

Southern Masters Swimming LMSC Annual General Membership Meeting

November 5, 2023

Minutes

- **Roll Call:**

Aaron Schneider, Sarah Gillen, Stephen Kernion, Gordon Mese, Catherine Giarrusso, Ginger Spansel, Elizabeth Cumming, Jennifer Turner, Pat Arnold, Richard Hartman (zoom), Kelly Denning (zoom)
- R. Hartman motion to adopt minutes from last meeting; S. Kernion second. Motion passes.

- **Officer Reports:**
 - Aaron Schneider (General Chair)
 - He and Stephen Kernion just attended Level III coaching training in Houston.
 - Sarah Gillen (Treasurer)
 - Balance is \$25,892.93. Continuing to rise because not sending people to conventions.
 - Income is \$3,276.96 and expenses are \$3,893.16 through October.
 - Richard Hartman (Registration Chair)
 - 318 members
 - Biloxi team lost in 2021 and Crossgates is down (11 members last year)
 - Membership increasing the last two years
 - Elizabeth Cumming (Sanctions)
 - Sanctioned two meets this year: March meet and today meet at PAC
 - Kelly Denning (Top 10 / Records)
 - 2022 Swimmer of the Year winners: Richard Hartman and Wendy Enderle
 - 2023 Swimmer of the Year is not closed out yet, but looks like David Scammel and Lily England
 - Wendy Enderle is taking over records from Kerry Kelley
 - 2023 Top 10 numbers for SMS are very small
 - Records are not updated yet from March meet – will update
 - Kelly D. will coordinate with Wendy E. to develop a system for updating records
 - Gordon Mese (Social Media)
 - Wants to build a new public page and link it to Instagram so that people can discover SMS – approved to go ahead with this
 - Ginger Spansel (Open Water / Postals)
 - 24 SMS swimmers did Swim Across the Bay – 18 Riptide and 6 PAC
 - Wendy Enderle competed in Masters Open Water Nationals
 - Ginger Spansel competed in 10-mile Swim the Suck in TN

- **Elections of Officers**
 - Stephen Kernion, Nominating Committee Chair proposes following slate of officers:
 - Aaron Schneider, General Chair
 - Catherine Giarrusso, Secretary
 - Sarah Gillen, Treasurer
 - Richard Hartman, Membership Chair
 - Aaron Schneider, Convention Delegate
 - Wendy Enderle or Gordon Mese, Second Convention Delegate (depending on whether Wendy is interested; second person will be alternate)
 - R. Hartman moves to elect the slate of officers; S. Gillen, second. No opposition. Motion passes.
- **Appointment of Committee Chairs**
 - Proposed appointees:
 - Nan Fontenot, Vice Chair
 - Elizabeth Cumming, Sanctions
 - Kelly Denning, Top 10
 - Wendy Enderle, Records
 - Stephen Kernion, Coaches
 - Margaret Hill, Officials
 - Gordon Mese, Newsletter / Facebook
 - Jen Turner, Webmaster
 - Ginger Spansel, Open Water and Postals
 - R. Hartman moves to accept the appointments; S. Gillen second. No opposition. Motion passes.
- **Revision of Bylaws**
 - S. Gillen motion to appoint committee consisting of C. Giarrusso, R. Hartman, and G. Spansel to review the bylaws.
 - R. Hartman second. No opposition. Motion passes.
- **Top 10 and Records Awards for 2023**
 - G. Spansel motion for award to be a Tyr 45-gallon bag with SMS Logo; S. Gillen second. Motion passes.
- **USMS Upcoming Pool Events**
 - Crawfish meet will be March 9-10
 - Elmwood meet will be weekend of April 20 (weekend before Jazz Fest)
 - Auburn meet is difficult for Riptide, because is first weekend of Mardi Gras
 - Suggestion of possible spring event at Crawfishman pool in Bush, LA
- **USMS Upcoming Open Water Events**
 - Open Water Nationals
- **Creation of Diversity & Inclusion Committee**
 - Need to add to by-laws
 - Looking for Committee Chair, possibly Herman Kelly from Crawfish

- **USMS Relay Meeting Report (G. Mese)**
 - Discussion of how to develop Masters Swimming in Mississippi to increase SMS membership
 - Possibly hold a meet in Biloxi with Open Water event and/or stroke clinic with Bill Brenner
 - Gordon will move forward with 30/60/90 plan
- **Available Grants**
 - Riptide obtained club development grant to expand to second pool
 - Money is available for ALTS, club development, and events
- **USMS SCY Nationals Indianapolis**
 - Want to bring a large group
 - Will circle-back on attendees
 - Possibly book training at LSU
- **S. Gillen moves to adjourn; A. Schneider second. Adjourned.**