

Minutes

Kentucky LMSC Special Meeting

December 8, 2002

Chair Bill Tingley called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. EST at Lakeside Swim Club in Louisville. Others attending were Melinda Schmitt—Treasurer (LAKE), Joanne Tingley (LAKE), Gail O'Malley (WILD), Susan Ehringer (CHMS), Pam Haeblerlin (LAKE), Tom Mester (CHMS), Tracy Elton (WILD), Janice Kregor (WILD), Bob Adams (OMM), Heather Lehman (LOUY), Mark Rogers (WKGG), and Mike Lemke—Vice Chair (CHMS). Dave Burgio (WILD) and C.J. Rushman (GOST) were guests.

Treasurer's report. Melinda submitted her report (attached). Susan asked if we should budget for wireless Internet. Bill suggested we wait until next year to do that. Susan moved, Janice seconded, that we purchase the upgrade for Meet Manager. All aye. Meg moved, Joanne seconded, that we accept the treasurer's report. All aye.

Amendments to bylaws. Mike proposed several amendments to our bylaws, most of which were necessary for Swim Kentucky Masters to operate. A few were proposed to reflect what has become common practice.

1. Mike moved, Janice seconded, that in Article VI, under Secretary's duties, second sentence, "a card file or registry book" be deleted and replaced with "permanent records." This was proposed because we no longer keep membership lists on paper; instead, we use a computer. Mike proposed the vague wording so that we would not have to amend Article VI again if a different technology becomes available. All aye.
2. Joanne moved, Tracy seconded, that in Article XV, "a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and to which contributions, bequests, and gifts are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), and 2522(a)(2) thereof" be deleted and replaced with "an organization exempt as a charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended, and to which contributions, bequests, and gifts are deductible for income tax purposes." This removes reference to specific sections of the IRS code, and will prevent us having to amend our bylaws if the IRS code is revised. All aye.
3. Mike moved, Bob seconded, that we make the following amendments:
 - Insert "as defined by USMS" after "may form a club" in Article II-1.
 - Insert a new Article II-2 after Article II-1: "2. Team: Four registered Masters swimmers may form a team. A fee is to be paid to the KY-LMSC to register the team within the KY-LMSC. No person may be a member of more than one team at the same time. Members of registered teams shall be members of Swim Kentucky Masters club. USMS and KY-LMSC rules governing procedures for a member changing club registration shall apply to members changing team registrations."
 - Insert a new Article II-3 after the new Article II-2 (proposed above): "3. Swim Kentucky Masters: The KY-LMSC shall form and operate a club called Swim Kentucky Masters. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Swim Kentucky Masters shall have one representative to the KY-LMSC, regardless of the number of members."
 - Renumber the former Article II-2 to Article II-4.
 - Insert "and each registered KY-LMSC team" after "Each registered Masters club" in the first sentence of Article III.
 - Insert "or team, as the case may be," after "For each additional thirty registered swimmers, a club" in the second sentence of Article III.

- Insert “and each team” after “representatives for each club” in the third sentence of Article III.
- Insert “or teams” after “not required to represent their clubs” in the last sentence of the first paragraph of Article VI.
- Replace “all registered Kentucky Masters swimmers and clubs” with “all registered Kentucky Masters swimmers, clubs, and teams” in the last sentence of the Secretary’s duties in Article VI.
- Insert “and each registered team” after “each registered club” in the second sentence of the first paragraph of Article VII.
- Replace “selected by that club” with “selected by each club and each team” in the third sentence of the first paragraph of Article VII.
- Insert “and team” after “The new club” in the second sentence of the second paragraph of Article VII.
- Replace “any member club that is organizing an event” with “any member, club, or team that is organizing an event” in the last sentence of Article XIII.

These amendments establish Swim Kentucky Masters (SKY) and allow local teams to be formed as part of SKY. Bill called for a roll call vote. The results were: Bill—aye, Heather—aye, Pam—aye, Mike—aye, Joanne—aye, Tom—aye, Meg—aye, Gail—aye, Tracy—aye, Melinda—aye, Susan—aye, Janice—aye, Mark—aye, Bob—aye. The motion passed 14-0.

SKY policies. Bill presented a policy document for operating SKY, which he, Joanne, Meg, and Mike had proposed (attached). Bill noted that four SKY-Independent swimmers (members of the SKY club, but not a member of any affiliated team) could form a relay at any meet sanctioned by the KY-LMSC. The points scored, as well as points scored by SKY-Independent swimmers in individual events, will be credited simply to SKY (as opposed to SKY-LAKE, SKY-WILD, etc.). Bob moved, Janice seconded, that we accept these policies. All aye. Bill appointed Mike as the current SKY representative to the KY-LMSC.

Touchpads for Louisville teams. Bill will research the cost of touchpads. The LMSC would own them, and Lakeside and Crescent Hill would use them for the meets they host. Any other team outside of Louisville could also use them if the need arose. Bob noted that we could rent the touchpads to other organizations also. Mike moved, Susan seconded, that we move forward with buying these touchpads.

