

**United States Masters Swimming (USMS)  
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (DV LMSC)  
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**Welcome**

The annual membership meeting was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and called to order by Chair Jeremy Gross at 2:04 pm. Folks on the call at the start of the meeting introduced themselves.

Attending: Chairperson Jeremy Gross, Vice Chair Steve Dougherty, Secretary Barbara Burke, Delia Perez, Dan Allen, Geoff Meyer, Dave Diehl, Chris Schroeder, Andrea Butchko, Dave Schneider, Sean Reynolds, Laurie Hug, Gary Sangmeister. ....

Note: for ease of reference, submitted reports are linked from the report titles as listed below. In addition, they are all found in [this folder](#), which is also linked on our [LMSC website](#).

Our new Chair, Jeremy Gross, put together a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to aid all attendees in following along during the meeting.

**2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Review**

Presented by Barbara Burke, Secretary

The minutes from our 2021 Annual Meeting to USMS, along with our Treasurer's report, were posted on the [USMS](#) website. They and committee reports were also posted on our [LMSC website](#).

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the 2021 DV LMSC Annual Meeting minutes/S/P

**Secretary's Report**

The Secretary's Report, detailing significant actions, decisions, or discussions made by the officers and /or Board of Directors (BOD) during the time between annual meetings is posted on our [LMSC website](#) and linked above.

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

**Treasurer's Report** and **1/1/22 - 9/30/22 Financials**

Presented by Steve Dougherty on behalf of Joe Boris, Treasurer

Highlights:

- Balance as of Sept 30, 2022 is \$31,848.22
- \$8,573.69 increase over past 12-months
- Proposed budget will be reviewed during new business
- Increase in LMSC 9/30 balance over time since recent lows in 2018-2020
  - this increase coincides with Covid Recovery funding and the new Unified Fee implemented by USMS

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

*Secretary's Note:* On October 31, 2022, Jeremy Gross and Steve Dougherty conducted the annual financial review as required by our By-Laws. Jeremy and Steve found the Treasurer's report and bank statements to be in order.

**Social & Recognition Reports**

Presented by Steve Dougherty and Jeremy Gross, Committee Co-Chairs

2021 Awards:

**David Harrison Outstanding Male Swimmer Award**

Winner – Steve Hiltabiddle - Previous winner from 2016

15 Top-10 swims, of which 12 were #1 and 1 was #2, and scored 97 pts at Nationals

**Jeanne Merryman Outstanding Female Swimmer Award**

Winner – Laurie Hug - Previous winner from 2016

27 Top-10 swims, of which 10 were #1, 4 were #2, & 4 were #3 and scored 126 pts at Nationals

**Henry “Barney” Hungerford Outstanding Open Water / Long Distance Swimmer Award**

Winner – Anne Cappola

1st place - 1-Hr ePostal, 3rd place in the 3k ePostal and 2nd place in the 6k ePostal

2022 Awards to be presented at DV Champs. Nominations requested for Lifetime Achievement award and Outstanding Volunteer.

Davie Diehl motioned to accept the Recognition Report/S/P

**Membership Coordinator’s Report**

Presented by Jeremy Gross on behalf of Janet Jastremski, Membership Coordinator

Highlights:

- Membership increased over last year, but not back to pre-pandemic level
- As of 10/17/22
  - We have 455 men and 380 women registered for 2022
  - 22 registered clubs
    - same as 2021, but down from 36 in 2020

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Membership Coordinator’s Report/S/P

**Officials Report**

Presented by Dave Diehl, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- DVLMSOC has 3 USMS Officials
- Rulebook changes being proposed for 2023 “All officials must be certified by a recognized body”
  - Starters and Stroke & Turn judges shall be certified in said capacity by a USMS-approved certifying body, as defined by the USMS Officials Committee.
  - However, uncertified officials may perform the duties of such positions if they receive training in the specific duties of their positions and are under the direct supervision of a certified official.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Officials Report/S/P

