

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, 9 September 2017, after the PTC Pentathlon Meet at the
Lundquist Aquatic Center*

ROLL CALL

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Britta O'Leary
Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Herb Chuvén
Earl Ferguson
Judith Haase
Rebecca Hamilton
Cathy Jones
Elaine Krugman
David Morrill
Sue Ottosen
Ginger Penn
Craig Ray
Lisa Watson
Brian Yetter
John Zeigler

Golden Tiger Aquatic Club (GTAC)

Karen Bartlett
Jennifer Hartig
Jay Scovill

Southside Seals (SSS)

Megan Copeland
Rob Copeland
Mike Slotnick
Karol Welling

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Ian King
Cindi McCullough

Unattached

Norm Magers
Mark Frickey

Guests from the Southeastern LMSC

Masters Anchors Swim Club (MASC)

Rachel Cobia
Elizabeth Johnson

Adoption of Minutes from 2016 Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers

Chairman (Lisa Watson) – After leading the Georgia LMSC in an exemplary manner for over 30 years, Lisa announced that she has decided to step down from Chair to Vice Chair. Lisa is passing the torch to Ian King who has graciously accepted the challenge.

Vice Chair (Sean Fitzgerald) – Sadly, Sean has moved to Vancouver. We greatly miss his many contributions to our LMSC and are looking for a volunteer to take over running the popular annual Grand Prix competition.

Secretary (Karol Welling) – no report

Newsletter Editor (Bob Kohmescher) – While Bob was unable to attend this meeting, Bob continues to do an excellent job of putting together the newsletter for our members. Bob welcomes any and all newsletter input. Elaine Krugman was present and was recognized for her many interesting articles and swimmer profiles.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is very healthy financially and that we are continuing to offset increasing USMS fees, keeping ours lower than many other LMSCs.

Registrar (Andy Rettig) – As of 6 September 2017, Georgia has 863 registered swimmers, which exceeds 800, earning Georgia an additional At-Large delegate at the national USMS convention.

Members-At-Large (Jeffrey Tacca, Bill Lotz, Ian King, and Britta O'Leary) – Jeffrey thanked Lisa for her many years of outstanding leadership. Britta talked about representing Georgia at the World Championships. Ian thanked Lisa for her service to Georgia Masters. This is Ian's 3rd year as a Member-at-Large. His background is in diving and gymnastics, then triathlons, then he got involved in Masters swimming 7 years ago. He also thanked Rob Copeland and Mike Slotnick for a great meet.

Reports of Committees

Coaches (Donna Hooe) – Donna was unable to attend this meeting. For the PANAM Championships next year, she will be taking orders for custom caps and team t-shirts.

Communications (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that after he retires in January, he plans to spiff up the website.

Fitness (John Zeigler) – John has been recruiting swimmers to compete in the Senior Games. John, himself, went to California to compete in the Law Enforcement Games. Lisa mentioned another on-going fitness program, "Go the Distance", which offers incentives at certain milestones. All swimmers need to do is log their daily yardage.

Long Distance (Rob Copeland) – Rob reported that there were two unsanctioned (swim at your own risk) open water events this year, the Georgia State Games (200+ participants) and Swim Across America (550 participants).

Officials/Sanctions (Ed Saltzman) – USMS is now offering an online training program for new officials to become certified. Ed reported that the sanction fees will remain stable.

Safety (David Morrill) – David reported that Georgia has had no relevant negative issues this year. All meet and event standards were in compliance with USMS standards. He added that suggestions and/or reporting incidents are always appreciated.

Top Ten/Records (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said the LCM season is finished. The SCY preliminary results are being tabulated. Everything is up-to-date.

Unfinished Business

LMSC Website – Be sure to check out our website at www.georgiamasters.org on a regular basis to find info on upcoming events. Many thanks go to webmaster Ed Saltzman for maintaining the site.

There are two remaining Georgia events: Collins Hill developmental meet (29 October) & St. Nick's SCM Invitational at GA Tech (3 December).

Election of Officers

Rob Copeland conducted the election. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Chair – Ian King

Vice Chair – Lisa Watson

Secretary – Karol Welling

Treasurer – Ed Saltzman

Registrar – Andy Rettig

Members-at-Large – Jeffrey Tacca, Bill Lotz, Britta O'Leary

New Business

The 2017 USMS Convention is Sept 13-17 in Dallas, Tx. Attending from Georgia are: Rob Copeland, Ed Saltzman, Lisa Watson, Ian King and David Morrill. Sean Fitzgerald will also be coming from Vancouver.

The 2021 USMS Convention is returning to Atlanta Sept 22-26. Volunteers needed!!

The 2018 Spring Nationals is in Indianapolis, IN May 10-13. The summer nationals are being replaced by the PANAM Championships in Orlando, FL in August.

New director needed for the Grand Prix (replacing Sean Fitzgerald)

Georgia and Dixie Zones calendars will be published at the convention.

New USMS Fitness Events in 2018: 30-minute swim in Feb; 2K in July; 1-mile swim in Nov

Resolution and Orders

Ian resolved that the LMSC shall promote and support meet directors by providing funding for new meets, the proceeds of which would repay the LMSC.

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling