

Minutes for the Quarterly LMSC of Virginia Meeting  
Conference Call  
July 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Officers and Committee Chairs Present: Heather Nixon Stevenson, Becca Thomason, Chris Stevenson, Shirley Loftus Charley, Kirk Clear, Denise Letendre, Steve Hennessy, Betsy Durrant,

Minutes recorded by Alice Phillips, Secretary

I. Reading, correcting and adoption of previous meeting's minutes – already completed

II. Reports of Officers

A. Chair (Kirk)

i. Kirk attended an LMSC Leadership Summit in Houston in March 2017. Subsequently, he is interested in local implementation of the USMS Strategic Plan - one of his first areas of interest is the result of comparing budget procedures with other LMSC's; Kirk plans to share some of this with Becca.

ii. Standards – Kirk would also like to get our LMSC standards on the webpage. Chris suggested that we get all our standards together and clear before the fall meeting with the hope of publishing soon thereafter.

iii. Charlie and Kirk reviewed resumes and interviewed candidates for a new treasurer early in 2017. Becca Thomason was selected.

iv. Kirk has also appointed new committee chairs: Fitness (Brianna Lovell) & Coaches (Rich Williams - Tribe Masters). Neither could be on the call tonight but both are excited.

v. Standing up of Two LMSC Committees: Finance and Fitness will be getting more active. These are named in our by laws, but haven't had enough volunteers in the past to be active, but now we are going to get more going. (additional details below)

vi. LMSC Standards Evaluation: Kirk created a spreadsheet evaluating whether they were mandatory or goals. He submitted to our Zone Chair and got scored. We are doing pretty well, but there are a few standards where we could improve. Kirk will send this out to us for additional understanding.

vii. Kirk recently submitted our Communications Team for a USMS Award - we nominated Betsy (newsletter), Denise (Facebook), Chris (website). We tried to submit last year, but something fell through in the process. It has been received this year and we hope we will be in contention. This will be announced at convention in September.

viii. Kirk has also submitted two requests for rules changes. One has to do with Records/Top 10 Times and the use of manual timing system. A 65+ relay broke several SCY national records at the Lexington meet a couple months ago. They were disallowed because the primary system and back-up

didn't work to the letter. By the old rule you needed 3 watches not 2 buttons to earn a record. According to Chris, FINA has recently addressed this too and appears to be moving toward the mandatory use of automated timing only. This may prove problematic as a lot of pools don't even use touch pads in small regional meets. Our protest was denied in this case, but the relays have swum again and since gotten some of the records in an allowable pool set-up. The specific rule change will be considered at convention.

The second rule change request has to do with changing LMSC affiliation – several months ago the Warrenton swim team jumped to Potomac Valley. We submitted rule change for this to basically say that a club must get the approval of the *departing and receiving* LMSC in order to move. Charlie Cockrell wrote our submission. This will also be considered at convention.

ix. Swim Events - the LMSC worked to get a first LC Tide Swim Meet in Virginia Beach - June 2017. It was well run, and initially had a good turnout, but weather was bad which reduced participants (lightening).

We hope to see a potential meet at Randolph Macon College.

Lake Moomaw 1-Mile Open Water Swim in August

John Shrum Memorial Swim - Kate Stephenson ran the meet and did a wonderful job. Had about the same participation as last year, 125. There may be a need to reconsider the weekend as it conflicts with a popular Williamsburg triathlon.

Assisted SwimRVA in its bid submission to host the 2019 & 2020 USMS Summer Nationals at the Collegiate School Aquatics Center (CSAC) – (Since this meeting it has been decided that Richmond will host the 2020 LC Nationals.)

x. Convention Update - Betsy, Kirk going as the Virginia delegates; Heather Stevenson and Charlie Cockrell going as part of USMS.

B. Vice Chair (Denise) - nothing to share

C. Treasurer (Becca) - closed our LMSC checking account at the bank's request. We had to change to a business checking account because we are non-profit. We now have both a business money market (\$11,078) and checking (\$19,363).

Becca has added Brianna Lovell on finance committee as well as Sam Lapan, plus another possible Club Tribe person. She has also switched to online banking and gotten a debit card to use. She is considering moving some money from checking since it doesn't accrue interest.

D. Secretary (Alice) - participated in national peer to peer tele-conference in March.

### III. Committee Chair Reports

- A. Registrar (Shirley) - membership is going well, 1215 members so far and will likely surpass the 1260 we had last year, which was our highest membership year yet. We currently have 40 clubs/44 last year. Chris shared that there is a concern from the National USMS board meeting that we have many clubs nationally who have “members” but don’t make them sign up for masters. Kirk might get Rich, the new coaches chair, to look at that.
  - B. Review/Grievance (Heather) - none have been reported
  - C. Webmaster & Top Ten (Chris) – had an incident a month or two ago where our website was down. Kirk shared the idea of having a logo contest for the Virginia LMSC.
  - D. Sanctions (Steve) - no report, no meets awaiting sanctions currently; Heather has been very helpful in the transition; new pool coming at Liberty University, opening in October - they are interested in having a masters meet (from Chris)
  - E. Newsletter (Betsy) - thanks to Chris and Heather who will take over the newsletter in September! Betsy has been doing it for 20+ years. Kirk shared an idea that our chairs should rotate the writing of articles.
- IV. Unfinished Business – none
- V. New Business – These items were mentioned but not discussed in depth due to the time already spent. They will be addressed in the fall meeting.
- A. Peer to Peer Meetings – Kirk is interested that more of the officers participate in the peer to peer meetings.
  - B. Possibly establish a couple Ad-Hoc Committees?
    - i. Committee to review our current By-Laws for potential revisions - last done in 2010; seeing the rule changes this year, really need to do that.
    - ii. Committee to recommend how to implement USMS Strategic Plan here in Virginia
    - iii. New Position – Chair of Volunteers or Volunteer Committee?
- VI. Adjournment