

LMSC for Virginia
Phone Conference
9/24/17 7:00 pm

Kirk Clear, Rich Williams, Becca Thomason Latimer, Heather Stevenson, Jim Miller, Chris Stevenson, Shirley Loftus-Charley; minutes taken by Alice Phillips

- **2018 Individual & LMSC Club Fees**

Currently club fee is \$60 with a split \$41 to USMS, and \$19 to the club team. USMS is going up \$2 (this is the fourth year of a five year increase that passed nationally).

Becca shared the current balance, which seems adequate, but she would like to review past budgets to see if there is a time during the year when we need more money.

Jim proposed that we pass along the \$2 to everyone. Becca seconded that. No one disagreed.

New fee is \$62 with \$19 going to the club team. This will be advertised in the October newsletter.

Individual fees are currently \$52, with \$41 to USMS and \$11 to the LMSC. Jim is proposing that we keep the individual fee \$52 with \$43 going to USMS and then \$9 to the LMSC. This would amount to about \$2400 less income (have about 1200 individual registrants who are unattached).

We are going to have Becca do some analysis so that we can discuss the change and vote via email before the Nov 1 deadline (when individual registration opens). We are concerned that we are maintaining a reasonable reserve and that we are spending money in a way that benefits both clubs and individuals.

- **U.S. Aquatic Sports Convention Update ([2017 USMS Convention Page](#))**

General Overview – Kirk shared a few comments. He encouraged those who've not gone before to think about going in the future.

Rules/Legislation Changes – Our amendment proposal about clubs changing from one LMSC to another did not pass. But the national committee is going to look at it and will try to clarify and improve the wording.

Open Water Committee agreed to allowing a person to hold onto an object as long as there is no propulsive or forward movement. You can now stop and rest while holding onto an object.

A proposal about adding 25's as conforming events at USMS meets did not pass. It was very contentious.

World and National records cannot have hand held times, only automated touch pads and secondary buttons. They are acceptable for regular times and Top Ten. This follows the FINA and USA swimming rules.

National Office Changes/New Colonies Zone Chair – Molly Grover from the Potomac Valley is the new Zones Chair.

In IM and medley relay you can now come off on your back as long as there is no propulsive motion (arm or leg) until you are forward to the breast.

Heather asked Kirk to write an article about the convention.

- **Special Task Forces/Committees**

2020 Summer Nationals – Swim RVA did earn the bid for LC Nationals in 2020. We want to support the SwimRVA group in their organizing and planning. Several folks have stepped forward and Kirk welcomes more.

Review/Update By-Laws – Kirk would like us to think about getting a group together by our next annual meeting. Chris offered that we have some “unwritten” policies that we need to write down. One example is that we offer online and paper registration. We discussed having Betsy be involved because of her institutional memory and her continuing enthusiasm for all things masters.

- **Upcoming Swim Meets**

Chris has done a great job keeping our website up to date with these.

Nov 4 SC meters meet in VA Beach.

Randolph Macon has been reaching out to host a meet in 2018. If anyone has any thoughts about when, let Kirk know. It might be good if they tried a different format, such as a pentathlon.

- **Committee Reports**

Becca will be updating the Dropbox folder around the middle of each month with the budget statements.

The other committees did not have reports to share.

*** Annual Meeting – Nov 5 in Richmond in the afternoon**