

Minutes of the KY-LMSC Meeting January 23, 2000

An emergency meeting of the Kentucky LMSC, held on January 23, 2000, at Lakeside Swim Club, Louisville, was called to order by Chair Bill Tingley at 11:17 a.m. Present were Vice Chair Mike Lemke (CHMS), Secretary Meg Smath (WILD), Treasurer Melinda Schmitt (LAKE), Pam Haeberlin (LAKE), Joanne Tingley (LAKE), Bob Adams (MMS), and John Graham (CHMS). Bill determined that a quorum of all the officers plus at least one other delegate was present. Pam left the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Mark Rogers (WKGG) arrived at 12:22 p.m.

2000 Budget

Melinda reported that the proposed budget for 2000 that she and Bill had drawn up was approximately \$2000 in a deficit. This is about the same deficit as the 1999 budget. Last year the LMSC voted to operate with a deficit budget, and use reserves to make up the difference. Clearly this situation cannot continue, or we will no longer *have* reserves.

Melinda presented several options for resolving the deficit, including

- Increasing dues
- Eliminating one convention delegate
- Decreasing the number of issues of the newsletter
- Ceasing to pay food expenses for convention delegates
- Not buying the treasurer the printer/scanner/fax machine the LMSC had authorized at a previous meeting

Bob questioned the projected income for the LMSC, and noted that last year we had \$600 more than projected. Bill explained that he and Melinda budgeted conservatively, which is the fiscally responsible approach. Because our budget was so conservative last year, our deficit was actually much less than predicted.

Tom stated that he would not like to see us eliminate a convention delegate, because he felt having as much representation as possible was important. All agreed.

Meg asked whether raising dues would help us any for 2000. Bill said it would, because we would begin receiving 2001 renewals in November 2000, and that income would count for the 2000 fiscal year.

Joanne moved, Tom seconded, to raise dues for 2001 from \$22 a year to \$25 a year. The motion passed 8-0.

Melinda moved, Joanne seconded, to cancel buying a printer/scanner/fax for the treasurer. The motion passed 7-0.

Meg moved, Mike seconded, to amend our financial operating guidelines to eliminate per diem expenses for convention delegates. The motion passed 7-0.

Mike moved, Joanne seconded, that we change the newsletter schedule from three issues a year to two issues a year. We would keep the May and October issues and eliminate the winter issue. Mike said he had difficulty finding information for this issue anyway. Bob asked about saving postage costs by e-mailing PDFs of the newsletter instead of “snail” mailing. Meg and Bill pointed out that large PDFs can take a long time to download, which ties up the computer and annoys the recipients. Mike said that although the day may come when the newsletter is only distributed electronically, he feels that right now the paper version is the most effective communications tool for the LMSC. The motion passed 7–0.

These actions should resolve our deficit. In the future, the LMSC will consider raising dues more often so that our income keeps up with inflation. If we raise only \$1 or \$2 a year, this should not be a hardship to our members, and will prevent large increases later.

1999 Financial Report

Melinda moved that we approve the 1999 financial report, and send a copy to the national office, as required by USMS bylaws. Meg seconded. The motion passed 7–0.

Relay Meet

Mike reported on behalf of Brad Schmied, who was not able to attend the meeting, that Crescent Hill would like to have a meet in April in which the only events contested would be the 400 yard free and medley relays. These are rarely contested events, and such a meet would give Kentucky swimmers the opportunity to set LMSC, and maybe even USMS, records. Bill asked if more swimmers would participate if the meet followed our mini-meet format, and the consensus was that they would. Meg asked if using three watches for timing instead of electronic timing would be acceptable, since three watches are acceptable for USMS records, and because arranging for and paying for electronic timing could be a burden for some clubs. The consensus was that this was acceptable, as long as the results were entered in Meet Manager. Mike moved, Bob seconded, that the LMSC request a sanction for a short course yards relay meet, following the mini-meet format, in which the events contested would be the 400 free and medley relays, for either same-gender or mixed teams, to be held on April 9, 2000. The motion passed 7–0.

Proposed Rules Changes

Bob reported that Pieter Cath, chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee, had notified him via e-mail that the committee is considering submitting an amendment to change the method for determining a swimmer’s age for short course yards meets. Currently a swimmer’s age for SCY meets is his/her actual age on the last day of competition, and for SCM and LCM meets is his/her actual age on December 31 of the year of competition. Pieter is proposing using the SCM/LCM method for SCY meets as well. We all agreed it would simplify matters to use the same method for all courses, and we all agreed that the “racehorse rule” is a stupid rule that we nevertheless are stuck with because FINA insists on it for international competition. However, we don’t think the proposal has a snowball’s chance in hell of passing in the House of Delegates, because

USMS is notoriously obstinate on this issue! No action is required of the LMSC, but Bob wanted us to be aware that it will be lurking in October at the convention in Orlando.

Proposed Amendments to KY-LMSC Bylaws

Bill reported that he had received some proposed amendments to our bylaws from Meg, and he agreed with her that we needed to enact her proposals, or something similar to them. Most of the changes are of a housekeeping nature, but one proposal would change the way we determine at-large delegates, which is necessary to prevent a challenge to the status of some of our delegates. Meg will e-mail the proposed changes to the members of the LMSC, and we will comment on them and try to have the final wording in place before the next meeting on March 26, 2000. When e-mailing comments, delegates should “reply to all” rather than just replying to the original sender. We hope this will save time at our next meeting.

Meet Manager

Bill reported that the LMSC now owns the latest version of Meet Manager, which now operates in Windows rather than DOS. He reminds us to state on meet results that the meet is *sponsored by* the Kentucky LMSC, to make sure we are in compliance with our license. A meet can have many sponsors, but one of them *must* be the Kentucky LMSC.

USA Swimming and Top 10

Bob said that he had been in contact with Pieter Cath, and that Pieter was of the opinion that USMS-registered swimmers could not submit times achieved in USA Swimming meets for Top 10 and USMS records purposes. This came about because Meg Smath had submitted times achieved by two Wildcat swimmers at a USA meet. Meg and Bill both said that Pieter is mistaken, and Meg quoted article 202.2 of the USMS code, which states, “Times achieved at events may be considered for USMS national records and Top Ten times if the event has been granted recognition and a designated USMS observer is present and verifies in writing that the conduct of the competition conforms to the relevant USMS swimming rules and administrative regulations. Times achieved at events sanctioned by USA Swimming or SCN, or FINA championships, shall be considered for USMS national records and Top Ten times without formal application for recognition. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to submit times obtained in recognized events with complete documentation to the appropriate LMSC Top Ten recorder and the Records and Tabulation Committee chair.”

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.