

**KY-LMSC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 22, 1998**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bill Tingley, at 3:44 p.m. in the Turf Room of the Campbell House in Lexington, Ky. In attendance was a quorum of Bill Tingley, Tony Ambrose, Joanne Tingley, Melinda Schmitt-Lakeside; Meg Smath, Gail O'Malley-Wildcat; Tom Mester, John Graham-Crescent Hill; Mark Rogers, Bob Adams-Western Kentucky; also Mike Lemke, Newsletter Chair.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 5, 1997, meeting were presented by the secretary, Joanne Tingley. There were no questions or corrections. Melinda moved to accept the minutes, Tom seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER: Melinda Schmitt, Treasurer, presented the 1998 budget. Additions of re-registration mailing by USMS National Registrar, newsletter category, and zone fee. Deletions of mailing labels and lowered telephone budget were explained. Convention expenses were also explained as being lower in 1998 because convention is in driving distance at Cincinnati, but will increase in 1999 for the USMS convention in San Diego, Calif. See attached reports.

Motion by Melinda to accept 1997 report and to send it to the USMS National Office. Seconded by Meg. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Lemke requested additional budget item in order to enlarge one of the three editions of the newsletter. Meg moved to increase the newsletter budget to \$1000. Seconded by Bob Adams. Motion passed.

Meg moved to allocate \$300 to purchase a basic fax machine for the registrar, Joanne Tingley. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joanne moved to accept the 1998 budget as amended. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

REGISTRAR: Joanne reported 434 registrations as of this date. The total 1997 registration was 487. Excellent retention rate, plus new members. Joanne requested each club to emphasize renewals are received in November from the National Registrar; registrations expire December 31, at which time USMS insurance is no longer in force, which means nonregistered swimmers may not swim in a structured practice, as this jeopardizes the insurance coverage of the registered swimmers. Very important for each club to emphasize the importance of renewal by December 31. Also, she reminded the clubs that USMS discount of \$5 on registration fees exists from September 1 through October 31 of each year. She suggests that you use the 30-day tryout form during the month of October. In November a NEW swimmer may register for the upcoming year.

Joanne passed a blank registration card with the expiration date and the statement that a copy of the registration card is required with all meet entry forms. Meg explained how she designed the Wildcat meet entry, asking each swimmer to place the copy of their registration card in the space allotted for personal information, which is the same as on the registration card. Contact phone numbers are added below the copy. She recommends this to all host clubs in the KY-LMSC, as it was very successful with their meet this weekend. This is especially effective and helpful for out-of-state swimmers entering a meet. Mark made copies of his swimmers' cards and placed them on the entry forms before the swimmer received the entry. It is a suggested policy that entry forms will provide a space with the statement "Place copy of registration card here."

Bob moved to accept registrar's report. Melinda seconded. Motion passed.

TOP TEN: Bob Adams passed the Short Course Meters Kentucky Top Ten Times for each club. Also, he has the Relay All-American list just received. Copies will be sent to each club named, and one to Mike for the May newsletter. He also reported that a total of 23 different women and 24 different men ranked in the Top Ten, combining all three venues. His report defined the number of women and men in each venue. See attached report.

SANCTIONS: Bill Tingley reported that the hosts of the E'town meet and the Open Water Cable swim have asked for the same date of June 6, 1998. Decision is to have Bill as chair talk to each club to attempt to work out an appropriate solution.

OFFICIALS: Meg stated need for nonswimmers as certified officials. Bill brought this suggestion to the members of the LMSC: at the Kentucky sanctioned invitational meets, New Albany, Lakeside, Wildcat, and Bowling Green, at the REQUEST of the host club, that each of the Kentucky clubs attending bring a stroke and turn or above certified official with them. Tony also suggested that we need to consider paying officials.

FITNESS: Tom Mester had no report.

SAFETY: Joanne reported the new USMS Safety Education Committee has been formed to develop safety education programs for swimmers, coaches, and volunteers. She will report following convention in October. Joanne commented on the number of swimmers who dived into the warmup lanes, which is against the USMS rule to enter the water feet first in a cautious manner. When notified of their error, the swimmers were gracious in their response. She then strongly suggested that each club emphasize this rule by having swimmers enter the water feet first during all practices so they will be conditioned to this method of entry during warmups at meets. Bill asked Mike to include this rule in the next newsletter.

MINI MEETS: Tom Mester reported that results are in from short course mini: Lakeside and Crescent Hill at Lakeside pool and Wildcat at Lancaster pool. Short course meters had 54 participants. Tom is pleased with the growth of mini meets. It is particularly helpful to the new Masters swimmer to get meet experience without the travel and expense of the big meets. He encourages all Kentucky clubs to participate and hold a mini meet each course season on the date selected. The long course mini meet will be July 12, 1998.

