

2008 Minutes of the Michigan Masters Annual Membership Meeting
April 19, 2008
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan

President Fred Nellis called the meeting to order at 11:50. Fred shared that our numbers are up for the meet with 292 in attendance. Agendas were available for members.

Secretary's Report: Corrin Popp handed out minutes from last year. Skip Thompson mentioned that the minutes should be posted on the website so that the members can view them prior to the meeting. As the not really the secretary last year, the minutes were completed right away and sent to all the officers but not the members or website. Corrin agreed to get them posted for this year. Jennifer Parks motioned to accept the minutes and Dick Specks seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Spore shared that donations to the scholarship were great. We have 4,566 in donations. The total reserves to date are \$21,000. Sally Guthrie motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Dick Specks seconded.

Registrar's Report, Janet Jasker reported that we have 613 members this year with summer yet to come. Last year, we were 469 so that is a great increase. We have 106 new members, 319 renewed and 79 returning members. She also mentioned how the online registrations will help this coming year.

Web/Newsletter Report: Sally Guthrie shared information about the new software that will be purchased to run the website. Our current website software is obsolete. The transfer will happen in June.

Sanctions Report: Skip Thompson shared that Sally Guthrie does more than the website. She also does all the results posting which usually entails verifying the results to post them. Skip shared that we will have some new meets this coming season with the Doughboys hosting a meet and Milan hosting a meet. This State Meet is the first time that all members were registered USMS prior to the gun going off. With 292 entries the meet was a good size. Next year, we will no longer accept registrations on site. They will either have to get on a computer and apply on site or come in with a current registration. Skip also shared that we have several swimmers going on to nationals this season. Lastly, he mentioned that some results from dual meets came in with errors but all in all nice job to the meet hosts.

Top Ten Report: Milton French shared that he wrote a program to keep track of all pools that have been measured. In order to have times qualify for National top ten they must be certified for the proper length.

Fitness/Safety Report: Jennifer Parks shared about the Go the Distance program which is a fun way to train and post your yardage. As for Safety, please always have a lifeguard. Fred Nellis also mentioned the feet first entry rule during warm up.

Long Distance/ Open Water Report: Jennifer Parks reporting for Marilyn Early. Exciting news is that Marilyn will be hosting a national open water race in Harbor Springs in 2009.

Officials Report: George Newman commented on that we survived the Friday night of long events. Remember Heat and Lanes. He gave congratulations to all because so far all athletes have made their heat and lanes!

New Business:

- A. New Meets WMU is trying to host again, Milan is hosting and Cranbrook will host a meet this fall.
- B. State Meet Bids for 09 Lake Orion and Holland Aquatics
 - a. Lake Orion is a 11 lane pool with 8 lanes competition. They have a separate 4 lane pool as well. They have hosted big meets before with the 12 under state meet being the biggest with 1,000 spectators and swimmers. There are 3 locker rooms available during the meet. There are plenty of Hotels in the area. Proposed date is March 27, 28, 29.
 - b. Holland's facility we know about but it has 16 lanes with 3 additional warm down lanes. Proposed date is April 19, 20, 21.
 - c. Questions from the floor: Is there a rotation for state meets? There is protocol for keeping it rotating from east and west but is depending on the bids as well. Can we change the order of events? Meet director sets the events but it can be changed.
 - d. Voting for the State Meet location: Lake Orion wins the bid by a 38 to 20 vote.
- C. Scholarship Program Ralph shared that the application is on the website. He shared that he would like to give one \$2,000 scholarship but the membership spoke out. Others felt that two \$1,000 scholarships would be better. The Scholarship is based on need, merit and can be renewed. There is currently \$5,000+ in the fund. Motion to have two \$1,000 scholarships by Skip Thompson and Seconded by Corrin Popp and was passed unanimously.
- D. Floor Proposals
 - a. No more registrations for USMS at the meet. Must do it on line or mail it in prior to the meet. In order to accept an athlete's entry they must have a USMS registration number. Fred Nellis motioned and was seconded by Corrin Popp and passed.
 - b. 1 Day registration available for dual meets. Discussion: USMS doesn't do them usually for sanctioned meets. Some believe that having the 1 day available might get the tri athlete to try a swim meet but they don't want to join for the year just to try a meet. The meet host could do a recognized meet if they are interested in opening the doors but just remember the host team will need to get a comprehensive insurance policy to cover the event because USMS will not. Motion to have 1 day registrations, Tabled by Jennifer Parks and Janet Jaskers seconded and passed.

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- A. Handbook Updates- Skip has some updating but meet procedures are via HyTek only
- B. Long Distance- no additions
- C. Meet Developments- This state meet will post very quickly due to 100% athlete registrations. Hoping that next year the result postings of meets will be faster due to the required registration prior to entering a meet.
- D. Other/Open items
 - a. Email Reminders for state meet- can be done however 40% of our state participants register 2 days out. It was mentioned that we should do a mailing. The cost for mailings is approximately \$700 with over 1.400 masters on the list. Many felt that reminders might help get numbers up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm Motion Sally Guthrie and Seconded Mark Spore