

New Mexico Masters Swimming
Annual Meeting
15 Feb, 2020

Attendees: Roman Anaya, Kay Armstrong (Secretary), Quinn Bustes, Everson Cruz, Herson Crus, Logan Decker, Nick Decker (Web Master), Teddy Decker (Vice Chair), Barb Deshler (Treasurer), Graciela Garcia, Robert Goldie (Coaches Chair), Cristina Kawamoto (Registrar), Hank Miller, Mitch Taylor, Alejandro Uc, Bob Wilson (Chairman) (3 other names not recorded)

Welcome and Chair Report – Bob Wilson

- welcomed many new members, including Monica from the Chargers noon group, and a large contingent from New Mexico Tech, who are building a new swim group
- Bob stated that he and Cristina (registrar) are both looking for replacements; if interested please let him know
- Miriam Donohue is unable to continue as Sanctions Chair. Roman Anaya offered to take her place, and received enthusiastic approval from the attendees.
- The 2019 USMS Workshop Weekend was a great success, providing an Adult Learn to Swim certification class, a stroke clinic, and a coaches clinic.
- Zoe Nance, Open Water coordinator, planned 3 events in 2019, though one had to be cancelled due to water conditions. The open water events are planned as USMS sanctioned events, so all can participate as USMS swimmers.

Treasurer Report – Barb Deshler

- Bottom line – we have a little more than \$16,000
- We may have a little more funding come in this year than in previous years, due to national-level changes in the registration process (standard fee across nation, rather than set by states)
- Proposed expenditures
 - travel to the national convention (registration fee will be paid at national level this year)
 - registration fee for 18-22 year-olds to encourage participation
 - sponsorship of additional swim events this year; if we as NMMS sponsor sufficient local-type events we could qualify to host a zone meet

Registrar Report - Cristina Kawamoto

- Yes, Cristina would like to pass the registrar's baton!
 - duties will go down over the next year or two, with the combination of a standardized national registration process / fee, and as more members register / renew online
 - Cristina estimates the position requires about 1 hour per month
- NMMS is the 'banner club' for the state
 - we have 6 additional clubs across the state
 - if these clubs registered as workout groups under the NMMS banner then any NM member under any workout group can form a relay / participate as one team when attending meets outside the state
 - currently have 7 workout groups
- 2020 membership is down from 2019, but similar to the national level the hope is that the Olympics inspire additional folks to become members

Teddy Decker – Vice Chair

- Teddy is also on the USMS Board of Directors (Treasurer)
- USMS has 65,000 members, hosts short- and long-course nationals

- 2020 is the USMS 50th Anniversary, and several of the original members still participate!
- Changes to registration process
 - working toward standardization across the nation, with a unified fee and registration on the USMS site
 - new (not renewing) members will receive a welcome packet, including a cap, plastic key tab, and marketing materials
 - while streamlined registration simplifies matters at the national level, USMS recognizes it places a burden on the local levels to welcome new members whose first engagement may be the day they first show up to swim
 - however, a national-level registration process should also simplify matters when traveling, for those members who wish to swim with a USMS group at their destination
- National Convention
 - each state may send 2 voting members
 - consists of 3 days of meetings and workshops
 - committees at the national level include: sports medicine, financial auditing, coaching committee, rules and regulations, open water/long distance, records, history, and awards
 - if you are interested in representing NM at the national convention please let the Chair know

Web Master – Nick Decker

- We currently have 2 web sites: the original NM site, and a page on the USMS site
 - both are in use, as tracking software indicates folks still go to the original site
 - as the USMS pilot completes, hits on the original site will be forwarded to the USMS page
- The USMS site provides hosting and templates; not as much time is required by the webmaster, but it does offer less control on site modifications

Coaches Chair – Bobby Goldie

- Lobos will again host the “Splash Away Cancer” event: 23 May 2020
 - all check proceeds go to the UNM Cancer Center (minus service fee for PayPal payments)
 - raised over \$15,000 in 2019
- Clinics
 - Fitter and Faster: lead by former Olympians, they may seem expensive, but quality of the coaching is high; information will be sent to NMMS members when a session is scheduled
 - The new UNM Women’s Swim Team coach enjoys time-trial type events and is willing to open them to other swim groups; these events can be sanctioned and records awarded if appropriate; Bobby will notify members of upcoming activities

Open Water Chair – Bob Wilson for Zoe Nance

- The first open water event of the season is being planned for Apr
 - Probably in Chochiti Lake, good for cold water experience
 - sanctioning for this event is in progress

Open Discussion

- Teddy Decker has offered to conduct an ‘officiating’ training session
- Everson Crus of the NN Tech group provided an overview of their efforts to start a team
 - outlined challenges and equipment needs
 - would also like to provide swim lessons / support for new swimmers

---pool is on NM Tech property but used by Soccoro; required to keep university swimmers separate from community swimmers, and must show viability before the school will provide financial support to a team

- Discussed options for supporting new swimmers in NM Tech group

---Bob, Cristina, and Teddy are Adult Learn to Swim certified, and offered to conduct some sessions

- Bob requested Everson provide a list of needed equipment, and the NMMS board will consider options for supporting with current budget

Closing: NMMS board will meet in a few weeks to discuss amending the proposed budget to provide support to the NM Tech group. Following that meeting the budget and any changes to the board will be sent to the membership for approval. Pass or failure will be based only on the responses received.

KAA – 16 Feb 2020