

NMMS Annual Meeting Feb3 2018, MINUTES

In attendance: Bob Wilson (chair), Teddy Decker (Vice chair), Nick Decker (Website manager), Christina Kawamoto (Registrar), Barb Deshler (Treasurer), Bobby Goldie (Coaching Chair), Joel Swartz, Jim Street, Anne Scott, Diane Mueller

Special appreciation was extended to Christina Kawamoto for her constant work as NMMS Registrar, and to Bobby Goldie to recognize his contributions to masters swimming in NM and his Kerry O'Brien award in 2017.

2017 was reviewed with recognition of the very successful annual meet in Taos, the Sr. Olympic meet, Bill Brenner's stroke clinic, Jeff Commings stroke clinic, Officials clinic in Taos led by Teddy Decker, the Splash Away Cancer event in May at UNM, and the free usms registration initiative for 18-22 year olds.

Barb Deshler led a financial review with profit and loss statement for 2017 and current balance sheet, notable for annual income of \$3,126 (mostly registration fees) and current balance of \$18,524.

2018 Events: Splash Away Cancer fundraiser for UNM Cancer Center: tentative dates May 19 or in July.

**ACTION: Joel Swartz and Bob Wilson both available for promotion of event on TV and Radio.**

2018 clinics: stroke and skills clinics were generally felt to be one of the best ways we serve the masters swimming population in NM. Resources and personnel exist in the state for 2-3 clinics in 2018. **ACTION:**

**1) Dorsey (UNM Women's coach) has agreed to conduct a stroke clinic (2 hours) in late April using UNM swimmers as demonstrators, at UNM Pool. A \$500 donation to UNM Women's Swimming is proposed. We need a volunteer to arrange the details of the event.**

**2) Bobby Goldie explained that Dorsey might want to teach a stroke clinic at JCC with Mark Ruedell. The outdoor pool at JCC might be extended to Dorsey for use with the UNM Women's swimmers at times through their season.**

**3) Barb Deshler proposed a clinic to be named "THE WALL" to address starts, turns, and finishes with possible videotaping for immediate feedback to participants. Best proposed locations would be Academy or UNM pools. Local swim celebrities and coaches could be contacted regarding their possible participation in the teaching (eg: John Murphy from Los Alamos)**

2018 ALTS: 37% of American Adults cannot swim 25 yards and 24% have no confidence they could stay afloat. NMMS would like to participate in Adult Learn To Swim (ALTS) efforts in NM. **ACTION: USMS members are urged to take ALTS Certification Course. Free or Low cost ALTS courses could be offered as 4 lessons over 4 weeks, which allows students to be covered by a free 30 day USMS membership to be covered by USMS insurance during the course. Pools, instructors, dates TBD. USMS scholarship support in the form of cap and goggles for participants is available. New swimmers have great recruitment potential for becoming USMS members.**

2018 Meets: We are hoping Taos again holds its annual meet in October. Other possibilities include: **1) a small meet at JCC around April 7-8 (at which time Teddy Decker may also hold an Officials Clinic); 2) July 18-22 NM Senior Olympic Meet for swimmer 50 and over, at UNM Pool. (This is a necessary qualifier meet for the Sr Olympic World Championship Meet to be held in 2019.) 3) Albuquerque Senior Albuquerque City Meet to be held Feb 24: registration and information available at Palo Duro Community Center. 4) There was a proposal for a "Low Key" meet, perhaps at UNM or the Academy**

pool, at which SWAG from USMS could be awarded for “first time” accomplishments like going off the blocks or doing a flip turn in competition. 5) It has been discussed with Dorsey, UNM Women’s Coach, that during the Women’s intersquad meets, college swimmer heats could alternate with masters swimmer heats, allowing swimmers in both groups more rest, and allowing for volunteer officials to get meet experience. A donation to UNM Women’s Swimming to accommodate masters swimmers was discussed.

2018 USMS member recruitment: There is a friendly competition set up by USMS for teams to register the most new USMS members. Because most swimmers in NM are on the NMMS team, we would be competing with other teams of over 75 members. **ACTION: Target Triathletes with an information campaign to be conducted at Triathlons with flyers and USMS representatives providing information about USMS membership benefits (training and technique instruction on the Website and in SWIMMER Magazine) and about Workout Groups in NM and their hours for workouts. We have 10 such workout groups currently identified. Bobby Goldie offered to use his skills as a graphic designer to create an information flyer for triathletes, and other groups with interest in better swimming. Our first opportunity for this recruitment effort will be the UNM Duathlon at UNM Pool on April 21. USMS would provide \$200 to Bobby for the production of such a flyer.**