**Sanctions Report**

Presented by Jeremy Gross on behalf of Tom Patterson, Committee Chair

2022 Meets Approved

- Phoenixville SCM Meet, January
- DV SCY LMSC Champs, March
- 2022 SJAC Spring Splash Masters Meet, May
- Lawrence Park SCM Meet, October

- Souderton SCY Masters Meet, November
- La Salle, December 2022

#### 2023 Meets Approved

- Phoenixville SCM Meet, January
- DV SCY LMSC Champs, March

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Sanctions Report/S/P

#### Top 10 Report

Presented by Jeremy Gross on behalf of Tom Patterson, Committee Chair

#### Highlights

- 2022 SCM season hasn't yet concluded, but our LMSC looks to be on track for a record number of Top Ten swims by our members

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Top 10 Report/S/P

#### **Meet Schedule/**Competition Report**/Records Report**

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

#### Highlights:

- Schedule of upcoming meets shared - there are several and they are posted on our website
- Records - DV records have been updated (provided to webmaster by Gary)

Delia Perez motioned to accept the Records Report/S/P

#### Website Report

Presented by Dan Allen, Webmaster

#### Highlights

- Page added to show DV Champs records, intended to spur competition and interest in the meet
- Budgeting discussion will occur during new business

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Web Report/S/P

#### Marketing Report

Provided by Pamela Shepard, Committee Chair

#### Highlights

- Discussion
  - Dave Schneider expressed his opposition to any non-USMS events and groups promoting via the DV LMSC Facebook page
  - Jeremy disagrees
  - Delia disagrees
  - Discussion to continue under new business

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Marketing Report/S/P

#### Open Water Report

Presented by Delia Perez, Committee Chair

## Highlights

- Read Delia's report - it's very extensive and has many photos
- Ocean was very cold this OW season
- finally warmed up in mid-August until Ian came up the coast
- Now 64 degrees!

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Open Water Report/S/P

## Coaches Report

Presented by Dave Schneider, Committee Chair

### Highlights

- Delaware Valley Coach Statistics
  - 154 Delaware Valley swimmers identified as coaches in 2022 registration
  - 26 Delaware Valley coaches have achieved some level of certification:

Certification Level	Number of Coaches
Level 1	7
Level 2	11
Level 3	6
Level 4	1

- Coach Certification Classes
  - Level 1 is now offered as online video.
  - No Level 2 or Level 3 classes were offered in the northeast in 2022. The closest class conducted the Delaware Valley was in Charlotte, NC.
- Miscellaneous
  - The 2022 Nationals Coaching Clinic was held October 7-9 in Las Vegas.

We need to encourage the self-identified coaches to obtain USMS coaching certifications if they are actively coaching USMS teams.

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Coaches Report/S/P

## Fitness Committee Report

Presented by Barbara Burke on behalf of Kimmie Inverso, Committee Chair

### Highlights:

- Kimmie would like to host a dryland session; she is expected to facilitate it.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Fitness Committee Report/S/P

## USMS Convention Reports

Our LMSC again earned three (3) delegate spots to the convention which was held in a "hybrid" format for the first time with both online and in-person attendees. All DV LMSC delegates attended virtually. House of Delegate meetings were held September 16th through September 18th.

Delegates were Jeremy Gross, Joe Boris and Laurie Hug. Laurie also represents the DV LMSC as a member of the USMS Coaches Committee but no longer gets an automatic delegate spot.

Reports supplied by the attendees are linked below, and are posted on our website. Some highlights:

[Combined report from Jeremy Gross with input from Joe Boris](#)

## Report from Laurie Hug

### Highlights:

- Hybrid Meeting:
  - All DV attended virtually. J. Gross, L. hug, J. Boris were the DV LMSC Delegates
  - Charles Cockrell elected At Large Director for Colonies Zone
  - J. Gross appointed Colonies Zones Vice Chair
  - USMS encouraging LMSCs to have Diversity & Inclusion Chair
  - Jim & Anna Lea Matysek won the Captain Ransom J. Arthur Award
- USMS membership cost going up again

In the future, we plan to collaborate and provide just one report instead of expecting one report from each attendee.

