

Minnesota Masters Swimming Committee - Board Meeting Minutes

Items	Discussion
1. Attendees:	<p>Brian Cohn – Chair                      Brian Holthus – Vice Chair                      Nancy Kryka – Treasurer                      Tom Moore – Secretary                      Pam Ogden – Registrar                      Mike Abegg – Top Times                      Sandra Frimmerman Bergquist – Open Water Competition                      Tricia Wallace – NSAC rep                      Karen Zemlin – HOPK rep</p> <p>Dave Bergquist                      Katie Melmer</p> <p>Held Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.,                      At Old Commerce Building in Bloomington.</p>
2. Agenda	<p><b>Minnesota Masters Swimming Committee Board Meeting                      May 17, 2011 - Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes of previous meeting</li> <li>2. Report from the Treasurer – Nancy</li> <li>3. Report from the Registrar – Pam</li> <li>4. Grant Proposal Process – Brian H</li> <li>5. Team Identity Merchandise Sales – Tricia</li> <li>6. Open Water Competition</li> <li>7. Pool Competition</li> <li>8. Postal Pentathlon</li> <li>9. Social Events</li> <li>10. Clinics</li> <li>11. Representatives for USAS Conference</li> <li>12. Creation of Nominating Committee for 2012/2013 Officers</li> <li>13. Review of Open Action Items</li> <li>14. New Business</li> </ol>
3. Minutes of previous meeting	<p>Minutes of 3/15 meeting were distributed prior to this meeting. Nancy moved to approve, Tricia seconded. Minutes approved as written.</p>
4. Report from the Treasurer	<p>2011 Year-To-Date continues to show several thousand dollars ahead of budget. Meet income is included, but some meet expenses, including U of M pool rental, are not yet reflected, so these expenses will bring us closer to balance. We also have some approved unbudgeted expenses, including Community Event costs, attendance at the Open Water Safety conference and Logo Wear for National Team representatives, so we expect to end the year at balance or at a slight loss.</p>

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5. Report from the Registrar	821 swimmers registered for 2011 so far. “One Day” USMS registrations were discussed. These registrations provide insurance to allow participation in an event but do not provide any of the other benefits of USMS membership. USMS charges \$12 and we will not charge any additional fee for the LMSC. We will allow ‘one day’ registrations at the discretion of the meet director / event director for each event. Pam will update the form with the relevant information to make it available to meet directors and Mike will investigate the possibility of having on-line advance registrations with a ‘one day’ registration.
6. Grant Proposal Process	The document is ready to go. Brian will provide both a MS Word and a PDF version to Pam to post on the website.
7. Team Identity Merchandise Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The executive board recommended a non-budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$250 for volunteers working the May 14 Long Course meet so each volunteer could order from the store and “model” the logo wear. Team Identity will provide 15% off for all items in this initial order.</li> <li>• Tricia will confirm final details of logo design and clothing colors with Team Identity then let Pam know to announce that the store is open.</li> <li>• We will offer 20% off to current USMS members until July 1 – Pam will send an email blast with a discount code. Each item has a 10% markup so we will be paying 10% of each purchase during this period as a benefit to members. The executive board recommended a non-budgeted expenditure expected not to exceed \$500 for this discount.</li> </ul>
8. Open Water Competition – Open Water Safety Conference	<p>Sandra reported on the Open Water Safety conference which was held in March. Tina Neill also attended as did Dave Bergquist. The emphasis of the conference was on being proactive for safety rather than reactive. Open water swimming is seeing increased popularity and this past year there have been deaths of participants, both in the US and internationally, so this is a very serious issue. We in Minnesota have some work to do to catch up to the safety programs some other states are currently employing.</p> <p>Recommendations include having an event safety coordinator separate from the event director to make go/no-go safety decisions. We should have a safety escort for every 8-12 swimmers and that escort should be a trained lifeguard. We also need good communication between safety escorts and event directors and law enforcement, both during the race and in a pre-event meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra will write-up Safety Recommendations for Event Directors</li> <li>• Dave will investigate the purchase of Walkie-Talkies. The executive board recommended a non-budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$500</li> <li>• We will consider purchasing swim caps, including a special color to designate beginner/high risk swimmers</li> <li>• We will consider purchasing whistles for escort boats to have in addition to flags</li> </ul>

