

**FGC LMSC Annual Meeting
Saturday December 4, 2023 – In Person**

Attendance:

Barb Protzman – Chair/ LMSC Membership /Newsletter, GOLD
Linda Bostic – Vice Chair, PBM
Catherine Rust – Secretary/Open Water, PBM
Dale LeClair – Treasurer PBM
Elaine Joggerst – Sanctions, Hammerheads
Deb Cavanaugh – Gold
Haley Knapp - PAQ

Meeting called to order December 2, 2023 at 12:22 pm

Roll Call – Attendance taken by Catherine Rust

2. Minutes from last meeting June 19, 2023 – Minutes sent out with the meeting agenda. Deb Cavanaugh made motion to approve the minutes, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

3. Officer/Committee Reports

Chair Barb Protzman – Announcement of USMS Officials clinic in Orlando on Jan. 13, 2024.

Vice Chair Linda Irish Bostic – The Snag Holmes Swim Meet is scheduled for April 5-7, 2024 in Jupiter FL. Y Masters Nationals May 9-12, 2024 at the Ft Lauderdale Hall of Fame Pool. SFTL is planning on holding a meet in February, 2024.

Secretary Catherine Rust – No Report

Treasurer Dale LeClair – Account Balance is \$38,444.

Coaches Chair Lina Bot - Not Present

Open Water/LD Catherine Rust – 2024 USMS has scheduled 4 OWNC with another pending approval. Two in California and two in Minnesota. The National office is looking to increase participation in the OWNC by having destination venues and holding more than 1 event at a location. Changes will start to be implemented in 2025. OW swims in the area will be posted on the website.

Membership Barb Protzman - Club counts sent out. The LMSC membership number is about the same as 2022. Club incentive checks will be mailed out. Overall nationally, membership is about the same as 2022. Membership numbers are still behind pre-covid.

Safety Thomas Murphy - Not Present

Top 10 Francoise Caudrillier - Not Present

Sanctions Elaine Joggerst – request that meet information be sent to her for review before requesting a sanction for the event.

Webmaster Dale LeClair – No Report

Officials Chair Open Position

Banquet/Awards Open Position

1. Old Business

Requested scholarships from LMSC for attendance of USMS classes: 13 applied for Coaches Certification; 10 applied for ALTS; 3 Level 2 Coaches; 5 Level 3 Coaches

LMSC Initiatives – Social Media Lina Bot - Not Present

2023 USMS Annual Meeting – Barb, Elaine, Lina, Linda, Julie, Catherine.

Highlights of Annual Meeting:

- Election of new officers. Julie Dusslier, member of our LMSC was elected to the USMS Board as VP of Administration.
- Deletion of the Fitness Education committee.
- Grown Up Swimming which started up in connection with age group summer leagues is a program of interest to USMS. Grown up Swimming is currently targeting South Florida for expansion and hiring paid contractors.
- College Swimming is not converting as many swimmers as projected to USMS regular membership
- USMS Short Course Nationals June 20-24 in Indianapolis. Swim times achieved at the meet will be considered for 2024 USMS Top 10 SCY.
- USMS LCM Nationals at Mission Viejo, CA
- USMS National Office no longer has a physical office and is now virtual.
- USMS offers grants for Club and event development
- USMS Membership fees remained at \$70.00. USMS may increase fees by \$5.00 for 2025.

1. New Business:

Banquet Chair - The chair position is open. Discussion regarding banquet and options other than a banquet: Clinic with Rowdy

Gaines with casual lunch; Banquet/social with no awards. FGC LMSC policy shows that a Banquet with awards needs to be held every spring. Committee formed to develop ideas: Debbie Cavanaugh, Barb Protzman, Dale LeClair and Catherine Rust.

LMSC Records – We need to re-establish LMSC records which have not been updated in about 10 years. Linda Bostic has volunteered to set up.

Election of LMSC Officers: Officers elected unanimously . Term will be 2 years.

Barb Protzman – Chair

Linda Bostic – Vice Chair

Catherine Rust – Secretary

Dale LeClair - Treasurer

Club Incentive – Increase club incentives by \$2 since the LMSC now receives more money from registrations. Motion to increase club incentive fees by \$2 to \$7 per swimmer by Debbie Cavanaugh. Motion seconded. Motion passed

Review/Update By-Laws and Policies - Barb will update policies and send out for review and look at the USMS bylaws template for any needed changes.

2. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:44pm motion seconded. Approved unanimously.

