

## 2022 Lake Erie LMSC Annual Meeting

<b>Committee Name:</b>	LELMSC	<b>Session #:</b>	1
<b>Chair:</b>	Ann Marshfield	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Laura Wright
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Judi Norton	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	November 6, 2022, 2:00 PM

### Actions Requiring Approval by Members:

1. Term Limits for delegates to Board
2. Motion to donate \$500 in memory of member Kevin Kelley to provide funding to underfunded Cleveland area swim programs

### Motions Passed:

1. In Memoriam \$500 donation to underfunded greater Cleveland area swim team(s).
2. LE LMSC revised ByLaws

**Number of members present:** 20

**Absent:** 487

**Members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Ann Marshfield, Mark Marshfield, Ashley Braniecki, Chuck Beatty, Kristen Bergman, Paul Bermann, Jay DeFinis, Judi Norton, Diane Spence, Tom Spence, Tom Stebel, Joe Collum, Duane Grassell, Jennifer Savage, Kristi Tabaj, Sara Tillie, Luise Easton, Charlie Farrell, Edward Borsuk, Larry Terkel

### Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM.

Adoption of 2021 Annual Meeting minutes - Approved by acclamation.

#### Officer Reports:

Membership Coordinator - Ashley Braniecki: LELMSC individual membership totals approaching pre-pandemic levels. 7 team registrations in 2022. To date, two teams have registered for 2023.

Treasurer - Mark Marshfield: Financial reports were distributed via email prior to meeting and paper copies were available to all in attendance. Profit / loss statements and proposed budget were reviewed.

Chair - Ann Marshfield: Recap of 2022: Clubs returned to near pre-pandemic operations including swim meets on local and national levels. LMSC adopted *Standards and Measures of Success* as a guiding document to help achieve goals of keeping current members swimming and attracting new members to swim for fitness and/or competition.

USMS Volunteer Relay - 3 LELMSC members attended the volunteer networking opportunity for members to share ideas in an attempt to increase the number of clubs and LMSCs. Future relay events will focus on events and community.

Recognitions: Judi Norton, USMS 2022 Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award. Yoshi Oyakawa (age 88), All American (Pool), Luise Easton (age 83), All American (Open Water). Almost 200 Individual and 25 Relay USMS Top 10 recognitions (all pool courses).

Goals for 2023: 1) Continue to improve communication and swim opportunities. 2) Host swim clinics: one open water focus and one pool focus.

Open Water – Chuck Beatty: LMSC had 5 swimmers attend the 2 Mile Cable National Championship. All 5 in top 3, including Luise Easton who finished in first place. Waiting 2023 date for BOWC and working on having open water swim for Pan Am Masters Games which will be held in Cleveland area.

Adult Learn-to-Swim – Judi Norton: Held 1 ALTS session at Avon with 2 attendees and Mark Stewart as instructor. Added 5 new ALTS certified instructors.

Officials – Mark Marshfield: Significant increase in the number of certified USMS officials over the past year. Officials Committee will look at possibly changing the rule regarding who can officiate at a USMS Meet in conjunction with USMS Rules Committee. Next year, HOD review of change at USMS annual meeting. Intent is to remove the caveat which currently allows someone to be trained on the spot and officiate during a meet.

Safety - Mark Marshfield: Mark is looking forward to being the Safety Official for BOWC 2023.

Sanctions – Diane Spence: 6 sanctions awarded in 2022, 1 awarded to date in 2023.

Top 10 – Mel Smith: Absent but her report was presented on her behalf. All meet results were submitted in a timely manner so that all swimmers in our meets are eligible for USMS Top 10 consideration.

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Awards – Jay DeFinis: Send nominations for Volunteer Awards to Jay who will help write up the formal nomination. See USMS.org/awards if interested. Criteria for new LELMSC Service Award still being developed.

### **Unfinished Business/Old Business:**

Shaker Sharks will no longer be a registered USMS club.

CAQT thanked the LMSC for referral to usms.org online presentation on how to improve / grow club.

### **Elections:**

Nomination for Treasurer, 2-year term: Mark Marshfield

Nomination for Membership Coordinator, 2-year term: Ashley Braniecki

Nomination for Secretary, 1-year term: Judi Norton

No additional nominations made from membership.

All approved by unanimous voice vote. Note that the Newsletter will be handled by Chuck Beatty, not the Secretary.

### **New Business:**

1) Proposed Bylaw Changes: Several changes were submitted for adoption by the members of the LELMSC. Proposed changes were sent to members via email prior to the meeting and available on paper at the meeting. Rationale for each change was provided in writing. Most changes proposed were made to align our bylaws with current USMS bylaws and practices. All approved by acclamation.

2) Donation to underfunded swim programs: Chuck Beatty moved that the LELMSC donate \$500 in memory of member Kevin Kelley to provide funding to underfunded Cleveland area swim programs. Duane Grassell seconded. Discussion: Money will be used to help fund greater Cleveland area schools in need of swim equipment. Details of the program are not yet finalized. Money will only be disbursed once details of the charitable organization and distribution procedures are established. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **Tasks for the Upcoming Year:**

- 1) Continue to improve communication and swim opportunities.
- 2) Host swim clinics: one open water focus and one pool focus.

**Meeting adjourned:** 3:08 PM

### **Additional noteworthy news:**

On November 23, 2022, Eric Peterson, previous head coach of Shaker Sharks now Director of North Coast Aquatics Team announced he has registered this new team with USMS with the abbreviation NCLE. This new team was created with the merger of previously known swim club Solon Stars.