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9. Open Water Competition – Safety and Sanctions Coordinator	Tina Neill is still officially our Safety and Sanctions representative. Brian C will call Tina to see if she wishes to continue in those roles or if she wants to offload those responsibilities to Sandra.
10. Open Water Competition – Events this Summer	<p>Open Water Events for this summer: Scott Tripps is working on an “open water half marathon” series. There will be 6 swims offered during 4 events, for a total of 14.1 miles with prizes for each swim, and overall prizes for those that complete the full 13.1 mile half marathon distance. Cost will be \$100 for all 6 swims or \$35 per event or \$25 per single swim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 25 – Lake Harriett 1 mile &amp; 2 mile</li> <li>• July 30 – Minnetonka 5 mile</li> <li>• August 27 – White Bear Lake 5K (3.1 mile)</li> <li>• September 10 – JJ Hills Days 2 mile &amp; 1 mile</li> </ul> <p>Karen will coordinate with Scott to discuss some of the safety recommendations discussed since we have a very short timeframe.</p>
11. Pool Competition – 2010/2011 Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian H. has done a great job as meet director</li> <li>• Since we were not able to have a Short Course Meters meet this year, we discussed chartering a bus to take a group to the Wisconsin SCM meet in December. Sandra will investigate costs to do this.</li> </ul>
12. Pool Competition – Planning for 2011/2012 Season	<p>Brian H. is working on a calendar for the 2011/2012 season, which will be substantially similar to the 2010/2011 season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to explore holding the 2012 State Meet at St. Thomas Pool since we have scheduling difficulties at the U of M with this 2 day meet.</li> <li>• It was agreed to explore holding a second Long Course Meters meet at the U of M, perhaps in June.</li> <li>• Barb Scouler at Minnetonka Masters expressed interest in hosting a meet this fall</li> <li>• Edina Masters is also interested in hosting a meet</li> </ul>
13. Postal Pentathlon	<p>Brian C. would like to revive the Postal Pentathlon. Participants can do 50’s of each stroke plus a 100 IM or 100’s plus 200 IM or 200’s plus 400 IM and submit their total time for the 5 swims in their chosen distance. It will be an event that our LMSC will sanction that will be open to participation by any USMS swimmer. The executive committee recommended a non-budgeted expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 for advertising in Swimmer magazine, with the hope that this would attract 100 or more participants at \$15 each.</p>

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14. Social (Fitness, Training & Skills + Community) Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no event for May</li> <li>• Dave Cameron will host an evening Long Course group workout at Richfield on Thursday June 23, with a bar-b-que social event to follow.</li> <li>• Barb Scouler at Minnetonka Masters is interested in hosting a group workout and will let us know a date.</li> <li>• Tom noted that we need more teams to host events. Tricia offered to forward a request to the coaches group. Tom will draft an email request..</li> <li>• Tom asked Sandra if doing an Open Water group workout or skills session was feasible, given the potential safety issues. Sandra believes it is, so Tom and Sandra will work on defining the parameters of an open water group workout to put on the calendar.</li> <li>• The goal remains to pair each fitness event with a social event; with summer approaching we may be able to plan some outdoor family picnics or bar-b-ques in conjunction with group swims.</li> </ul>
15. Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We had asked the membership for a volunteer to spearhead a clinic in August and there were no volunteers. Tom volunteered to be point person for a scaled-down event, with Tricia's and Brian H's help; we will aim to do a half-day event at the White Bear Lake Y in September. The content will be a slightly expanded version of the starts and turns clinic that Tricia hosted prior to the State Meet.</li> <li>• SwimFest 2012 – still intend to do this; Tricia is point person.</li> </ul>
16. Representatives for USAS/USMS Convention	The National USA Swimming / United States Masters Swimming conference will be in September. Tricia and Brian H will be our delegates.
17. Creation of a Nominating Committee for 2012/2013 Officer Slate	Brian C asked for creation of a nominating committee to determine who will run for board elections this fall, with the winners to serve Jan 1, 2012 through Dec 31, 2013. As outgoing Chairperson, Brian C will be chair and both Karen and Katie will be members of the committee.
18. Review of Open Action Items	All items in progress or completed. See attached list.
19. New Business	No new business this month
20. Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Thank you to the Frimmermans for hosting us!
21. Next Meeting	<p>The Board will meet on the third Tuesday of each month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 6/21</li> <li>• Tuesday 7/19</li> <li>• Tuesday 8/16</li> </ul> <p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 6pm, at the Old Commerce Building, near the intersection of 494 and 35W.</p>

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