

Meeting Minutes for AMLMSC meeting - annual membership meeting

This meeting is: Open to the Members and shall be published on the AM LMSC website, newsletters and other forms of electronic announcement.

February 18, 2024 11:45am via Google Meet:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qkc-dxsk-ubb>

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Attendance: Libby Ernharth (FFH), Neil Carham (Team Pitt), Bill White (Team Pitt), Liz Cassidy (FFH), Carrie Whisel (Steel City), David Natale (Pitt), Lhea Wiese (FFH), Brittany Terzigni (MLAC), Judy Caves (MLAC), Dave Watterson (Allegheny North), Matt Harris (FFH), Mike Kristufek (MLAC), Bree Rice (FFH), Wynne Kirchner (FFH), Julie Azzam (MLAC)

Open meeting - The meeting was called to order at 11:42 am

1. Review and approve meeting minutes from 12-10-2023.

Committee Reports:

1. Health, wellness & fitness chaired by Julie Azzam

- a. Go the Distance January Challenge:

- i. There were 59 participants
- ii. Special recognition goes to Rhian and Katrina (FFH), who organized prizes, Bree for social media, and Lhea for email communications
- iii. There were more prizes this year distributed evenly amongst clubs and unattached swimmers in lieu of a party for the winning team. They awarded top 4 swimmers in each club. They were top prizes (Speedo bags) and runner-up prizes (wet bags)
- iv. There were new swimmers from regions that have not historically participated, including GUMS (near Erie, PA) and as far East as Clearfield, PA (near State College).
- v. Spending recap:

Budget is \$500 for prizes, treats, etc

14 Speedo bags	\$301.40
7 Wet bags	\$81.55
Pro Knit embroidery	\$231
USPS	\$25
Total	\$638.95

- b. There was some discussion on the upcoming 5K planned for the summer, which may be held at the FCRC or JCC Monroeville pools
 - c. The board recognized and thanked Julie for her wonderful contributions to our LMSC during her term.
2. Open Water Swimming chaired by Judy Caves
- a. Judy is looking to get a charity event sanctioned – a 4-mile swim in the river.
 - b. She is also organizing a 9-mile swim which includes a start at Duck Hollow (Squirrel Hill), to Kennywood and down to Sand Castle and back.
 - c. Judy and Dave Watterson told the group about signing up for the Alcosan alerts for open water swimming safety.
3. Competition/Sanctions chaired by Mike Kristufek/Matt Meade
- a. Mike discussed information related to Grown Up Swimming, which is anticipated to involve 4 meets per summer with a \$75 fee.
4. Social Brittany Terzigini
- a. Brittany is planning a May 10th social event at a Pirates Game, with information to be distributed via email. The seats planned for the game are “Food Seats” which include lots of delicious food options.
 - b. Brittany also discussed looking into a Clean Up the River event for a community service opportunity.

New business:

- 1. Review and adopt the annual budget

Proposed 2024 Annual Budget:

AMLMSC Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
Expenses:				
Fitness		1500	479.02	1500
Open Water	500	500	0	500
Meets	883.12	1000	1467.3	1000
Social (Banquet)		500	4701.13	5000
Relay/USMS Convention		3246	1580.26	2500
Misc		500		500
Administrative	187.5	187.5	161.47	187.5
Adult Learn to Swim		1250	500	1250
Coaches	0	1000	0	1000
Total	1570.62	9683.5	8889.18	13437.5
Income:				
Membership:	5524	5800	5403.27	6000
Donations:	165			
Social:			1192.75	2500
Club registrations	76	76		76
Meet Registrations			742.03	
Misc			96.52	
Total	5765	5876	7434.57	8576
Overall Total:	4194.38	-3807.5	-1454.61	-4861.5

- a. Last year’s budget was planned for a \$3,600 deficit and was actually only a \$1,500 deficit.
 - b. Planned budget this year to accommodate sending two members to Relay National Meeting for education on building events in LMSC’s.
 - c. Discussion about Adult Learn to Swim program and opportunities to provide local training. Suggestion to have Cory Siri and/or Katie Kenyon come to a board meeting to talk about their experiences with ALTS.
 - d. Judy Caves motion to approve, Matt Harris second, budget motion passed
2. Approve proposed by-law changes

Section 3.5. Board of Director Positions. The Board of Director Positions consist of the , Membership Services, Top Ten Recorder, Sanctions Chair, Officials Chair, Webmaster/Communications Chair, Fitness, Open Water, ~~Safety~~, and Coaches Chair, **Social, and Diversity Equity and Inclusion.** Each Board of Director Position serves a term of two years or until a successor is selected. Board Positions are elected at a general meeting of AM LMSC held by February 28 ~~of even numbered years~~ **on odd years** Membership Services, Top Ten Recorder, Sanctions, Fitness, and Social shall be

elected and on even numbered years Officials, Coaches, Open Water, Webmaster/Communications Chair, Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

- a. Reason for changes: Working on developing the future of the LMSC with adding Social. Social had been added as an ad hoc committee to incorporate more social events and develop aspects to help bring in the younger generations. Adding Diversity Equity and Inclusion as strongly recommended by USMS. Safety should be throughout each position and not just as one position it should be incorporated in all that we do.
 - b. Libby Ernharth motioned to approve, Dave Watterson seconded, by-law changes motion passed.
3. Elections, with new officers' terms beginning March 1st – Liz Cassidy
- a. Liz introduced the list of positions with openings and the names of interested parties as below:

Chair: Libby Ernharth
Treasurer: Jen Petyk
Membership: Lhea Wiese
Sanctions: Matt Meade
Top 10 Recorder: Bill White
Coaches: Bill White
Officials: Dave Watterson
Webmaster: Bree Rice
Open Water/Long Distance: Judy Caves
Fitness: Julie Azzam, Andrew Duff
Social: Brittany Terzigni
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Carrie Whisel
 - b. Liz asked for any nominations from the floor to any positions. Wynne Kirchner expressed interest in serving as a co-chair in the Coaches position. Mike Kristufek expressed interest in serving as vice-chair for one year.
 - c. Move to close nominations: Bill Watterson, seconded by Bree Rice.
 - d. Motion to approve by acclimation: Bill White, seconded by Judy Caves. Motion passed.

Schedule next meeting: April 21st at 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm