

**LMSC of Virginia Minutes**  
Saturday, November 8, 2008, 5pm  
Susan Marens' house, 4440 Blackbeard Drive, Va. Beach, VA

**Present:**

Terry Sue Gault, Chair  
Chris Stevenson, Vice Chair  
Dave Holland, Secretary  
Mike Duignan, Treasurer  
Lisa Bennett, Registrar  
Judy Martin, Sanctions Chair  
Betsy Durrant, Newsletter Editor

**Old Business:**

1. Meeting called to order at 5pm by the Chair.
2. Secretary's report and minutes. Dave Holland reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2008 teleconference. Discussion ensued about value of the \$750 spent on the promotion event (Monument Ave. 10K expo on April 3-4, 2008). Chris Stevenson and Dave Holland reported that the exposure was significant as 27,000 people walked by the booth and about 600 people stopped to inquire. Measuring the direct yield in terms of new memberships was unknown. Chair motioned to have minutes accepted, it passed, and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Treasurer Report- Mike Duignan reported Total Inflows of \$34,097.63 and Total Outflows of \$32,634.64. For the current year (1/1/08-11/6/08), assets are \$30, 291.39, and he projects that we'll be in the black by year's end. Chair motioned to have Treasurer's report accepted, it was seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
4. Registrar's Report- Lisa Bennett reported that we're up to 21 teams and 958 swimmers (5 new teams since June, including U of R) in our LMSC. VSMT has 367 members, and 314 swimmers are Unattached. There is a possibility of one new team coming from Williamsburg. The members thanked Lisa for all of her hard work. Chair motioned to accept Registrar's report, it was seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
5. Sanctions and upcoming meets- Judy Martin has sanctioned about 7 events this year (Feb VMST meet, Mad Dog, Senior Games, Jack King, Chris Green, Lake Montclair, Va. Beach). Warrenton is considering hosting a SCM meet in March. Chair motioned to accept Judy's report, it was seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.
6. Coaches- A report was provided by Jim Miller. Last year Jim proposed an aggressive agenda to promote the advancement of coaches in our LMSC. Jim has not been able to devote the necessary time and proposed that we nominate a Coaches' Vice Chair to be in

charge of communication. Jim proposed that we establish a quarterly newsletter, conduct 3 clinics throughout the year, conduct 2 Red Cross Coaches training, and offer \$500 scholarships to send 2 coaches to ASCA in 2009. Betsy Durrant recommended that for clinics, we offer to have knowledgeable, experienced coaches come to certain pools and run the clinic. Terry Sue offered to step into the position of Coaches' Vice Chair. Chris Stevenson recommended we fund \$500 for 1 clinic (in addition to St. Catherine's clinic in March) and \$2000 to send 4 coaches to ASCA to 2009. Chris proposed that we set aside \$1000 for coaches who need to be certified, and they can be reimbursed. Chris's proposal was MSA'd.

7. Club development- included in 6.
8. Convention reports- Chris Stevenson, Dave Holland, and Lisa Bennett attended the USMS Convention in Atlanta as delegates for our LMSC. Betsy Durrant (Board of Directors), Jim Miller (Past President of USMS), Patty Miller (Legal Counsel for USMS), Charlie Cockrell (Chair of Official's Committee), and Sandy Gellatly (At-Large Delegate) also attended. Including wetsuits for the purpose of awards and other criteria at national championships was voted down. When wetsuits are allowed, water temp must be under 78 degrees. A proposal about putting aside money to develop a cable swim on the west coast passed. A proposal to change team scoring at national championships passed. In the past, scoring was stratified based on size (small, medium, and large team scoring). In 2008 national championships, all teams were scored against each other, regardless of size. Some teams draw members from a wide geographic area within their LMSC, and some LMSCs co-mingle their clubs into one team for the purpose of competition at national championship events. This year, the proposal to have regional and local teams scored separately passed.
9. Additional Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Officials—no report from Chair. Charlie Cockrell does not live in our LMSC any longer and we need to fill the position. Betsy Durrant will follow-up on a couple names.
  - b. Records and Top 10- Chris Stevenson sent out his report earlier. The updated records are on the web site as a PDF document.
  - c. Newsletter- no report from Chair.
  - d. Fitness- no report from Chair.
  - e. Long Distance- no report from Chair.
  - f. Sanctions- no report from Chair.
  - g. Web site- no report from Chair.
  - h. Safety- no report from Chair.
10. Election of officers-
 

Terry Sue has indicated that she does not want to return as Chair. We will advertise the elections and vote before the end of the year.

#### **New Business:**

1. Lisa Bennett proposed that we offer a reduced fee for swimmers in the 18-24 age group. We should consider giving those swimmers a \$5.00 discount as an incentive to hook them into USMS for life. This proposal will be addressed next year.
2. Mike Duignan asked for details about covered expenses for convention. Betsy says normally we pay for registration fee (reduced early registration fee) and the expenses for

- anyone who has a vote (airfare and/or mileage reimbursement, and half of lodging). Betsy recommended that we also reimburse for transportation to/from the airport, and parking.
3. Chris Stevenson proposed that we fund the Registrar position. Chris did some research and asked other Registrars to find out about workload and payment protocols. Chris recommends that we pay \$2.50 per registration. Dave Holland made a motion that we pay Registrar \$2.50 for all registrations retroactive to November 1, 2008. Chris Stevenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Recommendations:**

No changes to language of bylaws.

**Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 7:00 pm.**

**Summary of Actions:**

1. Election of new officers needs to take place before the end of the year
2. Registrar will be paid \$2.50 per registration retroactive to November 1, 2008.

**Minutes submitted electronically by Dave Holland on November 10, 2008**