

Adirondack Local Masters Swim committee

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2024

Attendance via Zoom Call: Robert Singer, Karen Byer, Willie Grimmke, Dale Seaton, Richard Mersereau, Mike Thorp, Deb Roberts, Kristen Hislop, Anthony Szmul, Steven Matthews, Steve Atkins, Colin Donnaruma, Douglas Koop, Tim Sinnenberg, Rob MacLeod, Karin Skarka, Mike Taetzsch, Patrick Quinn, Kathy Meany and Tammy Gummersheimer

Adoption of the 2022 minutes was approved by the membership.

Reports of the Officers:

Chairman (Robert Singer): Bob reported that we have proposed changes to the bylaws that involves the election of officers. These changes should expedite the election process. These changes were approved unanimously. The next election of officers will be held in 2024.

The changes are as follows: Under Article 4. Officers

4.4 has been changed to now read:

Nominations. A nominations committee shall be appointed by the Chair and the Vice-Chair with input from the rest of the Board in advance of the annual meeting. The nominations committee shall consist of at least three (3) members who are not current Board members (they may be Committee Chairs, however). The names and email address of the members of the nominations committee will be provided to the membership with the notice of the annual meeting, requesting nominations from members at large for the following positions and a deadline for such nominations: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. The nominations committee shall present the candidates for each position at the annual meeting.

4.5 has been changed to now read:

Elections. Election of nominated candidates will be after the annual meeting by an electronic vote sent to all AD-LMSC members and shall include a response deadline.

Vice-Chair (Kathy Meany): Kathy reported that although the AD-LMSC is still rebuilding post-Covid, it appears that there is some good momentum. There was a successful Spring meet at Skidmore College, a successful open water swim clinic at the Glens Falls YMCA, a successful meet in the fall at Kingston with 50 swimmers and 65 swimmers at the fall Hartwick College (Leatherstocking) meet with many younger swimmers participating. Looking forward, meets are planned for 4/13/24 at Skidmore College, 5/4/24 at Mohannasen High School, fall of 2024 at Kingston, NY with a date to be determined and fall of 2024 at Hartwick College (Leatherstocking) again with a date to be determined. Efforts are in place to attempt to reinstitute the New York State USMS meet. Additionally, a spring 2024 open water swim clinic and a fall 2024 pool swim clinic have been proposed with dates and locations to be determined.

The membership was encouraged to submit information to either Dan Wall, Kathy Meany or Bob Singer for posting on the AMDS website as it has been and will continue to be updated.

Treasurer (Doug Koop): The finances of the organization are in a healthy state. The revenues for the time period of January 2023 to Dec 3, 2023 were mostly from the Mirror Lake and Lake George Open Water meets. During this period, the income and expenses were about even. The goal of the organization was reiterated that it is not to accumulate money but rather to provide programming to the members. *Due to financial ambiguities specific to Greenleaf Racing's management of the USMS/AD-LMSC Mirror Lake open water swim races and monies in and out of the AD-LMSC treasury and to and from USMS, Kathy has since recommended that we ask member Dale Seaton to serve as our independent auditor of the AD-LMSC treasury, as this is Dale's area of professional work. Kathy no longer will fill this role.* The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

Membership Coordinator (Steve Atkins): Steve reported that the numbers are beginning to rebound post-Covid and that many of the new members are younger than previously. There were 180 members in 2023. Within AD-LMSC there are 3 registered clubs (Vent Fitness, Uncle Sam Masters and ADMS). One could also choose to swim in a meet "unattached". In order to swim on a relay and be eligible for AD-LMSC relay records, all swimmers must be registered for the meet under the same club.

Officials Chair (Deb Roberts): We are still having trouble recruiting officials when the meet is not associated with a kid's swim team. We continue to encourage members to train as officials. We are also encouraging meet directors to use their own resources/contacts first before placing the burden on AD-LMSC to provide officials.

Sanctions Chair (Kathy Meany): Kathy has proposed a committee of meet organizers to put together a plan for the future of AD-LMSC. This committee would be open to the membership for comments and ideas. The Mirror Lake swims are still sanctioned by USMS and managed by Greenleaf Racing. The Lake George Open water swims are no longer being sanctioned through USMS. Greenleaf Racing has reported that the logistics and timing utilized by USMS is too cumbersome. They have taken over the event using their own technologies and insurance. The membership was encouraged to use the USMS website as a source for virtual swim events and workout ideas.

Records (Dan Wall): There were 48 new individual records and 14 new relay records recorded in 2023. Please contact Dan if you have set a record at a meet other than one sanctioned by AD-LMSC so that it may be included.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Byer, Secretary