

**Minutes**  
**Kentucky LMSC Annual Meeting**  
**March 3, 2002**

President Bill Tingley called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. EST, at Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington. Others attending were Mike Lemke—Vice Chair (CHMS), Meg Smath—Secretary (WILD), Joanne Tingley (LAKE), Tom Mester (CHMS), Janice Kregor (WILD), Mark Rogers (WKG), Tracy Elton (WILD), Gail O'Malley (WILD), and Pam Haerberlin (LAKE). Bill declared a quorum was present.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** In Melinda Schmitt's absence, Bill presented her report, which contains the 2001 financial report and the 2002 budget.

*2001 financial report.* At first glance, it appears we have \$6000 more in income than in 2000, but this is largely because our payment to USMS was delayed until January 2002, and also because convention expenses were much less than originally budgeted for (due to the convention being moved from Dearborn, Mich., to Louisville). Meg moved, Tracy seconded, that we accept the 2001 financial report. All aye. The treasurer is directed to send this report to the national office.

*2002 budget.* The 2002 budget as originally proposed shows the LMSC making a profit of \$316. It carries over line items from 2001 to upgrade Acrobat and Team Manager. These software upgrades were approved at last year's annual meeting, but have not yet been purchased. Bill noted that only six months of payments to BluegrassNet were budgeted, because we are moving our website to the USMS server and will no longer have to pay for web hosting. We will stop paying BluegrassNet once Norm Schippert at BluegrassNet has changed our DNS address so that [www.kylmsc.org](http://www.kylmsc.org) will direct users to the USMS server instead of the BluegrassNet server. Bill noted that the amount budgeted for printing and mailing registration forms must be increased by \$200. The original amount included only printing costs, and not mailing costs. Joanne requested that the LMSC pay for her e-mail account. She can get an account through BluegrassNet for \$15/month, for a total of \$180/year. Mike presented a proposal from Brad Schmied for him to write a web program that would allow online meet entries and record reporting. Brad would write the program at no charge, but is requesting that the LMSC cover the cost of a DSL line for one year (approximately \$40/month). Bill felt that unless we could use the USMS credit card account, online accounting would not be cost-effective for us.

The LMSC added \$200 to the amount for office expenses to pay for Joanne's e-mail, added \$200 to printing and mailing registration forms, and reduced the amount for travel reimbursement to LMSC meetings to \$1. Tracy seconded the treasurer's motion to approve the 2002 budget as amended. All aye.

**Registrar's Report.** Joanne reported that registration forms were printed by Sam Blythe and mailed by United Mail in November 2001. So far, 414 swimmers have registered for 2002.

**Top Ten Report.** Bill reported in Bob Adams's absence. The SCM Top Ten is now online. Its compilation was controversial because the results from two meets (one in Oregon and one in Virginia) were disallowed after the pools in which the meets were held were discovered to be less than 25.00 meters long. Controversy raged for months in the USMS online discussion forum, and eventually the Rules Committee held a conference call to discuss the issue. The Rules Committee decided that the times from the disputed meets could not be considered for Top Ten because the USMS rule specifying a minimum distance of 25.00 meters for SCM pools had not been complied with. Bill noted that all the pools used for competition in Kentucky have been measured and are in compliance.

**Sanctions Chair's Report.** The Louisville Y Masters have been granted recognition for their open water swim to be held June 1.

**Officials Chair's Report.** No report from Pam. Bill noted that there is discussion between USA Swimming and USMS to allow our national championships to count toward USA national certification.

**Fitness Chair's Report.** No report from Tom.

**Safety Chair's Report.** Mark said he will resend the PDF version of the safety manual to anyone who wants a copy.

**Mini-Meet Chair's Report.** Tom said approximately 50 swimmers participated in the SCY mini-meet held in February. The number of participants has been remarkably consistent over the years. Bill expects the mini-meets to gain in popularity since so many swimmers are now reluctant to travel out of town for a two-day meet. Meg had polled the LMSC via e-mail on a proposal to move the SCY relay mini-meet from March 24 to April 14. Gail, Joanne, Melinda, David Oyen, Mark, Bill, Joanne, and Meg had all voted affirmatively by e-mail. Tracy, Tom, Mike, and Janice all voted affirmatively at the meeting, resulting in a unanimous vote. The LCM mini-meet will be held July 14.

**Newsletter Editor's Report.** No report from Mike.

**Records Chair's Report.** It will cost \$89 to upgrade Team Manager, which Brad uses to compile records. The upgrade will include a copy of TM2 Lite, which can be distributed free to clubs so that they can submit meet entries via e-mail or on a disk. This can be a real time saver for meet hosts!

