

Minutes

Kentucky LMSC Meeting

October 29, 2000

President Bill Tingley called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. EST, at Lakeside Swim Club in Louisville. Others attending were Mike Lemke—Vice Chair (CHMS), Meg Smath—Secretary (WILD), Melinda Schmitt—Treasurer (LAKE), Joanne Tingley—Registrar (LAKE), Tracy Elton (WILD), Pam Haerberlin (LAKE), Bob Adams (~~MMSCOMM~~), Freda Holderman (LOUY), Keith Smith (LOUY), Gail O'Malley (WILD), Mark Rogers (WKGG). Mark arrived at 11:35 a.m. and Joanne, Freda, and Keith left shortly before adjournment.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Pam moved that we accept the minutes as mailed out (most of the business at the last meeting consisted of housekeeping amendments to our bylaws). Mike seconded. All aye.

Treasurer's Report. Melinda reported that she switched our checking account to ~~FirstStar~~ Firststar in order to avoid paying fees. Meg asked if she could be reimbursed by the LMSC for her room for the first night of convention. She needed to be there Tuesday night in order to work at the certification table early Wednesday morning, the first day of the convention. As a member of the Board of Directors, she is reimbursed by USMS for lodging beginning with the first night of convention, but not for the night before. Meg moved that she be reimbursed \$120 for one night's lodging. All aye.

Registrar's Report. In the past, the Kentucky LMSC has not allowed one-day registration, because we have never seen the need for it. However, this year a situation arose where a new swimmer wanted to compete in the Indy Classic in October, after Joanne had closed out the 2000 registration year. It was too late to register for 2000, and too early to register for 2001. The problem was solved by the Indiana LMSC allowing her to do one-event registration for that day only. So do we need to allow one-event registration for this particular situation, should it arise again? And what about the open water swim in September? One-event registration could pull triathletes in. The consensus was that we don't want to do it for pool events. Meg suggested we limit it to closed meets (mini meets) and open water events. Mike moved that we accept one-day registration within the Kentucky LMSC for any sanctioned open water swim at any time of the year and any sanctioned closed meet held during the month of October. Melinda seconded. All aye. Then the question was how much should we charge, given that \$8 of the registration fee goes to USMS. Pam moved that our one-day registration fee be \$15. Mike seconded. All aye.

So far for 2001, eight clubs have registered. Hopkinsville won't reregister this year.

Top Ten Report. Bob passed out the preliminary LCM Top Ten for Kentucky. He said it is not too late for corrections, and anyone who sees any should contact him. Bob reported that he had to reject a submission for Top Ten by Tito Solano. Tito had swum in the South American championships, and thought his times there would be eligible for Top Ten because he thought it was considered a recognized meet. In fact only USA Swimming, Swimming Canada Natation, and FINA meets are automatically considered recognized meets. The South American championships would have had to apply for recognition for the meet to be recognized, which they did not. The applicable USMS rule is article 202.2, and we should make sure our international swimmers know the requirements.

Sanctions. Bill reported that for 2001 the SCY mini meet will be held on February 18. The SCY relay meet will be held April 1. The LCM mini meet will be held on July 8. The mini meets can also be held either one week before or one week after the stated date. Mark said the WKGG meet will be held January 27, 2001. Meg said the Wildcat meet will be held March 3–4, 2001. Bill explained to Freda and Keith that the Wildcat meet is the LMSC's SCY championships. Mike said the SwimLouisville.com meet will be held ~~July~~ June 23–24, 2001.

Officials. Deferred till convention report.

Fitness. No report.

Safety. Mark reported that he plans to compile a safety checklist for meets. Joanne suggested we also include it in the newsletter.

Mini Meets. Covered under sanctions. Bill reminded everyone that if you're going to hold a mini, make sure you tell Tom and Joanne beforehand.

Newsletter. Mike reported the newsletter would be going to the printer in the coming week. Mike needs any submissions *yesterday* by e-mail, particularly team news. Mike said he and Joanne had discussed sending the re-registration form with the newsletter, but decided it wasn't feasible at this time. We may be able to do it next year. Bill announced an item for the newsletter: that Melinda has been elected to the University of Miami (Florida) hall of fame and will be inducted in February. Melinda was one of the first women to compete collegiately under scholarship. We're all *very* proud of you, Melinda! Freda said they were looking for a coach at the Louisville Y, and asked if she could put something in the newsletter about this. For more information, contact Freda at fholderman@ymcalouisville.org.

Records. Bill reported in Brad Schmied's absence. Bill encouraged anyone with old results to get them to Brad. Bob asked if someone could remind Brad not to accept Tito's swim from South America as an LMSC record. Mike will check with Brad.

Internet. No report.

New Business.

Mini meet. Freda asked if the mini meet scheduled for today (which was cancelled because of a facility problem) would be rescheduled. Bill said he may be able to schedule the 800 free relays for the Saturday night before the Lakeside Mile on December 9. After the mile is also an option (but not a good one). If the relays are held December 8, they will begin after 6:00 p.m. Bill will let us know.

Convention reports. Bill gave an overview, reporting that we sent five delegates, a high number for an LMSC our size. The highlight of the convention was the annual Masters skit at the banquet. This year's was a take-off of the debates, except the Masters version featured Al Bore and George Tush, and all of the topics were swimming-related. The house came down when Tush spit into Bore's "lane," a la Amy Van Dyken! Nine Olympians were at the convention, but perhaps the biggest ovation was for diver Laura Wilkinson. A poignant moment was the recognition of the 1976 women's Olympic swim team, which was deprived of victory by the East Germans who were later proven to have taken steroids.

Meg's report: see attached. In response to Meg's report on the Rule Book Committee, Bill ~~suggested~~ moved that the LMSC buy mini rule books for our meets. ~~The consensus was that w~~ Meg seconded. All aye. We would will buy 10 copies at \$3 each.

Mike's report: Officials Committee—there will be a national effort to cooperate with USA Swimming so their officials can get credit for working Masters meets (we do this in Kentucky already). Also, the committee is compiling a chart outlining the differences between USMS rules and USA, YMCA, NCAA, and high school rules. They hope to be able to take advantage of the officials page on the USA website. They also plan to hold a stroke briefing workshop for officials. Legal Counselors—Discussion was mainly about USMS's privacy policy, which Mike described as rather milquetoast. There was a strong preference among the delegates that USMS not give out personal information to outside entities. This came about as a result of a credit card company wanting to use our address list for soliciting. The legal eagles also discussed the new Esign federal law and whether it would allow us to accept registrations and meet entries over the Web. It turns out that Esign doesn't do what people think it will do because it doesn't define what an electronic signature is. It merely says they're acceptable. The main requirement for signatures is on waivers. Our insurance company will have to decide whether electronic signatures are acceptable.

Joanne's report (delivered by Mark): Safety Education—This committee is designing a safety handbook and it's nearly ready for publication. It will go to clubs, and be posted on the USMS website. The committee will continue to distribute blurbs to newsletter editors.

Tom's report: see attached. Coaches Committee—If you're interested in renting the Snooper camera, call Executive Secretary Tracy Grilli. Lots of instructional tapes are also available in the USMS library. Would Kentucky like to sponsor a coaches clinic? We need to be thinking about this for the Dearborn convention in 2001; we will try to reach a decision at the March 2001 meeting. Long Distance—The wet suit issue was the most controversial for this committee. Many triathletes who have low body fat like to use them to stay warm, but the suits also give them an unfair advantage by providing buoyancy. This committee is always looking for hosts for its 2-mile cable national championship. We're not ready yet, but maybe in a couple of years, after we have a few more open water swims under our belt, we will be. Zone meeting—Most of the meeting consisted of discussion of zone championships. The consensus was that because local meets are so important in all our LMSCs, that the only practical way to hold zone championships is having postal meets. In 2001, both the Wildcat and Lakeside meets will be part of postal zone championships. The meet directors will need to send their results to Great Lakes Zone Representative Melissa Rinker, who will compile the individual results into zone championship results. We will soon have a zone Web page, which will be very basic and will mainly just link to LMSC pages.

