

## **Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes**

*Saturday, 10 September 2016, after the PTC Pentathlon Meet at the Lundquist Aquatic Center*

### **ROLL CALL**

Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)  
Sean Fitzgerald

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)  
Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)  
Joe Hutto  
Bob Kohmescher  
Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)  
Herb Chuven  
Earl Ferguson  
Justin Haase  
Rebecca Hamilton  
Cathy Jones  
Elaine Krugman  
Doug Michalke  
David Morrill  
Andy Rettig  
Lisa Watson  
Brian Yetter  
John Zeigler

Gwinnett County Masters Club (GMAC)  
Eran Lotan

Southside Seals (SSS)  
Rob Copeland  
Mike Slotnick  
Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)  
Ian King

Unattached  
Ellen E. Clay  
Richardson Odum

Guests from the Southeastern LMSC

Masters Anchors Swim Club (MASC)

Rachel Cobia  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Margaret Johnson

## Adoption of Minutes from 2015 Meeting

The minutes of the 2015 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

## Reports of Officers

**Chairman** (Lisa Watson) – The LMSC scheduled two developmental meets this year, with the second coming up at Collins Hill on 30 October. Entry forms for that SCM meet are available at this meeting for those interested. The St. Pat's Invitational was cancelled this year. Hopefully this meet will return on next year's schedule. This year's Spring Fling meet, hosted by the Atlanta Rainbow Trout at Georgia Tech, also served as the SCY DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS. They are also hosting the St. Nick's SCM Invitational there on 20 November. Georgia swimmers had the opportunity to swim in two unsanctioned open water events this year. Finally, Georgia swimmers were able to compete at the SCY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at nearby Greensboro, NC.

**Vice Chair** (Sean Fitzgerald) – The Grand Prix rankings will be available when the St. Nick's meet results are final.

**Secretary** (Karol Welling) – no report

**Newsletter Editor** (Bob Kohmescher) – Bob gave kudos to Elaine Krugman for her articles and swimmer profiles. Elaine said she would like to feature a fitness swimmer next. Bob welcomes any and all newsletter input.

**Treasurer** (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is very healthy financially and that we are continuing to fund several projects:

- Sent coaches for certification training
- Offsetting registration fees, keeping ours lower than many other LMSCs
- Subsidizing some meets

**Registrar** (Cody Wehunt) – Registrations for 2016 as of 15 August number 819, which exceeds 800, earning Georgia an additional At-Large delegate at the national USMS convention.

**Members-At-Large** (Jeffrey Tacca and Ian King) – Jeffrey was very disappointed that the St. Pat's meet was cancelled this year and hopes it returns next year. He wondered if the Dynamo coach needed assistance to make this happen. Lisa said that she reached out to her via multiple emails but got no response. Ian remarked about what a great experience the Georgia Aquatic Hall of Fame dinner was. Masters inductees so far are Herb McAuley and Hal Stolz.

## Reports of Committees

**Coaches** (Donna Hooe) – Donna was unable to attend this meeting. In Donna's absence, Rebecca Hamilton and John Zeigler have been instrumental in organizing relays at meets.

**Communications** (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that after he retires in January, he plans to spiff up the website.

**Fitness** (John Zeigler) – Sally Newell (and Rob Copeland) went to Ireland to participate in the Liffey River Swim. Another popular fitness program is the "Go the Distance" online tool, which offers incentives at certain milestones. All swimmers have to do is log their daily yardage.

**Long Distance** (Rob Copeland) – Rob reported that there were two unsanctioned (swim at your own risk) open water events this year, the Georgia State Games (~200 participants) and Swim Across America (450-500 participants).

**Officials/Sanctions** (Ed Saltzman) – USMS is now offering an online training program for new officials to become certified. Ed reported that current swim meet schedule is anemic compared to year's past due to low turn out, rising costs of facility rentals, and the draw of triathlons. He suggested that perhaps offering more long distant events to meets (1500/1650) might attract the triathlon crowd.

**Safety** (David Morrill) – David reported that Georgia has had no relevant negative issues in 2016. He also detailed some of his efforts concerning encouraging a greater Masters presence at the Lifetime Fitness facilities in Georgia. He also shared his unsuccessful appeals to the homeowner association at Lake Windward to allow an open water event there.

**Top Ten/Records** (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that all records are up to date. He reminded everyone that USA swims may count but swimmers must get copies of the pool's measurements (taken before and after each days events), as well as some additional paperwork.

## **Unfinished Business**

There are two remaining Georgia events: Collins Hill developmental meet (30 October) & St. Nick's SCM Invitational at GA Tech (20 November).

National championships in 2017 are in Riverside, CA for the Spring SCY meet and in Minnesota for the Fall LCM meet.

## **New Business**

Andy Rettig will replace Cody Wehunt as the new Registrar starting at the end of the year. Thanks to Cody for his work as registrar this year! Also thanks to those who also volunteered their services as registrar.

The Dixie Zone 2017 calendar will be published after the USMS convention. Lisa plans to have a mid-year dinner meeting in late March.

The 2016 USMS Convention is. Attending from 21-25 September at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency, Georgia attendees are: Rob Copeland, Sean Fitzgerald, Lisa Watson, Ed Saltzman, David Morrill, Bob Kohmescher, Ian King, and Jeffrey Tacca. Thanks to Ed Saltzman and Karol Welling who have been working with the Convention Coordinator. Karol is in charge of manning the hospitality suite during the convention.

PANAM Games are set for Orlando, FL in 2018.

Nautical Milers Coach PATRICK THORESON receives the national Kerry O'Brien Coaching award, to be handed out on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the convention. Congratulations to Pat on this well deserved reward!

## **Resolution and Orders**

Lisa resolved that the goal of the Georgia LMSC is to keep the membership growing and to encourage everyone to get involved.

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling