

## **Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes**

*Saturday, 10 September 2022, Kedron Fieldhouse, Peachtree City, GA*

### **ROLL CALL**

Andrew and Walter Young YMCA (AWYY)

Douglas Carrington

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Jennifer Almand  
Marianne Countryman  
Elaine Krugman  
Britta O'Leary  
Mark Rogers  
Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Bob Kohmescher  
Ed Saltzman

Georgia (GAJA)

Ken Koontz

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Cathy Jones  
Samy Naguib  
Sue Ottosen  
Craig Ray  
Lisa Watson  
Leonard "Chip" Woody  
John Zeigler

Nautical Milers (NAUT)

Dave Beem

Southside Seals (SSS)

Rob Copeland  
Laura Johnson  
Emily Meyer  
Jacob Rynne  
Alan Smith  
Mike Stille  
Karol Welling  
Tina Yu

Unattached

Philip Kitchens

(Guest: Lora Lee)

## Adoption of Minutes from 2021 Meeting

The minutes of the 2021 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

## Reports of Officers

### Chairman (Britta O'Leary)

Britta introduced herself and welcomed everyone. She thanked the Southside Seals and Rob for a fun meet, and the officials for volunteering.

### Registrar (Mark Rogers)

Mark provided some statistics for the year to date.

<b>Georgia</b>	<b>2022</b>	842 swimmers (457 men, 385 women)
	<b>2021</b>	834swimmers (450 men, 384 women)
<b>National</b>	<b>2022</b>	53,298 swimmers (27,696 men, 25,602 women)
	<b>2021</b>	51,124 swimmers (26,127 men, 24,997 women)

Mark noted that we are almost back to pre-pandemic numbers. The Year+ USMS registration offer (\$99) started on 1 July covering the rest of 2022 and all of 2023. The individual USMS registration for 2023 opens on 1 November. Those who register by 31 December 2022 get a \$5 discount (\$65, increasing to \$70 on 1 January 2023). Single event USMS registration will be \$15 for 2023.

### Vice Chair (Lisa Watson)

As a member of the USMS Fitness Education Committee, Lisa talked about the virtual fitness challenges: 30-minutes Swim in February, 2K swim in June, & 1 mile swim in October. Coaches can work these into their practices. The LMSCs compete nationally and the winning LMSC may earn a stroke clinic.

### Open Water (Rob Copeland)

Angel swimmers are needed for Swim Across America.

**Treasurer** (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is doing well financially, but more participation in meets is needed. The LCM meet at GA Tech lost money so the LMSC made up the difference to protect this meet moving forward. Scheduling meets a year in advance helps swimmers to plan well ahead, increasing participation.

## New Business

### Officer and At-Large Positions

After 25 years of excellence as our Newsletter Editor, Bob Kohmescher would like to step down. Ed Saltzman is hoping to offload one of his many contributions to the LMSC, specifically Webmaster.

Britta is looking for interested volunteers to fill either of these positions, as well as a new one, Social Events Chair.

Britta announced that she is appointing Ken Koontz as a new Member-at-Large. Ken also volunteered to fill the Newsletter Editor position and will talk with Bob.

### **2023 Georgia Masters Meet Lineup**

The Maria Thrash Memorial Meet at Dynamo on 25-26 March is also the SE Zone Championships this year. Hopefully, we can add some more meets to the calendar.

### **2023 Georgia Grand Prix – New Ideas**

This is a great event to get people to participate in our meets. Britta invited us to brainstorm some new ideas to improve it. Her suggestions included: new prizes such as mesh bags, hats, shirts, towels; having a running results list on the website to make the competition more transparent and dynamic; having a Team category where the winning team earns a discount on something; and discussing which events to include.

### **What Is Masters Swimming?**

Britta asked the group “What do you do every day to make masters Swimming better, and to grow membership in Georgia Masters?” The Adult Swim League (Grown-Up Swimming) is extremely popular. Over 1000 swimmers participated this summer. When approached about swimming at Masters Meets and joining Masters teams, many Adult Swim League participants said that Masters was too serious, too competitive, or required too much commitment. Britta encouraged us to have ready a short “elevator speech” about Masters Swimming to alleviate these misperceptions holding people back. Jake Rynne said he liked the individualized coaching and the comradery and support of his fellow teammates. Another person cited the benefits of goal setting and how that focuses competition against the clock. Luring swimmers with more fun events was also suggested, like a relay meet or an intersquad meet for example. A commitment to fitness motivates many Masters swimmers. Britta encouraged everyone to continue to think of ideas and to attend our next Zoom meeting on 2 October.

## **Upcoming Events**

Sep 16-18	USMS Annual Meeting (hybrid, Denver, CO)
Sep 17	HURR September Sprinter, Columbus, GA (dual sanctioned)
Sep 24	Swim Across America, Lake Lanier
Sep 30	GA Golden Olympics, Jonesboro, GA
Oct 14-16	Rowdy Gaines Classic, Orlando, FL
Oct 23	Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet
Dec 10	ART St Nick’s SCM Meet, GA Tech
Feb 11-12	Auburn Invitational, Auburn AL
Mar 25-26	Maria Thrash Memorial SCY Meet, SE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Dynamo

Check [georgiamasters.org](http://georgiamasters.org) and [southeastzone.org](http://southeastzone.org) for a full overview of upcoming meets.

### **Pitch Outlet Store**

Check out the merchandise with the GA LMSC logos on [www.swimoutlet.com/collections/georgiamasters/](http://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/georgiamasters/)

### **Other Business**

Next meeting: Sunday, October 2nd at 7pm via ZOOM

**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling