

Minutes
Kentucky LMSC Fall Meeting
November 11, 2007

Chair Bill Tingley called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. EST at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the University of Louisville campus in Louisville. Others attending were Mike Lemke—Vice Chair (SLM), Robin Segnitz—Secretary (WILD), Melinda Schmitt—Treasurer (LAKE), Meg Smath (WILD), Susan Ehringer (SLM), Pam Luebbe (LAKE), Joanne Tingley (LAKE), Tom Mester (SLM), Vicki Catlin (BEST), Michelle Ward (SLM) and Pam Kimmel (WILD). Bill declared a quorum was present.

Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held March 25, 2007, were approved.

Treasurer's report. Melinda Schmitt reviewed the Net Worth Report and Budget Summary Report, both of which are attached. Melinda began by explaining that the LMSC is a little behind due to being over budget for convention expense. The Kentucky LMSC has approximately \$550 less than this time last year. In addition, she explained that we would need to address the matter of creating a separate budget and checking account for Swim Kentucky Masters.

Bill Tingley explained that we would need a separate motion to approve the over budget item of approximately \$2,000 for convention. MSP.

Melinda Schmitt mentioned that \$700 remains in the budget to purchase laser measurers. Bill Tingley suggested that the money might be better spent in purchasing a laptop computer for our Treasurer, Melinda Schmitt. Her husband now runs his own business out of their home, and it is difficult for her to find time to use their computer for LMSC business. After a short discussion, **MSP to remove the budget amount of \$700 from capital equipment for the purchase of laser measurers and add the amount to computer expenses for the purchase of a laptop for the LMSC Treasurer.**

Melinda explained that the budget amount of \$1,125 remains in computer software. Mike Lemke mentioned that Brad Schmied would like the new version of Team Manager for updating the Kentucky LMSC records. Bill Tingley felt that this software could be purchased without going over budget. According to Bill, there are four software items that will be purchased with the computer software budget of \$1,125. Those software items include two Adobe Acrobat 8.0 programs, one for Windows and one for a Macintosh computer, the update of Team Manager, and the update of Hy-Tek Meet Manager for WKGG.

The Budget Summary Report reflects a shortage of income, but Melinda explained that we are at the time of year when we will start receiving individual registration fees. Individual registrations are the bulk of our income and have already begun to come in.

Vicki Catlin asked if there was any possibility of sending the newsletter to swimmers online, in an effort to save the LMSC some money. Susan Ehringer explained that we are

not able to do it at this time, but once online registration is established, we will have this capability.

MSP to accept the current budget, as amended.

Discussion moved on to the proposed 2008 Kentucky LMSC budget and 2008 SKY budget, both of which are attached.

The \$700 budget in the category for capital equipment will be removed because we will no longer be purchasing laser measurers.

Melinda explained that income from individual registrations was increased because of the \$5 dues increase passed by United States Masters Swimming. Individual registrations were increased from \$15,000 to \$17,500.

Bill Tingley explained that we are budgeted to take airplane flights in the category of convention expenses, although we may end up driving vehicles. The United States Aquatic Sports Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 2008. There were not any large increases in the convention budget, but the category of registration was increased because we had more delegates attend convention in 2007.

Sanction fees have been added back into the budget for income. However, it should be noted that sanction fees for the 3000-6000 Postal Championship that is being hosted by SwimLouisville have been waived and will not be included in the 2008 budget.

Newsletter expenses were increased due to postage.

The financial operating guidelines of United States Masters Swimming mandate that we have to have a separate budget and checking account for the Kentucky LMSC and Swim Kentucky Masters. Therefore, the income from team registration has been removed from the 2008 Kentucky LMSC budget and placed in the 2008 Swim Kentucky budget under team registration in order to comply with those guidelines.

Susan Ehringer moved, Vicki Catlin seconded, to open a checking account for Swim Kentucky Masters. Motion passed. Chairman Bill Tingley and Treasurer Melinda Schmitt will be signers on the account.

The Kentucky LMSC will be working on a deficit budget of \$1,170. **Melinda Schmitt moved, Mike Lemke seconded, to approve the 2008 Kentucky LMSC budget and 2008 Swim Kentucky budget. Motion passed.**

Registrar's report. Susan Ehringer explained that the Kentucky LMSC gives a discount of \$5 for swimmers that register between September 1 and October 31, and asked if we should consider dropping that discount for those individuals. Meg Smath explained that Wildcat Masters has many individuals register during that time period because it corresponds with the beginning of the fall semester at the University of Kentucky. After a brief discussion, it was determined that this \$5 discount is not just a Kentucky LMSC discount, but a USMS national discount and will continue.

