

Adirondack Local Masters Swim Committee

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2018

Attendance: Robert Singer, Deb Roberts, Karen Byer, Jim Harding, Nicole Perreault, Grace Rowan, Kathy Meany, Virginia Touhey, Meisha Rosenberg, Bridget Simpson, Louise Rourke, Rich Mersereau, Anthony Szmul, Hank Tripp, Kerry McClurg, Tocher Mitchell, Ann Svenson, Florence Grimm, Mary Field, Dan Wall and Doug Koop.

Reading, Correction and Adoption of 2017 Minutes: Minutes already sent to USMS. Minutes adopted by those in attendance.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN (Robert Singer):

Thanked the membership for using the online survey to vote in officers. New officers are Karen Byer to replace Sarah King as Secretary and Kathy Meany to replace Steve Atkins as Sanction Chair.

The first NYS Championship meet in 7 years hosted by the Binghamton University Masters Swimmers (part of the Niagara LMSC) was a success.

There was another successful 50- 50's (or 75's, 100's) since the last annual meeting. Thank you Ann Svenson for organizing. The 2019 New Year's 100- 100's is moved to 9 am at the Glens Falls Y. 6 am was a challenge for some swimmers.

Membership is down. It typically revives during Olympic years. When we host a National Championship at Lake Placid the participation at this event increases as well.

Greenleaf Racing won the bid for the 2-mile Cable National Championship at Lake Placid in 2020 and the 10 K Open Water National Championship at Lake George in Hague, NY in 2020 as well.

Convention: Robert Singer and Sarah King Representatives of AD-LMSC

Met with NYS LMSC's and planned the NYS meet in Binghamton for April 5-7, 2019

The National Long Distance Committee added one important rule for open water...at the discretion of the Event Director, swimmers may choose or be required to use safety buoys. Robert Singer serves on this committee.

Robert Singer committed to running and Adult Learn to Swim program at Glens Falls.

National Coaches Clinic: Robert Singer was sent by the Glens Falls YMCA. Great training for improved coaching and ways to recruit new swimmers. Triathletes are a great source of new membership as they outnumber USMS member 2:1 and would benefit by increasing thier comfort level

in the water.

Robert Singer started a Saturday morning clinic to work on triathlon open water skills.

Robert Singer recognized Anthony Szmul as the overall winner of the Lake Memphremagog Open Water Swim.

REGISTRAR (Ann Svenson) 247 members in 2018, as of today 11 members have registered for 2019.

TREASURER (Doug Koop) A financial report was circulated to all members in attendance and this report will be sent to the USMS as part of the annual LMSC reports. Our AD-LMSC accounts are healthy and within average numbers.

VICE CHAIRMAN/ SANCTIONS (Kathy Meany) See below.

SECRETARY (Karen Byer) Information was distributed to members to facilitate certification as meet officials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COACHES (Kristen Hislop) was not in attendance.

SANCTIONS (Kathy Meany) Thanked Steve Atkins for the amazing job he did as outgoing Sanctions Officer.

Encouraged the membership to become certified as meet officials through USMS/USA Swimming and volunteer at meets as there is a current shortage of officials. It may become necessary to compensate the officials monetarily and the proceeds to the hosting clubs would be diminished. A proposal regarding the officials at meets was reviewed and approved by the AD-LMSC Board.

Four AD-LMSC Meet dates confirmed as:

Jan 12, 2019 Happy New Year Meet, Mohanasen High School, Schenectady, NY

March 2, 2019 Masters Meet at Guilderland YMCA

October Glens Falls- Date as yet unconfirmed

October Leatherstocking- Date as yet unconfirmed

April 5-7, 2019 NYS Championships at Binghamton

Standardizations related to 2019 AD-LMSC pool Meets: \$6 meet surcharge, \$6 per event, Continue to provide paper registration in addition to online registration, no OEVT for pool meets in 2019 (reconsider in the future).

OPEN WATER SANCTIONS (Robert Singer) Betsy Owens 1 mile and Terry Laughlin 2 mile Cable swims, Lake Placid NY on August 10, 2019 and Lake George Open Water Swims 2.5K, 5K, 10K, Hague NY on

August 17, 2019. Recognized swimmers completing the 32 mile Lake George swim. Recommended The Lake George Historical Association Museum for a history of Open Water swimming in Lake George. There will be an Asperger's Syndrome/Autism Awareness Swim in Lake George summer 2019.

OFFICIALS CHAIR (Deb Roberts) Helped to prepare and present the proposal for procurement of officials at AD-LMSC meets. Recommended that more members become certified as USMS meet officials. Recommended reevaluation of the new proposal at the end of the 2019 pool season.

RECORDS AND TOP TEN (Dan Wall) Recognized member attaining records. Recommended emailing him and pointing him to the meet results if you swam out of district and got a record.

New Business: Former and inactive directors were removed as signatories from the bank account. Robert Singer was added as a signatory. The proposal for procuring volunteer officials or paying non-volunteer officials at the AD-LMSC meets was ratified by the membership. All officers and committee chairs stressed the importance of recruiting new members and thinking of ways to offer fun events e.g. the 100 100's, 50 100's, Brute Challenge, Smarty Pants, Clinics, Lake Swims etc.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Karen Byer, Secretary