

LMSC of Virginia Zoom Meeting Minutes **Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 7:00 PM**

Attendees: Kirk Clear, Chris Stevenson, Heather Stevenson, Charlie Cockrell, Rich Williams, Becca Latimer, Jeff Bush, Kyle Algren, Alice Phillips, Kate Stephensen, Jim Miller

Agenda

- Kirk shared that **USAS 2020 Convention** has been cancelled. The USMS Annual Meeting will be virtual. We are not yet sure of the details of the agenda, length, etc. The original date was Sept 25-26, so we imagine it will be around that time. We discussed our delegates, both for the LMSC and at large.

At large delegates must be named by June 15. The full delegate list will be determined by July 15.

- Kirk shared that **Summer LC Nationals** in Richmond have been postponed due to COVID. The 2021 national meets will continue as scheduled, but both Richmond and San Antonio (SC National meet, also cancelled), will be re-booked for 2022.
- Kirk shared that the USMS Board is looking at some sort of national support program for swimmers and LMSC's. Discussion ensued along the following related ideas:
 - Charlie shared that USA Swimming is supporting many clubs who are losing money without dues and meets. This is not as much an issue for masters at least in our area as most coaches are part time and clubs/teams do not have high expenses that are going unfulfilled.
 - The Virginis LSC is lobbying the governor to get indoor pools to Phase II sooner.
 - Jeff proposed that since we are solid with our LMSC budget, we are in a position to support clubs who might have lost meet fees or already spent money on cancelled meets and offer to reimburse those (but not total meet income). Rich suggested we reach out to clubs about that.
 - Potomac Valley LMSC is pushing for a new discount program for its new members who paid dues but have gotten very little value thus far. Our group discussed this. Kyle felt that it could be an issue at Club Tribe and suggested that we look at dues that could be carried forward. Charlie added that we might offer to extend dues for people with five or fewer years of membership: 1) donate it, 2) refund a percentage, 3) carry the fee forward to 2021. We deferred some of this discussion to the Unified Fee agenda item later.
- The John Shrum Memorial Cable Swim schedule for June 2020 has been cancelled. No fees had yet been collected.

- Kirk has talked to Dave Holland about Lake Moomaw scheduled for August 1, 2020 and ways to have the meet and keep it safe. The area Chamber of Commerce wants the meet to occur. There were 54 swimmers last year. Jim suggested that we tell Dave there is no harm in applying for the sanction and seeing what happens. He suggested that a maximum entry number would be a good idea. Dave is looking for volunteers.
- The group discussed several ideas for getting back in the water and having some fun events and relays, maybe some virtual competition. We deferred this continued discussion to our next meeting (when social standards are likely to have evolved again).
- Kirk shared the USMS COVID 19 Information page.
- The group discussed the Unified Fee debate and agreed to support the National Office in moving up the date of implementation to June 1. Heather motioned, Becca seconded, and the group voted unanimously to begin the unified fee structure in VA starting June 1. The fee will be \$60 with \$12 going to the LMSC and the rest to the national office. The one time entry fee becomes \$15, \$12 to USMS and \$3 to the LMSC.
- Nominations are due July 1 for USMS Annual Awards.
- This is an election year so we need to start getting out the call for nominations. Kirk cannot run again, so we know we will need a new president. Kirk requested that people let him know nominations and any changes within their own positions. Kate is moving so we know we need a new Long Distance Chair also.
- We discussed other ways we could communicate and support our membership during this difficult time. Club Tribe is offering a great Dryland Relay Challenge at the end of May. Pools are starting to open so Kate and Alice offered to begin collecting information to share with membership about what's available statewide. The group agreed that anything useful we can do should be done. We want to remind members that we are here, we are engaged, and when we can come back, we will be ready to do so.
- Moving forward we have some additional topics: use of online money transfers, budget adjustments with COVID, the USMS Financial Plan, and committee reports.