

Ohio LMSC Board Minutes

July 17, 2013 --- 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Role Call and Review last meeting's minutes Carl

Attendees:

1. Carl B.
2. Tom H.
3. Amanda J.
4. Laura W.
5. Jason H.
6. David H.
7. Todd R. (1st 15 minutes)
8. Franklin H.

Missing:

1. Jeff S.
2. Barb R.
3. Scott G.
4. CJ Rushman

Election of new Board members Carl

Laura made a motion that we elect the following three people to our Board. Amanda Seconded it and after discussion, the vote was unanimous.

- Trina Ingole: Elected Editor
- Craig Baldwin: Elected Member at Large (Craig is from the Columbus Area Sharks and was the race Director for the 2013 Ohio State Championships. He will also be the race director for the 2014 Arnold)
- Jen Wood: Elected Member at Large (Jen is the Aquatic Director at the University of Miami and the coach of the Miami Marlins)

We also discussed inviting Tom Homan to our next in-person Board Meeting that will probably be held in conjunction with the Miami Meet in November. Tom is the City Manager in Delaware and has been very instrumental in helping us to bring the Arnold to the Ohio LMSC. We discussed the possibility of Tom becoming a Member at Large and then in March at our annual meeting considering him for a more active position on the Board... perhaps replacing Franklin who is considering rotating off of our Board.

Scheduled Events for the next 12 months were briefly reviewed

- 07/27/2013 [Lake Erie Open Water Classic](#), Cleveland, OH 44102
- 8/3&4/2013 [Lakeside Masters Summer Long Course Invitational, Louisville, KY](#)
- 08/04/2013 [2013 USMS 2.4 Mile Open Water National Championship, CA](#)
- 08/07/2013 [2013 Marriott U.S.M.S. Summer Nationals](#) LCMeters, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
- 08/17/2013 [2013 USMS 2-Mile Cable Open Water National Championship](#) Lake Placid, NY
- 11/16/2013 **Miami Fall Masters**, Oxford, OH
- ?????/2013 **Dayton Area Sharks** Pentathlon – Date to be announced
- 02/07/2014 **Miami Mardi Gras**, Oxford, OH
- 03/01/2014 **The 2014 Arnold Festival and Swim Meet**, Columbus, OH
- 03/14/2014 ? **Anderson meet**, Cincinnati, OH
- 03/29/2014 **The 2014 Ohio State Championships at Ohio State** – And, Yes! The Columbus area Sharks (**Craig Baldwin**) are stepping up and will host two events in Columbus next year... The Arnold that will be held in a beautiful new facility in Delaware, OH **and** The Ohio State Championships which will be held at OSU... Both events to benefit the Huntington Disease Foundation

Recreational Swimmer recognition and encouragement *David H. & Carl*

It was agreed that Dave, Carl & Barb would bring a program to the Board in November for approval. The purpose of the program is to encourage recreational swimmers. The annual budget for a program is estimated to be in the \$800 to \$1,200 range. The new program (for 2014) will not be official until formally proposed, discussed and approved by a vote of the Ohio LMSC Board in November.

USMS & LMSC Dues *Carl*

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved unanimously to set the Ohio LMSC dues at \$7 above the USMS annual dues and to continually adjust the total dues to maintain the \$7 Ohio adder to the USMS dues. This means the dues for 2014 (which are payable starting November 1st) will be \$42 (\$35 for USMS and \$7 for Ohio).

The plan to have the Ohio LMSC pay the dues for the Board members was discussed and tabled until the next meeting. Most of those commenting felt it was a non-issue and that the Officers on the Board should do as the rest of the LMSC members do and pay their own dues.

Individual Board Status Reports

- **Chair** – Carl
 - Carl will be the only Ohio LMSC member attending. Trina has expressed a possible interest and she will be encouraged to possibly attend the next National Convention in 2014 that will be held in Jacksonville.
The National Convention will be held:
 - 2013/Sep 10 to Sep14/Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, CA
 - 2014/Sep 17 to Sep21/Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL
 - 2015/Kansas City ... 2016/Atlanta ... 2017/Dallas
 - NOTE: The Ohio LMSC had 701 registered members in 2012. We get 1 delegate automatically, and a 2nd delegate for having more than 300 members. (A 3rd delegate requires 800 LMSC members.) Travel & Housing paid by the LMSC (Coach Air & Hotel (Double Occupancy) Plus \$35/day (Per Diem)
 - **Decision:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to designate the Columbus 3/29/14 meet the State Championship for the Ohio LMSC next year. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Finance & Accounting** – Todd
 - Current financial status – No Report (*Todd has been asked in a separate e-mail) to give a quick update on LMSC finances.*) The report will be forwarded to all Board Members as soon as it is received.
- **Registrar** – Laura
 - Current LMSC membership status -
2012-2013 Season: 661 members, 18 clubs
2011-2012 Season: 707 members, 16 clubs
- **Sanctions & Open Water** – Jeff
 - No report ... Jeff on his honeymoon ... If Jeff had turned in a report, we (and his wife) would have been justified in bouncing him off the Board.
- **Top-Ten** – Amanda
 - Current Top-Ten Status: Amanda mentioned that relays can only count if the swimmers are named on the results in the order that they swim. It is to the coaches advantage to have the relay teams provided to the meet officials as early as possible if they want their times to count in the "Top-10"
 - We also discussed creating a checklist or 'information sheet' for meet directors so all pertinent information needed for Top 10 recordkeeping will be more consistently sent to Amanda. This checklist may become part of our website as a bulleted item under "***How to Conduct a Sanctioned Meet***"

- **Recreational & Safety** – Dave
 - Dave is going to review the safety information available on the USMS website and will submit regular articles for our newsletter... Articles that will encourage and remind all of us concerning Safety issues in practices, meets, open water events, and dry-land training as well.

- **Coaches** – Barb
 - RE: Our LMSC website, in the "about us" tab, there is a link to "policies" that states the LMSC will pay up to \$1200 each for up to two coaches to attend the ASCA World Clinic. We should probably not continue to have the policy. Instead, Barb would like to see if coaches in our LMSC have an interest in becoming ASCA Level I and or II certified coaches. If so, we should consider hosting that type of clinic in the area. Barb recently attended that clinic in Indianapolis and the information is highly valuable to any of our Masters coaches. Barb proposed (via memo) that we poll the current coaches in the LMSC to see how many currently hold the certification and how many would be interested in getting certified. If there is interest, she proposes we investigate the cost associated with hosting the clinic - perhaps in the Dayton or Columbus area. Barb would rather see our funds going to benefit larger numbers of coaches and thereby larger numbers of teams. ***The board was in favor of checking with our current teams and starting the planning necessary to do this in Ohio later in 2013 or possibly 2014.***

- **Officials** – Jason – All is well – No report

- **IT, Home Page & Webmaster** – Scott – No report

- **At Large...** (CJ & Tom H.) – No report

Misc.

1. Job Announcement: From Jen Wood @ Miami University. Contact her with names of anyone who might be interested.
2. Ongoing Board responsibilities... RE: www.usms.org... ***Individual job descriptions ... Each officer can take initiatives to bring ideas to the Board...***

Open Discussion: *Carl* My goal is to never take longer than 60 minutes for a Board Meeting... So staying on the call for this portion of the meeting is optional... notes will be taken and sent with the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM EST

Thank you again for your participation and for your dedication to our sport. Your time is important and I do not want to take it for granted that you are giving up valuable personal time to serve our constituency (*thank goodness for spell checker*)

Carl