The 2023 Convention will be held in September. At this time, USMS is undecided on whether it will be virtual or hybrid, however, the preliminary board proposal was for a hybrid format..

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

## Team Reports

Spring Valley YMCA – Gary Sangmeister

- larger summer participation than any past summer
- overall participation is growing, notably in younger swimmers

Colonials 1776 – Steve Dougherty

- Click link for report

LASH

- no reps present

Central Bucks - Sean Reynolds

- lost coaches due to the pandemic
- they are beginning to build back, planning to be at Souderton

Wilkes-Barre & Pittston YMCA - Dan Allen (provided by email the day after the annual meeting)

- We have one team practice a week with about 4 swimmers and are continually getting additional interest. As a team we went to 3 meets this year. The first meet in over 10 years for a couple of us and first meet ever for another. We are looking forward to doing more meets in 2023. We are still hoping to grow to where we were pre Covid.

FINS

- no reps present

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Team Reports/S/P

## Nominations/Elections - DV LMSC Board of Directors

### **LMSC Officers**

#### **Treasurer**

Jeremy Gross nominated Joe Boris for a second term

Barbara Burke motioned to accept Joe Boris for Treasurer for a 2-year term /S/P

### **Secretary**

Jeremy Gross nominated Chris Schroeder for a short-term interim position until a permanent replacement can be identified, with active attempts by board members to identify a new secretary.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept Chris Schroeder for interim secretary /S/P

### **LMSC Committee Chairs**

#### **Diversity & Inclusion**

Board members are actively pursuing appointing the first chair of this new committee

#### **Competition Coordinator**

Geoff Meyer was appointed Chair

#### **Editor**

### **Team/group reps and reports**

(representation gleaned from those attending today's meetings) for the LMSC Board (per by-laws):

- Spring Valley Y – Gary Sangmeister
- LASH – no representation this year
- 1776 – Steve Dougherty
  - Workout Group - Valley Forge Masters - Dave Schneider
  - GAAC Masters (part of 1776) - Laurie Hug
- FINS – no representation this year
- Groups
  - Wilkes-Barre/Pittston - Dan Allen, Andrea Butchko

### **Old Business**

- **Zone Vice Chair**
  - Jeremy Gross has been appointed Zone Vice Chair

### **New Business**

- Website mention of by-laws should be linking to our LMSC by-laws where posted on USMS website
  - Dan has fixed this
- Jeremy Gross is proposing changes to by-laws
  - a subcommittee of Jeremy Gross, Chris Schoeder, Laurie Hug, Barbara Burke and Geoff Meyer will review and prepare the changes to be voted on by LMSC membership
- Budget
  - Review of 2022 and 2023 budgets
  - Need new ways to spend our money
  - GPAA Donation proposal
  - Reducing meet fee for LMSC members
  - Slightly higher meet fees for non-LMSC members
- Meet Schedule
  - Souderton - Nov 12
  - La Salle - Dec 11
  - SCM Zones – Dec 9-11

- Phoenixville - Jan 8
- Upper Perk Y - Feb 12, 2023
- DV Champs March 12, 2023
- SCY Zones April 14-16, 2023
  - Potentially Rutgers, still unconfirmed
- USMS Spring Nationals (SCY), April 27-30 - Irvine, CA
- SJAC - Last Chance May
- LCM Meets? UMLY? Other?
- USMS Summer Nationals (LCM) , August 2-6 - Sarasota, FL
- Other topics?
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Motion to adjourn meeting by Barbara Burke at 4:58 pm /S/P

Submitted by Barbara Burke, Secretary

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