Susan Ehringer explained that the online registration system went live to registrars on Tuesday, November 6. So far, she has about 10 individuals registered on that system. She explained that one of the benefits of this system is that team emails can easily be sent. The target date for the online registration system to go live is February. At that time, individuals will be able to register themselves online, which will require credit or debit card payment. VISA and Mastercard will be accepted. A registration can still be mailed to the registrar if a swimmer does not have a credit card or does not wish to use a credit card. The newsletter, *Kentucky Waves*, will still contain a registration form for individuals who will not register online. Pam Kimmel asked if it was possible to register online and pay with a check. Susan explained that would not be possible, but that swimmers could still register in paper format.

Bill Tingley explained that the online registration system will directly affect each of us on a local level. All teams will have access to the online registration system for their meets. The registration can be downloaded into the meet software. Bill explained that if a meet has Internet access, a swimmer could actually come to the meet, register USMS and enter the meet.

Susan plans to give access to the online registration system to Bill Tingley, Melinda Schmitt and Pam Luebbe.

Sanctions report. The medical emergency that took place at the Louisville Invitational brought up discussion that the Kentucky LMSC should consider a possible form change. **Joanne Tingley moved, Mike Lemke seconded, that both an emergency contact and phone number be included on meet entry forms. Motion passed.**

The Kentucky LMSC will be sending flowers to Ken Heuck of Southwest Ohio Masters at Audubon Hospital. Meg Smath will be sending a letter of appreciation to thank the following individuals that stepped forward to help Ken during the emergency: Mark Kraemer, Michael Wise, Paul Criscola, Ashley Karpinos, Chris Tingley, Mary Pohlmann, Yoshi Oyakawa, Melinda Smith, Chip Jaworski, John Graham and Denise Brown.

Newsletter editor's report. The newsletter report from Joanne Tingley is attached.

Open water report. The open water report from Mark Gill is attached.

The next meeting of the Kentucky LMSC will be held on February 24, following the conclusion of the Cardinal Invitational.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss other matters of the Kentucky LMSC. Delegates came out of executive session at 4:24 p.m. The Kentucky LMSC took no actions whatsoever during this session.

Report of Editor Newsletter, Kentucky Waves

The Fall/Winter issue of Kentucky Waves was mailed to 515 registered Masters in Kentucky on Nov 5, 2007. This issue included your renewal invoice for 2008 with return envelope addressed to Susan Ehringer, Swim Louisville, Registrar.

My thanks to the 8 KY delegates to the USMS convention who submitted their excellent reports in a timely manner so each KY Master is well informed.

Also, thanks to Mary Jane Mullins, Lakeside, and Steve Hellmann, Wildcat, for their insightful observations of the National Senior Games held in June at the Ralph Wright Natatorium.

The Spring/Summer issue will be mailed the last week in May. Please be sure the Sky Writings for your team are sent to me (email is the way) by the deadline of May 15, 2008. We need to hear from more teams - share your activities with all Kentucky Masters.

Be part of our communication network by sending your ideas and articles for the Spring/Summer issue to me. Let's share activities of teams and individual swimmers!

Special thanks to Meg Smath, Wildcat, who does the design of the newsletter and Sam Blythe, Lakeside, of Westerfield Bonte who prints and mails the newsletter!!!!

Joanne Tingley, jgting78@bellsouth.net

Open Water Committee Report

During the last year there were no sanctioned open water events in Kentucky. The YMCA did hold an open water swim at the Boy Scout Camp south of Louisville. I plan on contacting them in the upcoming year to see if they would be interested in working with the Kentucky LMSC to have this become a sanctioned event.

I have talked with the city of Louisville about hosting an open water swim around Towhead Island. At this time, the costs are higher than what an event could reasonably expect to cover. An event further up steam may be possible.

Swim Louisville Masters provided volunteers for the swim course at the Ford Ironman Louisville. They provided 90 volunteers over three days of practice swims and competition. Robbie Allen of Lakeside posted the fastest swim time for all competitors in the race.

Swim Louisville Masters is the host of the 2008 3000 /6000 USMS Postal Championship.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Gill