
- Scholarships for the Coaches Certification in Indianapolis on April 27th were discussed and it was decided not to offer scholarships this year. Rather, topics of discussion for the June Board meeting will be (a) bringing a coaching certification session to the Ohio LMSC, or (b) providing a swimming (stroke?) clinic for the Ohio LMSC... The consensus of those attending was that we need to make the funds and services available equally to all members of the LMSC and the Indianapolis Coaching Clinic would not serve our entire LMSC equally. **Note:** we decided as a Board not to make scholarship money available to individuals until we could consider the entire LMSC. We only had one request and that was from the Northern Kentucky Swordfish Masters (Registered with the Ohio LMSC) who currently have two swimmers, one of which would like to become certified as a coach.
- Todd mentioned we currently have \$500.00 budgeted for Coaches Training in 2013.

Officials: Jason Hill

- New 2013 Rule Books were distributed... One to each Board Member. A mini version will be made available to each team
- Listing officials names on our web page was discussed and the consensus was that it changes too often and there are easier ways for meet directors to retain officials for sanctioned meets.
- The subject of "Best Practices" came up and Jeff, Amanda and Carl expressed interest in compiling "FAQ" type documents for our web page that would outline the Best Practices for several of the items that had been discussed.
 - a. Best Practices for sending Meet Results to the Top Ten Chair ... Suggested by Amanda
 - b. Best Practices for Setting up a new Sanctioned Meet ... Suggested by Jeff
 - c. Best Practices for Keeping books and accounting records ... Suggested by Todd
 - d. Best Practices for (other?)

Our plan is to present the list of Best Practices to our next Board Meeting and at that time, determine who is best qualified to compile each topic's FAQ's.

Webmaster: Scott Goertemiller

- Comments made by members present regarding format of website... Needs to be simplified, made more user friendly, with a section where forms could be downloaded... Scott stated that website is reasonably easy to navigate and use.

At Large: Tom Herringer

- No report at this time

At Large / National: CJ Rushman

- No report at this time

Ohio Chair: Carl Bromer

- Mentioned the 2014 Arnold; A sports festival – weightlifting, endurance sports
- Proposed creating the Quarter-Million Yard Club... To be considered at a future BOD Meeting. Might include an incentive for recreational swimmers like giving recognition to Ohio recreational swimmers who log 250,000 yards or more between Annual Ohio LMSC Board Meetings --- This could be the vehicle for the New Safety and Fitness Chair (Dave Hardwick) to promote fitness swimming in Ohio
- Discussed the role of SWOM (Southwest Ohio Masters), a club registered with USMS, with workout groups... This helps smaller clubs at the USMS National Competition
- 1st Annual Swim Against Huntington's Disease – March 23, 2013 Being hosted and sponsored by Columbus Area Sharks, Columbus, OH Considered the state meet for Ohio
- A show of interest for who would want to go to the USMS National Convention: Dave, Todd, Carl, Trina (CJ already going as a National USMS Officer)
The National Convention will be held:
 - 2013/Sep 10 to Sep14/Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, CA
 - 2014/Sep 17 to Sep21/Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL
 - 2015/Kansas City ... 2016/Atlanta ... 2017/Dallas
 - NOTE: The Ohio LMSC had 701 registered members in 2012. We get 1 delegate automatically, and a 2nd delegate for having more than 300 members. (A 3rd delegate requires 800 LMSC members.) Travel & Housing paid by the LMSC (Coach Air & Hotel (Double Occupancy) Plus \$35/day (Per Diem)
- Proposed having quarterly teleconference meetings with the next meeting in June 2013

Elections

- Suggestion made by Carl to nominate Jeff S. to the new position of Open-Water chair
- Mentioning made that safety requirements necessary to sanction an open-water event are available online
- CJ made motion to elect Jeff Stephan to the Open-Water Chair Motion passed
- Secretary and Editor positions to be voted upon at June meeting - Trina Ingole acted as voluntary secretary for the March meeting. Trina also expressed interest in the Editor's position and will work with Carl on the next Newsletter to make sure she understands the job prior to volunteering for this important position.
- At-large Member(s) are voting members, however we discussed having additional At-large members... One from each team... join the Board, but these would not be voting positions. The hope is to get the Columbus LMSC members more active in the workings of the LMSC. More discussion and a possible vote at our next Board Meeting.
- **Motion** by CJ to vote for all positions as listed by acclamation **Motion passed**

Officers to serve in the Ohio LMSC for 2013 & 2014

<u>Office:</u>	<u>Currently serving:</u>	<u>Nominations:</u>
Ohio Chair	Carl Bromer	CB <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Vice Chair	Franklin Halley	FH <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Secretary	OPEN	(To be voted in June) ¹
Registrar	Laura Wright	LW <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Treasurer	Todd Radel	TR <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Sanctions	Jeff Stephan	JS <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Open Water	NEW Jeff Stephan	JS <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Top Ten	Amanda Janzen	AJ <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Editor	OPEN	(To be voted in June) ²
Safety & Fitness	NEW Dave Hardwick	DH <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Coaches	Barb Riazzi	BR <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Officials	Jason Hill	JH <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
Webmaster	Scott Goertemiller	SG <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
At Large (Voting)	Tom Herringer	TH <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>
At Large (Voting)	CJ Rushman	CJ <i>Elected by Proclamation</i>

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Future Board Meeting Topics:

- Social Media initiatives
- Promoting National Meets & Worlds (2014 in Canada)

¹ **Special thanks to Trina Ingole** padawan77@zoomtown.com for taking notes for this Board meeting.

² **Trina has expressed interest in the Editor's Chair** on the Ohio LMSC and this will be considered at our next Board Meeting which will probably be conducted via a teleconference call sometime in June of 2013.