

Minutes

Kentucky LMSC Executive Committee Meeting

November 12, 2003

Chair Bill Tingley called the meeting by conference call to order at 7:00 p.m. EST. Others present were Mike Lemke—Vice Chair (CHMS), Meg Smath—Secretary (WILD), Melinda Schmitt—Treasurer (LAKE), Tom Mester—Fitness Chair (CHMS), and Pam Haerberlin—Officials Chair (LAKE). Bill declared a quorum, according to Article XII of the Kentucky LMSC bylaws (the officers plus the chairs of two standing committees) was present.

Daktronics Purchase. Bill asked Mike to explain the situation with our purchase of touchpads from Daktronics. Daktronics quoted us a price without sales tax, since we were all under the assumption that we were a tax-exempt organization. Daktronics contacted Mike, requesting a particular form demonstrating we were tax-exempt. They have to periodically demonstrate to the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet that they are in compliance with Kentucky law. Mike consulted USMS Treasurer Doug Church and Controller Cathy Pennington, and discovered that USMS has never applied for tax-exempt status. We can fill out a form with the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, and may be able to achieve tax-exempt status. This leaves us with two options for our Daktronics purchase: we can ask Daktronics not to charge us tax right now, and promise to pay them if we do not achieve tax-exempt status; or we can pay Daktronics the tax now, and if we are granted tax-exempt status we can ask the Revenue Cabinet for a refund. Either way, we have to do something right away, because our order has already been processed, and the touchpads are literally on the truck.

Mike moved, Pam seconded, that the LMSC send a check for 6 percent of the purchase price to Daktronics; furthermore, Mike will apply for tax-exempt status and will try to get the tax refunded to us by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

Discussion: Mike said he feels the Revenue Cabinet will refund the money once we have been granted tax-exempt status. Melinda said we have the money in our account to cover this expense. Bill said we have more money coming in now, because Registrar Joanne Tingley has begun receiving registrations for 2004. We may need to liquidate funds anyway. Mike noted that USMS Controller Cathy Pennington said that other states will recognize our tax-exempt status, so we could be a trend-setter for USMS.

Vote: Bill called for a roll call vote. Mike: aye, Meg: aye, Melinda: aye, Tom: aye, Pam: aye, and Bill: aye. The motion passed unanimously. Melinda will send the check to Mike, who will forward it along with a cover letter to Daktronics.

Mike and Bill will check to make sure we also receive the Colorado converter with the touchpads.

Other Business.

- Bill reminded everyone of the relay mini-meet on November 23. The 400 and 800 SCM relays will be contested.
- The new Northern Kentucky Masters team will host a LCM meet at Silver Creek July 17–18, 2004.
- Bill has been contacted by two potential new teams at Eastern Kentucky University and Bellarmine College; Bellarmine is interested in starting a Masters team as a precursor to competing in NCAA Division II. He had earlier been contacted by the Georgetown Pavilion, but they have not responded since they were sent information on how to form a team.
- Bill announced he has been appointed the USMS liaison to the National Senior Games by USMS President Jim Miller.

Tom moved, Melinda seconded, that the meeting adjourn. All aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.