INTERNET: Meg will update Kentucky Masters page. Hope also to "jazz" up the page with photos. Most popular item is open meet results and the registration form.

NEWSLETTER: Mike reported that if clubs have not sent in club news by the deadline, May 1 for next newsletter, he will not call and ask for one; i.e., it is up to the club to send in the information. Bill suggests that the LMSC delegates be the club contact for the newsletter. Newsletter is best informational tool for Kentucky swimmers, and needs to include as much updated information as possible; i.e., rule changes, club additions, USMS information, etc.

AD HOC OPEN WATER: Joanne read Robert Busack's report: Cable swim to be held June 6, 1998, at Boy Scout Camp lake. He is planning an ad in USS Swimming magazine and is working with Landsharks Triathlete Club and the 1997 cable swim committee. The tentative schedule is: 9:30 a.m. warmup, 10:00 a.m. start 2 mile, 5 minutes later 1 mile, and 5 minutes later the ½ mile swim. \$12 pre-entry includes swim cap; \$18 deck entry includes cap. T-shirts \$12. The F2000 men's suit is legal. Unable to reach Boy Scout camp to verify again the date. Will plan to apply

for recognition. Joanne to send application to Robert, which means he will provide the USMS waiver to be signed by a Masters swimmer who wishes his/her time to be recognized.

OLD BUSINESS: Meg reported on the Masters clinic held at Miami of Ohio. It was not what she had expected, in that how to coach was not really taught, though the Coaches Manual from USMS is a valuable tool. Bonnie Adair talked about how to build a successful masters program. Kentucky has done a good job there. Tom commented on the clinic held in Indianapolis as a most successful one in all categories. Discussion whether Kentucky could and would like to hold a clinic in the future. Availability of facility and volunteers is to be considered first.

NEW BUSINESS: Formation of 1998 LMSC according to Kentucky bylaw Article VII: registrar reads number of swimmers in each club and number of delegates eligible and the club responds with names.

WILD	171	6 delegates	Meg Smath and Gail O'Malley
LAKE	95	4 delegates	B. Tingley, T. Ambrose, J. Tingley, M. Schmitt
CHMS	61	2 delegates	Tom Mester and John Graham
WKGG	31	2 delegates	Mark Rogers and Bob Adams
MWCM	20	1 delegate	Russ Goodwin
DMS	15	1 delegate	Larry Kress
LOUY	22	1 delegate	Robert Busack
FAST	9	1 delegate	Dana Murphy
RIVE	7	1 delegate	Kathy Collings
CMS	1		
LTM	0		

With 15 delegates, the quorum is 8 delegates.

Motion by Meg to appoint an at-large delegate. Second by John Graham. Nomination by John of Mike Lemke. Mike accepts. Nominations closed. LMSC votes unanimously for Mike as at-large delegate.

Discretionary fund for Executive Committee is \$2660, based on 25 percent of total assets. Mike moved to accept. Second Tom. Motion passed.

CONVENTION 1998: Bill stated dates of convention are September 30–October 4 and that Kentucky sends two delegates based on number of registered swimmers. Also, Meg as USMS Rule Book Chair, and Bill, as USMS Officials Chair, attend as voting delegates, as will Joanne if she is again appointed an at-large delegate. Bill will announce the two delegates following the June 15 deadline. He asked Tom if he would attend again this year and he said yes. Bob Adams also said he could attend. Bill asked if any other would like to be a delegate. Because the convention is so close, Cincinnati, we are asked to encourage the delegates to the KY-LMSC to attend convention to acquaint themselves with the operation of USMS. KY-LMSC would pay gas mileage for LMSC delegates only. All registered Masters swimmers may attend the convention.

The next meeting of the KY-LMSC will be held in October.

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Joanne Tingley, Secretary

## **KY-LMSC 1997 Top Ten Report**

This year we have had a good Top Ten showing in USMS. A total of 23 different women and 24 different men ranked in the Top Ten fastest times in USMS, combining all three venues.

In Short Course Yards competition, nine different women ranked in 33 events in five different age groups. Four different men ranked in six events in three different age groups.

In Long Course Meters competition, 12 different women ranked in 35 events in seven different age groups. Seventeen men ranked in 36 events in nine different age groups.

In Short Course Meters competition, 14 different women ranked in 51 events in eight different age groups. Twelve men ranked in 29 events in eight different age groups.

Thirteen women ranked in one venue. Seven women ranked in two different venues, while two women ranked in all three.

Fifteen different men ranked in one venue. Five men ranked in two different venues, while another two ranked in all three.

Robert W. Adams  
Chairman, Top Ten Committee