**Webmaster's Report.** Meg reported that she has placed a copy of the LMSC website on the USMS server and is currently updating the website at both BluegrassNet and usms.org. Meg also reorganized the website and changed its appearance. Bill suggested that Meg remove the blue background from the swimmers database so it's more readable; Meg will do this as soon as she can. Meg also announced that usms.org will allow

individual clubs to have their own websites. Meg will notify the clubs about the availability of this space.

**Open Water Report.** Bill said he would like to try again to hold a sanctioned open water swim, on September 7. We would need 80 swimmers to break even.

### **Old Business.**

*DQ article.* Meg noticed when she was preparing the agenda for this meeting that she was supposed to have compiled a list of disqualifications from last year's Wildcat meet, and sent it to Pam and Mike, who would write an article for the newsletter to educate the swimmers. The LMSC decided to track this information for all the 2002 meets, for an article in the fall. Bill suggested another good topic would be to explain the whistle start.

*Status of U of L pool.* Mike moved, Joanne seconded, that the LMSC go into executive session. All aye. A report was given, and no action was taken. The LMSC then came out of executive session.

*Meet schedule.* Bill said that Mary Graves, manager of Lakeside, wants to continue holding the 800 free relay at the same time as the SCM mini-meet; this is a pool availability issue. Bill speculated that Bob Adams will hold his meet November 2 or 9. The Lakeside Mile will be December 7. The SCM mini-meet may be on November 24. Next year's Wildcat meet will probably be April 12–13. Mark may hold the Bowling Green meet February 15 or 16, which we hope is the weekend between high school regionals and the state meet. In that case, the SCY mini-meet would be held the third weekend in January (January 19). If the Wildcat meet is in April, the relay mini would be March 16. The SwimLouisville.com meet will be June 15–16. The Lakeside meet will be the second weekend in August. LC nationals will be held in Cleveland the following weekend. Bill noted that the party at nationals will be at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame!

### **New Business.**

*American Swim Association.* Bill reported on this new organization. It appears to have an emphasis almost exclusively on competition. Bill will e-mail some letters from the organization's founder to the LMSC delegates for information purposes. He has concerns about contact with the ASA, because it is likely to run afoul of FINA (because it proposes to maintain "world records" in swimming, which FINA has jurisdiction over). We will keep an eye on the situation.

*Fundraiser for Novaquatics.* Dale Mercker asked that the Kentucky LMSC support Novaquatics, which is holding a channel swim this summer to benefit the City of Hope charity. Bill suggested we could tie in with the 5 and 10K postal swims, and allow Kentucky swimmers to add a contribution to their entry fee. We should take this back to our clubs and find out if they will support this.

*Formation of the LMSC.* Joanne read off the number of swimmers registered with each club in 2001 and the number of delegates they are entitled to in 2002 based upon this registration. Each club stated the number of delegates it will use, and the delegates' names, if known.

02	Lakeside Masters	99 swimmers	4 delegates	Bill Tingley Joanne Tingley Melinda Schmitt Pam Haerberlin
03	Frankfort Area Swim Masters	6 swimmers	1 delegate	Jane Bryan
04	Wildcat Masters	195 swimmers	8 delegates	Meg Smath Tracy Elton Janice Kregor Gail O'Malley (Wildcat will only use 4 delegates)
05	Crescent Hill Masters	87 swimmers	3 delegates	Tom Mester Susan Ehringer Brad Schmied (Mike Lemke is also a member of the LMSC as vice chair)
06	Louisville Y Masters	16 swimmers	1 delegate	Freda Holderman
07	W. Ky. Green Gators	35 swimmers	2 delegates	Mark Rogers (W. Ky. will only use 1 delegate)
08	Owensboro Marlin Masters	17 swimmers	1 delegate	Bob Adams
10	Hopkins County YMCA Masters	1 swimmer	1 delegate	Kent Waide
11	McDowell Wellness Center Masters	8 swimmers	1 delegate	Russ Goodwin
14	Eagles Masters Swimming	7 swimmers	1 delegate	Trenton Stover
	Unattached	21 swimmers	no delegates	

Total delegates to the LMSC is 19, making for a quorum of 10.

Bill declared the formation of the 2002 LMSC. Pam moved, Mark seconded to approve. All aye.

Mike moved, Joanne seconded that the Executive Committee be authorized to spend up to 25 percent of the budget in an emergency. All aye.

The next meeting of the LMSC will be September 29 at the Mary T. Meagher Natatorium in Louisville at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.