

**Minutes of the Annual meeting of the South Texas LMSC
August 18, 2021. Zoom Call**

Call to Order at 7:04 pm by President Ed Coates

Introduction of Attendees

Present: Ed Coates, Steve Unruh, Stacy Abrams, Susan Ingraham, Steve Nichols, Elaine Valdez, Tim Murphy, Kendal Jacobson, Shannon Whitehead, Louis DeLeon, Diana Triana, Amber Mitchell, Steve Limbergh, Nim Meishar, Katie Dooley-Baxter, Melanie Moore, Elise Ragland

2020 Annual Meeting Minutes: Approved

Reports:

President: (Ed). Challenges due to Covid. Clubs made great efforts to get back in the water. National office and South Texas LMSC offered Grants to help clubs get back on their feet. Four clubs in SoTx were provided funds. Membership dividend based on membership numbers to encourage clubs reach out/keep members. LMSC offered financial help to Meet Hosts to ensure competitions for membership. (2021 SCY Zone meet as an example.)

Sanctions: (Stacy). Events in the area were limited (4).

Secretary: (Susan). 2020 Top Ten (105). Record number SCY in 2021 (248). Top Ten Reports were submitted. (Steve N). 2021 LCM Nationals will be included in the 2021 TT Report, even though the meet was 10 days outside of the normal season cut-off. It would have impacted FINA reporting.

Financial: (Cindy absent. Ed). Very healthy position. Not usual expenses this year. Membership dues are biggest revenue source. More than \$10,000 in Grants provided to clubs. \$2000 given to OW National Championships (Boerne) to pay for ambulance services.

Total: \$47,094.63

Membership: (Kendal)

2020: 1113 Members with 25 Clubs / 104 Coaches

2021: 1116 Members with 19 Clubs / 90 Coaches

Nationally better than expected

Little clubs (1-4 member) dropped off

Try Masters Swimming helped drive up numbers, plus hosting Zone Meet in SA

Championship Committee: (Steve N) At-Large Report. LCM Championships in Spire, Ohio

Election Committee: Ed thanked the Board for the honor of being the Chair for 14 years. Time to step down. (Steve L.) Thank you, Ed!!

Nominations for Board Positions and Slate of Officers for consideration in voting today:

Tim Murphy (Chair)

Stacy Abrams (Vice Chair & Sanctions)

Susan Ingraham (Secretary & Top Ten)

Kendal Jacobson (Membership)

Katie Dooley-Baxter (Treasurer)

Online Voting Poll launched. Display results. Congratulations to all.

Encourage all to become more involved. Great to have new faces attend today.

USMS Convention in September, allows any member to sit in, but only Voting Delegates have a voice. Great way to peek into how USMS is run.

Coaches Chair: (Susan). Reaching out to 90 So Tx Coaches each month with Coach Committee minutes, upcoming events, Coach Certification opportunities.

Fitness: (Susan). Stroke/Stride Fitness Challenge. 65 swimmers registered including 8 from outside of Texas, who challenged themselves to cover 801 miles to cross the state of Texas

New Business:

(Elise). Needs clarification on 2021 SCY Nationals times being reported for 2021 or 2022? No action was taken by the National board to extend the 2021 season.

(Elaine). What has South Texas done at the local level to include more diversity in swimming? Reach out to Tim with ideas or join in the D/I Committee calls. Webinars are offered to the membership, some for coaches' training.

Ed thanked all for attending

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm