

Michigan Masters LMSC Board - 2020 Spring Meeting

Meeting Minutes 7:00 PM, 3-22-2020 - Teleconference

Board Members Present: Fares Ksebati, Patrick Weiss, Jim Izzi, Coleman Teach, Kris Goodrich

Motion to approve meeting minutes from last year made by Patrick Weiss, second by Jim Izzi

Chair Report: Fares Ksebati – Highlights from the past year.

- Overall, it was a very good meet season up until the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- All meets held for the entire season exceeded the previous year's attendance, except for one.
- The 2019 Annual banquet at the Detroit Yacht Club was a great success with the highest attendance ever.
- The Masters Swim Clinic with Olympian Elizabeth Beisel was a success for both the members that attended and the DYCF Foundation which raised money for their pool restoration from the event.
- The Michigan LMSC continues to see many newer and younger members than in years past at our meets.
- The unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 State Meet Championship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic was a first for the LMSC.

Treasurers Report – Coleman Teach

- The finances of the Michigan LMSC are solid with a balance of \$43,463.97 in our account. Even after funding the 2019 Annual Banquet and Swim Clinic at the Detroit Yacht Club, we ended the year with a surplus of \$2,201.22. In addition, sales from the online shop and donations have made the Michigan Masters Scholarship fund secure for another year.

Registrar Report – Kris Goodrich

- Membership is down slightly from last year by 40 people. This is partly due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Meet Championship, where we always see an increase in registrations. The current number of members stands at 767.
- Since the nationwide lockdown over COVID-19, there have only been 11 new USMS registrations nationwide.
- The letter to Unattached Swimmers was updated to make it clearer what swimming Unattached entails.
- We are down one Workout Group from last year.
- A new effort will be made to get the largest state teams/workout groups to register in order to make it easier for new members to find a swim group near where they live.
- A suggestion was also made to try and organize Adult Learn to Swim events earlier in the year than April to take advantage of the pool short course meet season.

Sanction Chair Report – Jim Izzi

- Over the past year, the Michigan LMSC sanctioned 11 meets, and sanctioned the clinic with Elizabeth Beisel. 2 additional meets were planned, but eventually canceled due to COVID19 pandemic.
- The EMU meet on January 12, 2020 was disqualified, and all swims that took place at that meet will not count in the USMS database. Because of this disqualification, moving forward, I plan on communicating with each future meet host, to confirm they have the required personnel to host a sanctioned USMS meet.

- Michigan Senior Games: Just before the COVID19 pandemic, I was in communication with the Michigan Senior Games committee, and they plan on Sanctioning their Michigan Senior Games swim meet in August. This sanction has been requested by many Michigan LMSC swimmers. In the past we have not been able to sanction their meet because they use the word “Olympic” in the title of their meet, which is not allowed (per USMS rule). Thanks to Patrick Weiss, a workaround has been approved by USMS national office. As long as the swim meet is titled “Michigan Senior Games Swim Meet” without the word Olympics, we are allowed to sanction the meet.
- Meet attendance has been very good over the last year. Most every meet beat the number of swimmers from the prior year. Moving forward, I plan on continuing the meet communication plan to the LMSC which is: one email 2 weeks before each meet, and one Facebook post before each with a custom video, created by Patrick Weiss, detailing the meet, registration deadline, and link to registration. I feel this plan has been very successful, keeping the membership informed about meets.
- Long Course Season: As of right now, I have no long course meet scheduled. If anyone knows someone who is interested in hosting a long course meet, please contact me.
- Looking forward: In July, plan to create a tentative schedule for the upcoming 2020-2021 meet season, and communicate with our meet hosts to confirm the dates. Once I have their date confirmed, I will post the tentative schedule on our website.
- State Meet 2021: Kentwood has expressed interest in hosting next year’s state meet. They had already purchased State Meet merchandise they planned on distributing at this years state meet, and would like the opportunity to use it next year. The date of the meet is TBA.

New Business

- Discussions to explore the feasibility of holding a SCM meet at the Windsor Aquatic Center with the Windsor Masters Club.
- With the cancellation of Spring Nationals, Corrin Buck will now be the National Team coach for Summer Nationals in Richmond, Virginia.
- Jim Izzi and Kris Goodrich will conduct review of 2019-2020 income and expenditures.
- Fares Ksebati proposed updates to the MI-LMSC policies covering the submission of post meet finances by meet hosts to insure transparency, protect our 501(c)3 status and conform to USMS Sanction Requirement 202.1.1. Motion passed unanimously.
- As a follow up to the 2019 USMS Leadership Summit in Phoenix, proposal to follow other LMSCs in merging the Sanctions Officers position with Top 10 Coordinator at the conclusion of the short course season. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

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ⁱ Submitted by Patrick Weiss 3-31-2020