

Committee Name:	OMS Board	2017	Board Meeting	April 2017
Committee Chair:	Tim Waud	Vice Chair:	Robbert Van Andel	
Minutes recorded by:	Michelle Jacobs-Brown	Date/time of meeting:	4-08-17	6:00 pm

Oregon Masters Swimming: Annual Open Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet  
McMenimans; Bend, OR

Number of committee members Present: 15      Absent: 6      Guests:

**Board Members Present:** Susan Albright, Jacki Allender, Bob Bruce, Collette Crabbe, Carolyn DeMarco, Christina Fox, Michelle Jacobs-Brown, Matt Miller, Sandi Rousseau, Ellen Summers, Jeanna Summers, Joy Ward, Tim Waud, Gary Whitman, Kermit Yensen

**Absent:** Marlys Cappaert, MJ Caswell, Steve Darnell, Ginger Pierson, Susie Young, Ducks Reps.

**1. Board Introductions-**

Board members provided a brief summary about their position responsibilities, and the time in months or years serving on the board.

- **Robbert van Andel-Vice Chair:** Robbert provides sanctions and backs up the Chair as needed. He is beginning to send meet surveys via email; all participating swimmers should have a survey by next week. We need more meets!!! Email Robbert if you wish to host a meet!!
- **Jacki Allender-Officials:** Jacki helps the meet host to find officials and answers questions for rules. She is a meet official at most OMS meets. She also works as an official for other USMS and USA-Swimming meets.
- **Christina Fox- Membership:** Christina keeps the data base of swimmers and work-out groups updated and current!
- **Bob Bruce-Open Water:** This is Bob's 17<sup>th</sup> year as OW Chair! Bob thanked the board for approving the recent bids. Thanks to Jacki and Gary for their help in running this meet.
- **Matt Miller-Co Coaches Chair and Webmaster:** Matt has been the Webmaster for the last 2 years. He hosts the website and keeps it up and running. He is in communication with Gary, Tim, Steve and Alice regularly. He writes articles as Co-Coaches Chair for the Aqua Master.
- **Susan Albright-Awards:** Gets awards...this is her first year serving on the Board.
- **Sandi Rousseau-USMS Rep:** Sandi keeps OMS on the straight and narrow by making sure we are meeting USMS requirements. Instrumental with championships at the national level. Many OMS people involved with USMS board positions. We are currently updating our bylaws, which we must do every 2 years.
- **Kermit Yensen-Treasurer:** Kermit has been the OMS Treasurer for 3 years.  
We are in the business of beginning to spend money to give back to our members that you may not have seen before. We take in money in several different ways. We take in membership dues and meet fees. We don't keep very much of this though. When a club puts on a meet, we reimburse the club so they make something on meets and continue to host. We are using money to promote and grow Masters swimming because it's worth promoting and growing. We are a

non-profit and basically take in as much as we spend...we basically break even, but every few years, we host a larger meet such as nationals. This is financially important to us. This is what causes us to have a surplus of cash to promote and grow swimming plus scholarships. This year USMS raised fees, but OMS did not opt to increase our fees.

- Michelle Jacobs-Brown-Secretary: Michelle has been serving as the OMS Secretary for 5 years. She is responsible for taking meeting minutes and sending annual reports to the USMS office.
- Collette Crabbe-Fitness: This is Collette's first year in this position on the board. She is responsible for monitoring fitness trends and writing articles for the Aqua Master. She is here to help Masters swimmers have an informed and healthy fitness routine.
- Carolyn DeMarco-Membership Promotion: Carolyn has been a member of the board for a little over a year. She is responsible for reaching out to pools around the State to help promote Masters Swimming.
- Ellen Summers-Sunshine: Ellen has been in the Sunshine position for one year. She will reach out to members who have had injury or health issues. She sends cards and relays information so our swim community can contact each other in times of need or healing!
- Jeanna Summers-Souvenirs: Jeanna has been in the Souvenirs position on the Board for 2 years. She is responsible for making sure OMS has Logo items for our membership to purchase in order to show off their pride in OMS swimming...She also runs a recycled swim gear program for swimmers to bring unused or outgrown items to swap or donate to other swimmers!
- Joy Ward-Safety: Joy is our Safety warden. She makes sure all of the appropriate safety rules are followed and helps wrangle up safety monitors for events.
- Gary Whitman-Data Manager: Gary Whitman is our Data Manager. He has been with the OMS Board for 18 years in this capacity. He keeps our entries and results organized and in the correct format and submits to USMS as required.
- Tim Waud-OMS Chair and Co-Coaches Chair: Tim is our Fearless leader! He has recently taken over the OMS Chair position and has been the Coaches Chair for 2 years. Tim is involved with making sure OMS stays responsive to Membership needs and is active in helping find new events and clinics to give back to OMS swimmers.

## 2. Upcoming New Events-

- Coaching and Swim clinics. Dates on the website.
- Coaches clinic to learn how to put on clinics.

## 3. Bob- Open Water Upcoming Events-

- Sat May 20/21-Lake Juniper Swim-Open water swim training. This includes 12 laps around Juniper pool...with an all you can eat pancake brunch after!! Additionally, Alex Meyer will be the special guest on Sunday. This is a unique opportunity to raise the game in open water swimming. Alex is a Harvard grad, an excellent athlete, and a great motivational speaker and teacher!
- This year in Oregon, we have 2 National swims in our area and one in Seattle.
- Next year we have the triple header of events with 3 National Championships!

## 4. Discussion: Open to all-

- Thinking about fellow teammates...the upcoming February fitness challenge with 100 miles is kind of daunting for many people. Maybe we can reduce the miles to 50 for those who are a little intimidated?
  - Yes. That is a good point. We need to skew challenges to encompass the whole range of swimmers we have in the Membership!

- OMS is looking at focusing on fitness swimmers a little more. We have a membership of up to 1100 people, but only 300 people participated at the National meet and only 190 are here this weekend...we have a lot of folks who could use some outreach.
- Tim will be attending the upcoming Coaches Clinic and will be bringing clinics to multiple areas throughout the state.
- Thanks to Bob Bruce, Jacki Allender, and Gary Whitman for results and paperwork (National records). Thanks to all the COMA volunteers for coming together to put on these events.