

## **Minutes of the North Texas Local Masters Swim Committee**

A meeting of the North Texas LMSC was called to order at Princi Italia Restaurant in Dallas on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 1:22 pm. In accordance with the timeline in the committee by-laws, notice of the meeting was issued on February 20, 2015.

**I. Roll Call** - The following individuals were in attendance: Lynn Morrison, Chairperson, Lisa Rice Greedy, Secretary, Dave Young, Registrar, Laurie Dunlap, Sanctions Chair, Tom Osterland, Officials Chair, Cindy Myer and Cindy Thomas, co-chairs Fitness swimming, Elaine Disney, Top 10 Coordinator and the following team representatives:

Lin Sanders NTEX, Sandy Thatcher PCAT, Chris Rowe, TFA and Monica Bailey DAM.

**II. Minutes** – The Secretary read the minutes from the previous meeting on October 18, 2014. The Committee adopted the minutes as read.

**III. Report of Officers** – Lynn Morrison, Chairperson, reported that the USMS Adult Learn to Swim Certification is being held in Dallas in 2 weeks. Four registered NT LMSC swimmers have registered and will receive a \$150 reimbursement upon completion of the course and presentation of certification to Board. All 4 participants have agreed to volunteer at any Learn to Swim Clinic that NT LMSC might host. Five NT LMSC swimmers have registered for the Level 1 and 2 USMS Coaching Certification program being held at the same time. Their fees of \$180 per swimmer will be reimbursed upon proof of successful completion as well.

Morrison reported for Treasurer Shaw who was unable to attend but represented her update via email. Net receipts for 2014 were \$314.05. It was a good year. The CD balance is approximately \$21, 376 and will be rolled over shortly. The Treasury report was approved unanimously.

Registrar Young reported that we have 704 swimmers registered so far this year. At this rate we are on track to exceed 2014 membership. When DAM self-insured, our LMSC lost nearly 500 swimmers. Since then, our membership has steadily increased and we are keeping up with USMS growth trends.

Secretary Greedy had nothing to report.

Bob Tierney, Webmaster, relayed information via Morrison that the website domain name was lost and had been changed to northtexasmasters.org.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

The Fitness Committee reported that an email had been sent to the Registrar for distribution to the membership regarding the “Go the Distance” swim event being coordinated for the NT LMSC. The email was not received or an error occurred. The Fitness Committee will send another email to the Registrar ASAP to clarify the necessary registration and log-in process swimmers must complete in order to be eligible for NT LMSC prizes. The Committee reported that there is good participation to date but that with the sending of this email, participation could be greatly increased

#### **V. Unfinished Business –**

Cindy Meyer reported that Irving Masters have engaged a new coach and that they continue to have an underwater camera system available. Lynn Morrison suggested Cindy research the possibility of hosting a fall clinic making use of both the coach and the camera system.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. Lynn Morrison announced that Cooper Athletics in McKinney would be available to the LMSC to host another Swim Day, as was so successfully presented in 2014. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the chosen Saturday with Dry-land training by Lisa Greedy from 2-2:45, a swim workout from 3:00-4:00, 4:00-4:30 would be used for stroke instruction and specific skills set coaching would be held from 4:30-5. A lane may be used for Time Trial swims as well. Patrick Kennedy of TFA and Cooper, will co-ordinate the necessary coaches and the workout. Coaches will be paid \$100 for 2 hours, Lisa Greedy will be paid \$50.

Ideas were exchanged regarding the cost to swimmers of this event. Chris Rowe of TFA offered to work with Patrick Kennedy to investigate if he could set the Clinic up as an “event” on TEAM UNIFY so that swimmers could easily register on-line. It was decided that pre-registered swimmers would attend at no charge and swimmers arriving without registration would pay \$10 at the door. Every swimmer must be a member of NT LMSC before the Clinic.

Monica Bailey, who coached at this clinic last year, suggested that we have swimmers register with their appropriate interval time for something like 10 x 100yds. This information would help to pre-sort swimmers by lane by pace.

- b. New Officer candidates will be needed for the Board Chairman and Secretary positions at the July meeting. Dave Young has announced his intention to run for Chairman. In this event, a candidate will also be required for the position of Registrar / Vice-Chair.

- c. Dave Young recently returned from the USMS leadership conference in Phoenix, Arizona. Young presented a Power-point presentation to the group highlighting the 3 day event. He discussed the vision of the LMSC's as seen by the USMS. Young went on to encourage NT LMSC to become more active in giving awards at various levels to its membership; i.e. Coach of the Year, Swimmer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year etc

Dave reported that Lifetime Fitness Clubs are creating swim workout groups at its 7 Dallas locations. Dave will explore trying to bring these swimmers under LMSC/USMS umbrella if possible.

Young suggested ways in which we could try to successfully involve members in the swimming community and encourage more participation. Monica Bailey suggested the creation of "Swim Bags" for First Meet Free participants to be presented at their first meet. Bags would include a NT swim cap, bumper stickers, a certificate etc.

Sandy Thatcher suggested selling t-shirts to raise funds for the LMSC. The Board requested that Thatcher research the cost of t-shirts that could then be sold or given away. Upon further discussion it was realized that NTLMSC has more than enough money and does not need anything for fundraising – but that there could be a "marketing" angle and would be open to Sandy bringing some more specifics to the next board meeting.

- e. The group revisited the establishment of a Scholarship Fund to subsidize swimmers to Zones or Nationals based on merit or financial need. It was agreed that if such a fund was established, only NT LMSC swimmers living in the zone would qualify and that they would need to swim in at least one meet other than Zones to qualify. Monica Bailey and Chris Rowe to investigate and report back to the Board.

- f. Chris Rowe reported that Texas Ford Aquatics would be pleased to host 2 long course swim meets at their new pool in Frisco this upcoming season. The first meet is proposed for the weekend of June 19-21 and the next one the weekend of July 24-26. The Board suggested that the June meet be held on one day only but that the July meet might occur over multiple days.

**VII. Resolutions and Order** – there were no resolutions

**VIII. Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 2:32. Next meeting set July, date TBD.