Tracy moved, Meg seconded that the meeting be adjourned. All aye.

Operating Guidelines for SKY

Affiliations

A group of athletes has the choice of becoming a club, as defined by article 201.2 of the USMS rules and article II-1 of the Kentucky LMSC bylaws, or a team that is a subset of the LMSC-sponsored club, Swim Kentucky Masters (SKY), as defined in article II-2 of the KY-LMSC bylaws.

A team is a workout group with an identifiable name that registers with the KY-LMSC and pays a fee to the KY-LMSC. Current teams are Ashland YMCA (SKY-AYMS), Crescent Hill (SKY-CHMS), Eagle (SKY-EMS), Frankfort Area Swim Team (SKY-FASM), Hopkins County YMCA (SKY-HOPY), Lakeside (SKY-LAKE), Louisville YMCA (SKY-LOUY), Owensboro Marlins (SKY-OMM), Western Kentucky Green Gators (SKY-WKGG), and Wildcat (SKY-WILD).

Individual swimmers can register in four possible ways:

UNATTACHED: "... A registered swimmer who represents no club" (USMS article 201.2.4). That swimmer's affiliation would be abbreviated UNAT.

INDEPENDENT: A competitor in the KY-LMSC who registers as a member of Swim Kentucky Masters (SKY), but is not a member of a registered Kentucky team. That swimmer's affiliation would be abbreviated SKY-IND.

CLUB/TEAM: A swimmer who registers with SKY and is also a member of a registered Kentucky team. For example, the affiliation of a SKY swimmer who is a member of the Lakeside Masters team would be abbreviated SKY-LAKE.

CLUB: A swimmer who register as a member of a club other than SKY. That club must first be registered with USMS, through the KY-LMSC.

Governance of SKY

The KY-LMSC is the governing body. The KY-LMSC will elect one member of SKY to the KY-LMSC to represent the club. The election will be held at the fall meeting of the KY-LMSC. Interested SKY members will be nominated by a team representative to the KY-LMSC.

Competition Within the LMSC

There are two types of competition sponsored by SKY or one of the component teams:

1. A competition with more than 10 events
2. A competition with fewer than 10 events.

At a competition sanctioned by the KY-LMSC with more than 10 events on the program, athletes who are members of a SKY component team will represent their team.

At a competition sanctioned by the KY-LMSC with fewer than 10 events, athletes who are members of a SKY component team will represent the SKY club.

Athletes who are independent members of SKY represent SKY in all competitions.

USMS National Championships and International Competitions

All athletes registered with SKY, whether they are independent or a member of a component team, represent SKY in all competitions held outside of the Kentucky LMSC, including Nationals.

For USMS National Championships or international competitions, the Kentucky LMSC will designate one swimmer who is attending the meet to be the SKY coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for all administrative work at that competition. The coordinator will be compensated by the KY-LMSC. Compensation will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If no SKY swimmers are attending a competition, appointing a coordinator will be unnecessary. The appointed coordinator will form relays. Once the coordinator has the official list of SKY swimmers who have entered the competition, the coordinator will contact the swimmers and ask them which relays they are willing to swim on, which strokes they are willing to swim on medley relays, and for seed times for their potential legs of a relay. The coordinator will then form the relays and attempt to notify all competitors of the composition of the relays before the first day of the competition. The coordinator will be responsible for turning in all relay entries at the competition. The KY-LMSC will generally pay all relay entry fees, and then the swimmers, or the swimmers' teams, will reim-

burse the LMSC for their share of the entry fees. For example, if a relay at a National championship is composed of two Wildcat swimmers, one Lakeside swimmer, and one Crescent Hill swimmer, and the entry fee for the relay is \$12, then Wildcat owes \$6, Lakeside \$3, and Crescent Hill \$3. The Wildcat, Lakeside, and Crescent Hill teams may pay these amounts on behalf of their swimmers, or the swimmers may pay the fees themselves if their team does not have a policy of paying for relays at Nationals, or if they are SKY-IND and not a member of a team.

Distribution of Information

All swimmers with Internet access are encouraged to use the KY-LMSC website, where they can find meet information, an LMSC roster, and registration information.

When the Registrar mails USMS cards to UNAT and SKY-IND swimmers, she will also include a meet schedule, along with the URL for the KY-LMSC website. If a SKY-IND swimmer requests a roster of all SKY-IND swimmers, for purposes of putting together relays at KY-LMSC meets, the Registrar will either direct the swimmer to the KY-LMSC website, or mail a copy of the roster.

Practice Guidelines

Team practices are generally open to members of that team, and are governed by that team's policies. SKY-IND swimmers or swimmers who are members of SKY teams should not expect automatic admission to another team's practice simply because they are members of SKY. Most SKY teams will welcome visiting swimmers from other SKY teams, but the visitors should first ask for permission to practice with another team, and should be willing to pay any fees for guests required by the host team or the host team's facility.