

SMS Annual Meeting – 4/1/26

- **Attendees:** Aaron Schneider (General Chair, Riptide Masters), Sarah Gillen (Treasurer, Riptide Masters), Wendy Enderle (Top Ten Recorder / Records Chair, Red River Masters), Ginger Spansel (Open Water Chair, PAC Masters), Russ Mathers (Red River Masters)
- Hold previous minutes for next meeting
- **General Chair Report, Aaron Schneider:**
 - Conversations with South Central Zone and Southeast Zone
 - South Central Zone is more convenient for membership
 - Discussed with Ann Dawson – if SMS wants to do this, we should do it quickly before convention; will require legislation
 - W. Enderle – does not think anyone cares; SC Zone is interested in having Zone championship meets in Shreveport; Christus Aquatic Club has rented the facility for three years; makes more sense to be with SC Zone geographically
 - Would like for SC Zone to keep Top 10 List for the Zone – SC Zone committed to this
 - No objections
 - Relay meeting in Kansas City – topic was club development; recommend to attend if interested – let Aaron know
 - Nat'l Coaches Conference at same time as Relay meeting this year – need to decide how many people to send; Golden Goggles also at same time
- **Treasurer's Report, Sarah Gillen:**
 - Started year with \$27,086; pulled in \$3,429 in membership dues / meet entries; expenses were \$3,700; ended year at \$26,816
 - Anticipate same for 2026. Budgeted \$3,000 for expenses for this year.
 - Expenses for 2025 included meet fees, reimbursements for attendance at Nationals, meet supplies, and Board meeting expenses
 - Will have fees for Club Assistant website
- PAC pool was purchased by Genesis; trying to set meeting about swimming; instead of Endurance Edge, want to be known as Masters Swimming
 - Genesis cancelled PAC meet without reason; this is why Charlie Hoolihan left
 - Do not foresee having another meet at PAC in near future
- In October, Wendy Enderle swam at meet in Jackson, MS; measured all lanes and submitted to USMS - that pool is now certified. Also messaging with a friend at Miss St. to see if they can start a workout group.

- Only affordable pool in S. LA. is LSU per Aaron.
 - Measurements need to be redone. Wendy has electronic measuring device
 - LSU is willing to run a meet for us for revenue for NIL fund.
 - Wendy says maybe a Zones SCM meet would be a big draw.
 - Needs to be fall but cannot be on a home game weekend.
- Open Water: Aaron and Ginger will contact the organizers of Swim Across the Bay and sit down with them to try to make the event better.
- Top 10 / Records – Wendy Enderle:
 - 2024: 3 USMS All-Americans, 2 people on World Aquatics Top Ten List (Wendy Enderle and Pat Arnold)
 - 26 LMSC records broken and 40 USMS top tens for 2024
 - 25 LMSC records broken and 21 USMS top tens for 2025
 - 2025: 7 USMS All Americans, and maybe an all-star (Wendy)
- Shreveport LCM Meet is June 13-14; distance session Sat. morning; 10 AM meet start on Sunday morning
- **Elections:**
 - Elected Board of Directors Positions:
 - General Chair: Aaron Schneider
 - Secretary: Cassie Giarrusso
 - Treasurer: Sarah Gillen
 - Registration (Member Services): Ginger Spansel
 - Convention Delegate(s): Aaron Schneider, Stephen Kernion
 - Committee Chairs - Recommended by the nominating committee - To be appointed by the General Chair with the consent of the newly elected board:
 - Vice Chair: Sherwin Cheuk
 - Sanctions: Daniel Crews
 - Top 10 / Records: Wendy Enderle
 - Website / Social Media: Gordon Mese
 - Newsletter: Jen Turner
 - Coaches: Stephen Kernion
 - Officials: Margaret Hill
 - Open Water / Long Distance: Ginger Spansel
 - Motion to Accept and Elect the Slate for Elected Positions – Ginger Spansel moves; Wendy Enderle seconds; no objection; motion carries unanimously
 - Motion to Accept Slate for Nominated Positions – Aaron Schneider moves; Ginger Spansel seconds; no objection; motion carries unanimously