

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 11 September 2021, Kedron Fieldhouse, Peachtree City, GA

ROLL CALL

Andrew and Walter Young YMCA (AWYY)

Douglas Carrington

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Marianne Countryman

Elaine Krugman

Britta O'Leary

Mark Rogers

Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Bob Kohmescher

Ed Saltzman

Georgia (GAJA)

Elizabeth Giesecking

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Cathy Jones

Sue Ottosen

Craig Ray

Lisa Watson

John Zeigler

Southside Seals (SSS)

Rob Copeland

Laura Johnson

Emily Meyer

Mike Stille

Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Randy Marchman

Unattached

Charlene Cook

(Guest: Christine Rolka)

Adoption of Minutes from 2020 Meeting

The minutes of the 2020 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chairman (Britta O’Leary) – The pandemic has caused many closures and cancellations, but more and more facilities are starting to reopen. The LMSC has paid for all the clubs’ registration fees to help the clubs and workout groups to get back to normal. Member numbers are still very low though. Where are the swimmers?

Vice Chair (Lisa Watson) – Lisa is on the Fitness Education Committee for USMS and shared that the virtual fitness events are still ongoing with an added dryland option for swimmers unable to swim due to the pandemic. She also noted that there is an upcoming developmental meet in October in Lawrenceville.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is doing well financially. Our spending has been focused on developmental meets, offsetting USMS dues increases, scholarships, and absorbing the losses of meets that didn’t cover their costs. Ed also mentioned that the LMSC could see the return of stroke and/or coaching clinics if there is enough interest.

Registrar (Mark Rogers) – Mark provided some statistics for the declining number of registrations here in Georgia and nationwide, largely due to the pandemic.

Georgia	2021	780 swimmers
	2020	874 swimmers
	2019	973 swimmers
National	2021	47,721 swimmers
	2020	51,333 swimmers
	2019	59,797 swimmers

Secretary (Karol Welling) – I provided the food for this meeting.

Webmaster (Ed Saltzman) – The LMSC website is now on a new platform that has more capabilities. Ed is open to suggestions on new content.

Fitness (John Zeigler) – John gave kudos to Rob Copeland for running the Open Water competition during the Georgia Games. He also commended the efforts of swimmers who found creative ways to swim during the pandemic.

Members At Large

Jeffrey Tacca – Jeffrey talked about the summer Adult Swim League. They have great attendance (200+ swimmers) at their meets, which are less serious and more focused on fun. The coaches promote the meets and are key to the Leagues’ success. Perhaps we could employ some of their examples.

Elaine Krugman – As a feature writer for the newsletter, Elaine writes many interesting articles and swimmer profiles. She appealed to everyone to give her the names of swimmers on their teams with interesting stories to share.

Board Election

As no new names were put forth, the current slate of officers was re-elected by acclamation.

New Business

The events for the Grand Prix will be published in the newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Sep 19	ART LCM Meet, Georgia Tech
Sep 22-27	USMS Annual Meeting – VIRTUAL
Sep 24	Georgia Golden Olympics
Oct 2	Columbus Hurricanes SCY Meet (dual sanctioned)
Oct 2	Swim Across America OW, Lake Lanier
Oct 7-10	USMS LCM Nationals, Geneva, OH
Oct 15-17	Rowdy Gaines Classic, Orlando, FL
Oct 24	Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet
Feb 12-13	Auburn Invitational, Auburn AL

Check georgiamasters.org and southeastzone.org for a full overview of upcoming meets.

Other Business

Next meeting: Sunday, October 17 at 7pm via ZOOM

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling