

Meeting Name: **MN Masters LMSC Board Meeting**

Date/Time of meeting: **Thursday, May 14, 2020**

Location: Virtual (GoToMeeting)

Meeting run by: David Bergquist

Minutes Recorded by: Hannah Cohen

Motions:

- 1) The Board approved the February 2020 meeting minutes.
- 2) The Board approved the Modified Year-Plus membership policy (proposed by the National Board).

Number of Attendees: 19

Executive Committee members present: David Bergquist, Hannah Cohen, Mark Kaplan, Julie Sabo, Dave Kough, Beth Nymeyer, Gary Kovacs, Luke Paquin

Executive Committee members on conference call:

Board Members Present: Jeremy Busch, Sue Mohn, Landon Ascheman, Tom Moore, Jeremy Busch, Marc Anderson, Jennifer Mulheran, Allie Beardsley, Randy Schlichting, Carrie Stolar

Other Members: Brian Cohn

This is what meetings look like these days. Everyone enjoyed personal pizza deliveries!



Minutes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM. The February meeting minutes were approved (David B. made the motion; Mark K. seconded it; the motion passed on a voice vote).
- **Treasurer (Julie/Dave K.)** – There were some refunds due to COVID-19. Dave K. will contact the bank about a fraudulent Amazon prime charge. We have paid everything for the Flying Finn meet except gift cards and the facility rental. Julie will send out the bank statement reconciliation when she finishes it.
- **Membership Coordinator (Mark K.)** – There was one registration in March and one in April (1069 registered total).
- **Secretary (Hannah)** went over the February and May agenda items. We discussed the virtual annual meeting. *Send David B. an email if you want to be a delegate.*
- **David B.** – USMS wants a decision from us regarding registration fees. From their email dated May 1, 2020:

“The Board of Directors feels that bold action is needed to respond to membership challenges and best support USMS clubs and events as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent weeks, the board has approved an overhaul of the USMS national budget and strategy. The strategy discussion also began dialogue on a plan that would set a uniform membership fee of \$60 for members who register for the remainder of 2020. Like our annual Year-Plus membership offer, those members would be registered through 2021 as well, effectively waiving membership fees for the remainder of 2020. This modified Year-Plus membership would be offered June 1, 2020, through Oct. 31, 2020.”

 - With this plan, we will miss out on \$12 LMCS fee/registrant for the rest of the year.
 - The board discussed the modified Year-Plus proposal. Landon put a motion to accept the proposal from the National Office. Mark K. seconded it. All were in favor via a voice vote except Randy S.
- **Jennifer M.** asked if there is a refund or year-plus registration for people who signed up in 2020 already. There is not. We discussed the dryland club benefits from USMS.
- **Beth N. (Vice Chair)** – Beth works with someone who does online merchandising. It is \$100-\$200 to set up a store through this contact. Tom mentioned that an advantage to SwimOutlet is that you can also order USMS logo items through them. TeamIdentity (not SwimOutlet) had a \$1,500 setup fee.
- **Beth wants to do some virtual challenges** – dryland or swim. Another LMCS(?) already created a virtual swim outdoor lake challenge. People are interested in that. We need to make sure people follow local laws/regulations. Here is the link to Beth's event: https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2303&smid=13415&fbclid=IwAR05v2xQ2gaGBhZIJFWDUJ5Wvx8-3fZMC87PmOFk_T0EY_ww4I-5EUZarM
- **Jeremy does not have an update on the website.**
- **Flying Finn Meet** – Was never officially sanctioned. The times from that meet might not count toward records and Top Ten. They have made one appeal to the Rules Committee. The Meet Committee made a checklist so this does not happen in the future. They will try to appeal to the Rules Committee again (instead of just the Chair).
- **Hall of Fame (Marc A.)** – Do we want to have a class of 2020 or does COVID change that? Yes we do want to have a class of 2020. We will hold a meeting either way (possibly virtual) so would be nice to recognize people.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.