Bill's report: Rules, rules, rules! As a member of the Rules Committee, Bill had time for little else. As editor of the rule book, Meg will receive a copy of all the changes enacted, and when she receives them from Leo Letendre, she will e-mail the file to all the LMSC delegates. Most notable changes: 55 yards has been removed from the definition of long course pools; there will now only be one backstroke start (we will no longer be able to curl our toes over the gutter, and will have to keep our toes under the surface of the water for all courses). From now on, short course nationals may be held in pools of either 25 yards or 25 meters—it'll be up to the meet host to decide how to bid, but they can't change from yards to meters or vice versa after their bid has been accepted. We will always have qualifying times from now on, and the Championship Committee will determine the method, which will involve averaging of several years' Top.Ten times, in order to avoid large variation from one year to the next. Hosts for national championships will now have the option of deck seeding any or all events—because next year's short course championships will be in Santa Clara, Calif., and should have a large entry, the entire meet will be deck-seeded—brace yourselves!. The meet hosts estimate they'll save 1 to 2 hours a day by deck seeding. The 2002 short course championships will be in Honolulu! Your Kentucky delegates had been concerned that Hawaii would be too expensive a place to hold nationals, but because the University of Hawaii is the host, participants will be able to take advantage of the University's airfare rates (which are roughly 40 percent of standard fares). Currently, round-trip airfare from Louisville is about \$600, and if your humble secretary is doing the math right, that means you could fly to Hawaii for only \$240!. They also have a great deal on lodging. You can stay in a dorm room for \$30 a night (double occupancy), and this also includes three meals a day! If you don't want to stay in the dorm, Outrigger Hotel will be offering rooms *on Waikiki Beach* for as little as \$50 a night! Another new rule: if you want

a split to count for Top Ten or records, you have until the end of the meet to notify the referee; however, for backstroke splits you'll still have to notify the referee before the swim so that officials can verify that you used a legal finish. We should all put a notice in our information for 2001 meets about this change in policy. This year the Rules Committee made numerous housekeeping changes to bring our rules into conformity with USA Swimming rules. We also automatically accepted changes made by USA Swimming to articles 101 and 102, which cleaned up the starter's commands. Among other things, this makes it clear that the starter *is* allowed to say more than just "Take your mark." The starter is allowed, in fact *encouraged*, to state the event and distance. Also, bells can be rung over all swimmers' lanes in distance events, instead of just having a gun fired over the lane of the lead swimmer. All of us with hair-trigger startle reflexes are indeed grateful for this ruling. Finally, USA Swimming says that we no longer need to have a false start rope (since we no longer call back false starts), except when we have deaf swimmers participating.

Mark commented that meet announcements are getting so wordy that it's getting expensive to copy them and mail them out, and asked if we could cut out some wording? Bill said that unfortunately we have to have lengthy meet instructions because we don't have established LMSC meet rules. But Bill also said that there is no requirement about the size of the type. Clubs should feel free to reduce the type size and use skimpy margins in order to save space.

Open water swim. Bill pointed out that there are two major requirements for holding an open water swim: manpower and money. The Lakeside Seahawks USA Swimming team will provide the manpower, but Masters can help by getting sponsors. Bill estimates costs for the last swim were \$850. If the LMSC can find ten \$100 sponsors, the swim will be much more feasible. In-kind donations would also be helpful (for example, maybe Rick Pannell could donate the caps). We will discuss this at the next meeting, because the money will need to be in hand by early June.

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m. Next meeting will be held following the conclusion of the Wildcat meet in March 2001.