

Michigan Masters LMSC Annual Meeting - Eastern Michigan University

Meeting Minutes 11:30 AM, 4-14-2018

Board Members Present: Patrick Weiss, Fares Ksebati, Jim Izzi, Coleman Teach, Kris Goodrich

Introductions – Patrick Weiss

Motion to approve meeting minutes from last year made by Ralph Davis, second by Rebecca Kanner

Chair Report: Patrick Weiss – Highlights from the past year.

- Updated the places to swim page on LMSC website. About 90% of the listings that were on the site were incorrect and hadn't been updated for 3-4 years.
- Updated the LMSC History page on LMSC website which hadn't been updated in over two years.
- Updated all meet ribbons with first new design in over a decade.
- Moved the annual banquet to Genitti's in Northville to allow theatre seating for the awards portion of the event.
- Got SwimSwam magazine to donate \$2,000 worth of magazines for thank you gifts for all banquet attendees.
- After an injury at the South Lyon Fall Meet, created dedicated "Incident Report" Kits and mailed to all meet hosts. This has never been done in the past and will allow meet hosts to properly file injury reports without delay.
- Set up an Amazon Smile program to fund Scholarship fund. By using the special Amazon link found on the Michigan Masters web site to order, Amazon makes a donation to Michigan Masters based on the amount of the order.
- Updated policies for the Michigan Masters scholarship to allow for Michigan Masters swimmers that are graduate students to qualify for the annual scholarship award.
- Update the policies for swimmers that register each year as Unattached swimmers.
- The biggest accomplishment of the year is the creation of a custom Online Registration Program.
- After a drop in meet attendance for the past two years, almost every meet this year has had an increase in attendance over last year.
- The two meets that had the poorest performance were the two meets that didn't use the new online registration system.
- Overall, meet attendance was up over 10% for the entire short course season with 1,080 swimmers total.
- It cost the meet hosts nothing to use and they get to keep 100% of the meet fees for their organizations.
- As part of the online system, Michigan Masters gets PayPal special non-profit rate that allows us to process registrations for up to 80% less than other online systems.
- The success of our online system has been noticed by the national office which is looking at implementing aspects of how we process meets.

Kathy Coffin-Sheard asked for members to consider her meet in Traverse City to support the northern swim meet in order to keep it viable and continuing into the next year.

Treasurers Report – Presented by Coleman Teach

- Motion to Approve Chairman and Treasurer Reports by Clay Putnam, second by Ken Danhoff.

Registrar Report – Presented by Kris Goodrich

- Motion to Approve Registrar Report by Jim Izzi , second by Ralph Davis .

Sanction Chair Report – Presented by Jim Izzi

- Motion to Approve Sanction Report by Kris Goodrich, second by Kathy Coffin-Sheard .

Open Water Report – Presented by Fares Ksebati

- Motion to Approve Open Water Report by Kris Goodrich, second by Patrick Weiss.

Top 10 Report – Presented by Skip Thompson

- Motion to Approve Top 10 Report by Ralph Davis, second by Ken Danoff.

Patrick Weiss announced locations of Spring Nationals and Pan American meets.

Discussion of 2019 Michigan Masters State Championships hosted by Milford Athletic Club by Kris Goodrich and Jim Izzi. Meet will be held at Waterford Mott High School pool.

Kevin Doak asked for support from members to help save Eastern Michigan University swimming program.

Skip Thompson requested a special grant to purchase additional Michigan Masters warmups for the 2018 Spring Nationals at Indianapolis.

- Motion to Approve special grant by Ralph Davis. Motion passed by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned.

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¹ Submitted by Patrick Weiss 8-11-2018