

Minutes of the North Texas Local Masters Swim Committee

A meeting of the North Texas LMSC was held at the Grand Lux Café restaurant in Dallas, Texas on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Notice of the meeting was issued on October 4, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. CDT.

- I. Roll Call – The following officers were in attendance: Richard Garza, Chair Carlos Rodriguez, Vice Chair, Dave Young, Registrar; Michael Doyle, Treasurer; Kim Shaw, Secretary; Cindy Myer, Fitness Chair; Elaine Disney, Top Ten; and Laurie Dunlap, Sanctions. Lynn Morrison, Coaches Liaison, was unable to attend so Tom Barton (NTXL) attended in her place. The following team representatives were also present: Mack Powers (TNYM), Ken Owen, (O2), Linda Dunn (UNAT), and Christy Bednar (DAMM).
- II. Report of Officers – Richard Garza reported that 56 people attended the swim clinic with the Olympians at Texas Ford Aquatics. Since becoming Chair, his focus has been on hosting masters delegates attending the USMS annual convention in Dallas during September. Carlos was also involved and shared the positive feedback he heard about the hospitality suite and the workout breakfast. Elaine reported that she had submitted top ten lists for each swim season. Dave provided registration statistics. Registrations for men are up compared with last year while registrations for women are down. Now is the period for clubs to register for 2018. Individuals can't designate a club when they register if the club has not already registered, so clubs need to register as soon as possible. Mike distributed the year-to-date financial statements. The LMSC has incurred a net loss so far, but it was anticipated. The largest expenses were related to Adult Learn to Swim training classes for several people, hosting the Social for the USMS convention delegates, and hosting a swim clinic featuring Olympians Josh Davis and Jason Lezak. Cindy provided information about the Go the Distance program. The program will continue the way it has been, taking into account that some participants don't swim every quarter. Finally, Lynn Morrison has resigned so the LMSC needs someone to fill the position of Coaches Liaison. Those interested should contact Richard Garza at CoachRichardUSMS@gmail.com .
- III. Reports of the Committees – N/A
- IV. Unfinished Business – Convention reports: the delegates who attended the convention submitted a report that has been uploaded to northtexasmasters.org.
- V. Elections – N/A
- VI. New Business
 - a. Swim clinics – the feedback from the clinic with the Olympians was very positive; however, it was expensive and the LMSC covered the bulk of the cost. The LMSC would like to continue to offer quality events, but we need to determine how to reach more swimmers in the most

economical way. In addition to special event clinics, a suggestion was made that we should offer the Introduction to Swim Meets Clinic every year.

- b.** Accountability – North Texas LMSC has been sponsoring coaches training. Consider asking them to volunteer to coach at clinics and/or contribute an article to the newsletter or website.
- c.** LMSC by-laws need to be updated. Kim Shaw and Mack Powers volunteered to prepare a draft with the goal of having new ones approved by year end.
- d.** USMS issues: (i) the website is moving toward mobile capability; (ii) the places to swim directory is way out of date; (iii) 66% of clubs don't require USMS registration, one non-registered swimmer who works out with a club that requires USMS registration can void insurance coverage for everyone in attendance; (iv) USMS is considering higher club dues for those that don't require swimmers to be registered.
- e.** ISD pools have lifeguards.
- f.** Officials – there is lack of qualified officials in the region. The group has been informed that officiating at USMS meets is not being credited to the USA Swimming officials so they have little incentive to participate in our meets. The group needs assistance in dealing with the LSCs. We will reach out to individuals with our neighbor LMSCs for suggestions, namely Gulf and South Texas.

VII. Resolutions and Order

- a. Resolved to accept all officer reports.
- b. Resolved to issue a notice that LMSC is looking for a Coaches Liaison and an Officials Liaison.

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. CDT.