

## **Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes**

*Saturday, 8 September 2018, after the Southside Seals Pentathlon Meet  
at the Lundquist Aquatic Center in Jonesboro, GA*

### **ROLL CALL**

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Marianne Countryman  
Malena Hankins  
Britta O'Leary  
Jeffrey Tacca

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Judith Haase  
Rebecca Hamilton  
Cathy Jones  
David Morrill  
Sally Newell  
Sue Ottosen  
Ginger Penn  
Lisa Watson  
Leonard Woody  
John Zeigler

Gwinnett County Masters Club (GMAC)

Elizabeth Giesecking

Southside Seals (SSS)

Robin Gross Bennett (for Mike Slotnick)  
Rob Copeland  
Karol Welling

Savanah Masters (SAVM)

Donna Hooe

Swim Atlanta Masters (SAMS)

Cindi McCullough  
Maddie Sibia

Unattached

Ellen Clay  
Miguel Toral

Guests from the Southeastern LMSC

Masters Anchors Swim Club (MASC)

Rachel Cobia  
Elizabeth Johnson

## **Adoption of Minutes from 2017 Meeting**

The minutes of the 2017 Annual meeting were approved unanimously.

## **Reports of Officers and Directors**

**Chairman** (Britta O'Leary) – Britta introduced herself as the interim Chairman, stepping in for Ian King who moved out of state mid-term. Britta welcomed everyone and congratulated Rob on the well-run meet. She asked the Officers and Directors for their reports and to share a brief description of their duties. Starting with her own position as Chairman, Britta explained that she works with the Board of Directors to come up with ideas for growing the membership and improving the organization. She encouraged everyone present to consider ways they might volunteer to help the organization.

**Vice Chair** (Lisa Watson) – Lisa explained that as Vice Chair, she serves in Britta's absence. She also helps with the newsletter and represents the Georgia LMSC at the annual USMS Convention. Britta recognized Lisa's outstanding service to the organization as the Chairman for over 30 years prior to stepping down to serve as Vice Chair.

**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.

**Treasurer** (Ed Saltzman) – Ed reported that our LMSC is very healthy financially. As Treasurer, Ed oversees the bank account, writes the annual financial report, files our taxes, pays our registration and tracks the budget.

**Top Ten/Records** (Ed Saltzman) – For Top Ten duties, Ed submits our results to and gleans times from the USMS database for Georgia's Top Ten, the Dixie Zone Top Ten and the national Top Ten times for SCY, SCM and LCM. Ed also tracks all records by Georgia swimmers in USA meets, international meets and USMS meets.

**Website** (Ed Saltzman) – Ed said that he is currently updating the website. New features being added are the Athlete of the Month, the Georgia Aquatic Hall of Fame, and a section honoring USMS award winners.

**Officials/Sanctions** (Ed Saltzman) – As our Officials Chair, Ed works with meet directors to ensure adequate manning by officials. *Note: Ed is also the Georgia Officials Chair for USA Swimming.* As the Sanctions Chair, Ed ensures the meet officials and meet directors fulfill USMS requirements, and that the results are closed out by the meet director and that the officials file a referee report.

**Secretary** (Karol Welling) – I take the minutes of the meetings. In addition, I help to run the hospitality suite when the annual USMS Convention is held here in Atlanta.

**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 recognized for her many interesting articles and swimmer profiles.

**Open Water** (Rob Copeland) – Rob reported that there were no sanctioned events, but two very successful and well attended unsanctioned (swim at your own risk) open water events were held this year, the Georgia State Games and Swim Across America (600+ participants and 20 Olympians, benefitting pediatric cancer research).

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

**Fitness** (John Zeigler) – John advised us that the on-going fitness program, “Go the Distance”, which offers incentives at certain milestones, is now awarding the top 3 men and the top 3 women, separately this year. All swimmers need to do is log their daily yardage. He is looking forward to competing in the GA Golden Olympics later this month. He encouraged swimmers to check the USMS website for on-line fitness events.

**Coaches** (Donna Hooe) – Donna answers questions and provides resources for new Masters coaches. She also coordinates orders for custom caps and team t-shirts before major championship meets.

**Members-At-Large** (Jeffrey Tacca, Bill Lotz, Pat Eddy) – These folks are Ambassadors to the membership and serve on various projects.

## **New Business**

**LMSC Strategic Plan** (Britta O’Leary) – This strategic plan has 3 pillars: retain existing members; new member acquisition; and board sustainability. In pursuit of these objectives, the Board has many action items in play. Ed is posting Elaine’s Swimmer Profiles on the website. Maddie Sibilia has volunteered to promote our social media presence. Bob Kohmescher is reaching out to swimmers who have not reregistered this year. For board sustainability, Britta hopes to list on the website the duties associated with each position on the Board so that swimmers interested in volunteering may find something that interests them.

Maddie Sibilia was elected as our newest Member-at-Large.

## **Upcoming Events**

Sep 9	Swim Across America Open Water Clinic, Lake Lanier
Sep 22	Swim Across America Open Water, Lake Lanier
Sep 26-30	USMS Convention, Jacksonville, FL
Sep 26-29	GA Golden Olympics, Warner Robins
Oct 28	Collins Hill SCM Developmental Meet
Dec 2	St. Nick’s SCM Invitational, GA Tech
Mar 16-17	St. Pat’s SCY Invitational, Dynamo

## **Other Business**

Maddie Sibilia and David Morrell are both running for the Member-at-Large position on the Dixie Zone Board. The House of Delegates will vote at the Convention.

Next meeting: Sunday, Oct 2 at 7pm via conference call

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling