

**United States Masters Swimming (USMS)
Delaware Valley Local Masters Swimming Committee (DV LMSC)
Minutes of Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023**

Welcome

The annual membership meeting was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams and called to order by Chair Jeremy Gross at 2:05pm. Folks on the call at the start of the meeting introduced themselves.

Attending: Chairperson Jeremy Gross, Vice Chair Steve Dougherty, Secretary Alex Bromley, Treasurer Joe Boris, Barbara Burke, Geoff Meyer, Steve Dougherty, Gary Sangmeister, Andrea Butchko, Dan Allen, Sean Reynolds, Dave Diehl, Joe Bentz, Janet Jastremski, Dave Gladfelter, David Schneider.

Note: for ease of reference, submitted reports are linked from the report titles as listed below. In addition, they are all found in [this folder](#), which is also linked on our [LMSC website](#).

Our new Chair, Jeremy Gross, put together a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to aid all attendees in following along during the meeting.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes Review

Presented by Alex Bromley, Secretary

The minutes from our 2022 Annual Meeting to USMS, along with our Treasurer's report, were posted on the [USMS](#) website. They and committee reports were also posted on our [LMSC website](#).

Janet Jastremski motioned to accept the 2022 DV LMSC Annual Meeting minutes/S/P

Nominations/Elections - DV LMSC Board of Directors

LMSC Officers

Chair

Jeremy Gross nominated Jeremy Gross for a second term

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept Jeremy Gross for Chair for a 2-year term /S/P

Vice-chair

Jeremy Gross nominated Steve Dougherty for a second term

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept Steve Dougherty for Vice-chair for a 2-year term /S/P

Secretary

Jeremy Gross nominated Alex Bromley for a first term.

Geoff Meyer motioned to accept Alex Bromley for Secretary for a 2-year term /S/P

LMSC Committee Chairs

Diversity & Inclusion

Geoff Meyer was appointed Chair

Editor/Social Media

Board members are actively pursuing appointing the first chair of this new committee

Membership

Janet Jastremski willing to step down. Barbara Burke offered to take over the role.

Old Business

- Our bylaws do not reflect our actual practice for check writing procedures (Treasurer is not to write checks). Bylaws need updating.
 - Geoff Meyer has offered to help review and prepare changes to be voted on by the DV LMSC membership
 - Would like to add to our bylaws clarification on when LMSC officer terms actually start (Jan. 1st of new year? right after elections?)

New Business

- La Salle coach (Kerry Smith) is interested in putting on a stroke clinic (1-2 weekends) as well as starting up a USMS practice at their pool.
 - May need help getting started on that
- LMSC Donations
 - covered in membership report
- More meets across LMSC
 - Looking to host meets at facilities all throughout the DV LMSC area to branch out
 - Keystone Aquatics - can do SCY & LCM
 - Bucknell - can do SCY & LCM
- Meet Schedule
 - Lawrence park - Oct 14
 - Souderton - Nov 19
 - La Salle - Dec 10
 - Phoenixville - Jan 7, 2024
 - SJAC - Jan 28, 2024 (To Be Confirmed)
 - Upper Perk Y - Feb 4, 2024
 - DV Champs March 9, 2024 (Saturday - kids practice in morning so unsure about start time)
 - Need timers!! Can we give a donation to somewhere that could provide timers?
 - Sean Reynolds might have some volunteers
 - Dan Allen - Doylestown YMCA?
 - SCY Zones April 19-21, 2024 @ Jeff Rouse Pool (Stafford, VA)
 - SJAC - Last Chance May 19, 2024 (To Be Confirmed)
 - USMS Spring Nationals (SCY), June 20-24, 2024 - Indianapolis, IN
 - LCM Meets - GPAC?
 - SCM Meets - SVY outdoors?
 - USMS Summer Nationals (LCM) , Aug 21-25, 2024 - Mission Viejo, CA
- Other topics?
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Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report, detailing significant actions, decisions, or discussions made by the officers and /or Board of Directors (BOD) during the time between annual meetings is posted on our [LMSC website](#) and linked above.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Secretary's Report/S/P

Treasurer's Report and 1/1/23 - 9/30/23 Financials

Presented by Joe Boris, Treasurer

Highlights:

- Balance as of Sept 30, 2023 is \$28,173.97
- \$3,674.25 decrease over past 12-months
- The majority of our expenses for this year were to host the two Delaware Valley meets (Upper Perk & DV Championships).
- Per USMS, prior to 1/1/24 we need to register to solicit donations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report/S/P

Secretary's Note: On September 30, 2023, Jeremy Gross and Joe Boris conducted the annual financial review as required by our By-Laws. Jeremy and Joe found the Treasurer's report and bank statements to be in order.

Social & Recognition Reports

Presented by Steve Dougherty and Jeremy Gross, Committee Co-Chairs

2023 Awards:

Dorothy Donnelly Service Award (Zone & National)

Winner – Steve Dougherty

2022 Awards:

David Harrison Outstanding Male Swimmer Award

Winner – Jeremy Gross

8 Top-10 swims, of which 2 were #2, and 1 was #3 and scored 40 pts at Nationals

Jeanne Merryman Outstanding Female Swimmer Award

Winner – Julia Cunnigham

9 Top-10 swims, of which 3 were #1, 1 was #3, and scored 39 pts at Nationals

Henry "Barney" Hungerford Outstanding Open Water / Long Distance Swimmer Award

Winner – Erica Flickinger

2 place - 2-Mile Cable Nats, 1 place - Ultra-marathon Nats

2023 Awards to be presented at DV Champs. Nominations requested for Lifetime Achievement award and Outstanding Volunteer.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Recognition Report/S/P

Membership Coordinator's Report

Presented by Janet Jastremski, Membership Coordinator

Highlights:

- Janet no longer transfers someone between teams or LMSC. USMS now handles this..
- Membership decreased slightly but stable since covid. (All of USMS has been down since covid.)
- Need to be registered to all 4 states (NJ, MD, PA, DE) in order to receive donations online
 - Jessica Reilly at National office needs to be notified by Jan. 1st
 - Janet needs help/guidance. Joe Boris has offered his assistance.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Membership Coordinator's Report/S/P

USMS Officials Report

Presented by Dave Diehl, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- DV LMSC has 3 USMS officials
- USMS has updated the online certification process so it is very easy to do.
- 2023 Officials of the year
 - Teri White
 - John King

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Officials Report/S/P

Sanctions Report

Presented by Jeremy Gross on behalf of Tom Patterson, Committee Chair

Meets Sanctioned

- DV Masters Meet At Souderton High School, 11/13.2022
- DV Masters Meet-LaSalle University, 12/11/2022
- Delaware Valley LMSC Upper Perk Valley Y Masters Meet, 2/12/2023
- 2023 Delaware Valley LMSC SCY Championship Meet, 3/12/2023
- 2023 Bill Heebner Memorial Winter Freeze Masters Meet, SCM, 4/30/2023

Meets Recognized

- Lawrence Park Masters Meet, SCM , 10/29/2022
- 2023 SJAC Spring Splash Masters Meet, 5/21/2023

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Sanctions Report/S/P

Top 10 Report

Presented by Jeremy Gross, Committee Chair

Highlights

- Relay results cause biggest uploading issue due to incorrect age groups or illegal multiple club relays.
- John Kenny meet in Oct does not use an automatic timing system (i.e. watches & a spreadsheet). Required to manually enter all times for USMS members.
 - If the meet grows they will need to look into a Dolphin system or something like that.
- Need to be diligent on Observer reports for Recognized meets. Required for top-10 to be official.
 - No issues this year, but needed for French Creek & SJAC meets.
- Need to be sure meet directors are printing out forms for timers. When the pads don't work we need a record (La Salle was an issue).
- (Not required) Encourage swimmers to put in split requests before the event has been swum just to be certain we have 2 watches on the split in case of timing issues.

Steve Dougherty motioned to accept the Top 10 Report/S/P

Records Report

Presented by Gary Sangmeister, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- Updated records take ~1.5 months because of the calendar season closing period and Top 10 submission process.
- All records for which top-10 times report is available have been posted to DV LMSC Website.

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Records Report/S/P

Website Report

Presented by Dan Allen, Webmaster

Highlights

- Hosting renewed and good for the next 3 years (expires 5/9/2026)
- No webpage expenses in the coming year

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Web Report/S/P

Marketing Report

Provided by Pamela Shepard, Committee Chair

Highlights

- 822 people on Facebook but need to be aware of more bots
 - Report if see anything suspicious
- Encourages everyone to post more pictures from meets, practices, etc.

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Marketing Report/S/P

Open Water Report

Presented by Jeremy Gross on behalf of Delia Perez, Committee Chair

Highlights

- Very active open water community
 - lots of pictures and updates on the facebook site

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Open Water Report/S/P

Coaches Report

Presented by Dave Schneider, Committee Chair

Highlights

- DV Coach statistics
 - 79 Delaware Valley swimmers identified as coaches in 2023 registration.
 - This is a decrease of 75 swimmers from the 154 swimmers who identified as coaches in 2022.
 - 33 Delaware Valley coaches have achieved some level of USMS coaching certification, which is an increase of eight certified coaches over 2022:

Certification Level	Number of Coaches	
	2022	2023
Level 1	7	8
Level 2	11	12
Level 3	6	12
Level 4	1	1
Total	25	33

- No coaching certification classes offered in LMSC in recent years

- Note that DV LMSC has a policy to reimburse Coaches attending training. Reimbursed 2 coaches in 2022-2023 season (class held in NJ)
 - link on website for coaching certification reimbursement
- The 2022 Nationals Coaching Clinic will be held October 18-20 in Houston.

Alex Bromley motioned to accept the Coaches Report/S/P

[Fitness Committee Report](#)

Presented by Jeremy Gross on behalf of Kim Inverso, Committee Chair

Highlights:

- No sessions have been held in 2023.
- National has eliminated the fitness committee this year as all USMS is considered fitness.

Jeremy Gross motioned to accept the Fitness Committee Report/S/P

[USMS Convention Report](#)

Our LMSC again earned three (3) delegate spots to the convention which was held in a “hybrid” format for the first time with both online and in-person attendees. All DV LMSC delegates attended virtually. House of Delegate meetings were held September 8th through September 10th.

Delegates were Jeremy Gross, Joe Boris and Laurie Hug. Laurie also represents the DV LMSC as a member of the USMS Coaches Committee but no longer gets an automatic delegate spot.

Reports supplied by the attendees are linked below, and are posted on our website. Some highlights:

[Combined report from Jeremy Gross with input from Joe Boris](#) [USMS Coaches Report from Laurie Hug](#)

Highlights:

- Hybrid Meeting:
 - All DV attended virtually. J. Gross, L. hug, J. Boris were the DV LMSC Delegates
 - Rule changed for relays: if your relay is DQ'ed, lead off swimmer's time is still valid
 - No membership fee changes, no open water discussion
 - Doug Sayles elected Zone Chair, Jeremy appointed Vice Chair
 - Website updated, FB page started
 - Fitness and education committee eliminated
- Laurie to attend volunteer relay convention this year (Oct. 20-22)
- Is the zone website on our website?
 - Dan will fix this
- Sean requested to bring back medals for zones
 - Jeremy going to speak with Doug on our feedback

Sean Reynolds motioned to accept the Convention Reports/S/P

[Team Reports](#)

Want to ensure all clubs are registered before Nov. 1. If not, swimmers will not be able to register with their team when signing up for meets.

Spring Valley YMCA – Gary Sangmeister

- Numbers higher than pre-covid
- Desire to run meet themselves but different - Jun. 2?

Colonials 1776 – Steve Dougherty

- Membership stable, practices fluctuate

LASH

- No representative present

York YMCA

- 10 members that come regularly, practice every morning
- Willing to host meets

Central Bucks - Sean Reynolds

- Present but didn't give report

Wilkes-Barre & Pittston YMCA - Andrea Butchko, Dan Allen

- Restarted in September
- Numbers back up to amount before covid
- Don't have enough manpower to run own meets but can help out others

FINS

- No representative present

DV LMSC will reimburse the attending teams/clubs their \$70 Team registration fee. Please contact Joe Boris jjboris9@gmail.com to let him know who to make the check out to & where to send.

Barbara Burke motioned to accept the Team Reports/S/P

Team/group reps and reports

(representation gleaned from those attending today's meetings) for the LMSC Board (per by-laws):

- Spring Valley Y – Gary Sangmeister
- York YMCA - Joe Bentz
- YMCA of Bucks & Hunterdon County - Sean Reynolds
- LASH – no representation this year
- 1776 – Steve Dougherty
 - Workout Group - Valley Forge Masters - Dave Schneider
- FINS – no representation this year
- Groups
 - Wilkes-Barre/Pittston - Dan Allen, Andrea Butchko

Motion to adjourn meeting by Barbara Burke at 3:57 pm /S/P

Submitted by Alex Bromley, Secretary

Electronic copy submitted to USMS National Office on November 14, 2023.