

**LMSC of Virginia Minutes**  
Saturday, November 7, 2009, 5pm  
Susan Marens' house, 4437 Blackbeard Drive, Va. Beach, VA23455

**Present:**

Chris Stevenson, Chair  
Dave Holland, Secretary  
Mike Duignan, Treasurer  
Betsy Durrant, Newsletter Editor  
Charles Cockrell, Officials Chair  
Andrea Randle, UR Masters

**Old Business:**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:20pm by the Chair.
2. Minutes from Nov. 8, 2008 meeting were accepted with MSA.
3. Chair proposed that our LMSC subsidize any additional cost associated with online entries for the next two years.
4. Treasurer Report- Mike Duignan reported Total Inflows of \$17,161.34 and Total Outflows of \$19,121.48. For the current year (1/1/09-11/2/09), assets are \$31,916.42. Mike reported profits from two meets (Feb. meet at NOVA and Chris Greene in July), and has not received a financial report from the Warrenton first annual "Dreaming of Spring" meet that was held in March. Treasurer's report accepted with MSA. Mike announced he is resigning his position as Treasurer, as he is moving to Colorado in January, 2010. Charlie Cockrell will take over as Treasurer at that time and serve the remainder of Mike's term (until November 2010).
5. Registrar's Report- Lisa Bennett reported that we're up to 25 teams and 1010 swimmers in our LMSC. VSMT has 336 members (down from last year's 367), and 338 swimmers are Unattached (up from last year's 314). Lisa reported that 45% of entries registered via paper, and 55% registered online. Male/female ratio is about 50/50.
6. Lisa reported that there is a new master's team at Coast Guard Blue Dolphins, but they are not yet registered as a U.S. Master's team, and are not requiring members to join USMS. Chair will contact the team to encourage them to register.
7. Coaches Chair- Jim Miller submitted a written report and expressed concern about the lack of interest from coaches in taking advantage of funding opportunities to attend and/or conduct clinics. There is \$3000 in the budget for coaches to attend ASCA or other clinics that has gone un-used. Jim would like for someone else to step up and assume the role of Coaches Chair. Chris Stevenson suggested that we consider purchasing lactate test kits with the available funding, and distribute to coaches.

8. Vice Chair report- Alison Moore is working in Potomac Valley region and there is now a vacancy for her position.
9. Officials Chair- Charlie is going to buy rule books for the USMS officials who work our meets. It's budgeted for \$200.00
10. USMS Convention – Chris Stevenson was not able to find a roommate and was only reimbursed for half of his room cost. MSA to reimburse Chris for total cost of room in Chicago.
11. A Top Ten report submitted by Chris Stevenson and a Webmaster's report submitted by Jason Salmanoff were not discussed at meeting.

#### **New Business:**

1. LMSC Minimum Standards- Chair shared a copy of the 11-page document that was distributed at Convention to help make LMSC's more accountable to certain administrative standards. Chair will distribute checklists of "required" vs. "suggested" items to all Chairs.
2. Indemnity- At convention, Doug Church (USMS Legal Counsel) suggested that all LMSC's add an indemnity clause for officers to bylaws, to be consistent with USMS bylaws. Chair will work to add this language to our current bylaws, and hopes to get it approved in 6 months at our conference call (May 2010).
3. Newsletters- Chair proposed a monthly LMSC newsletter with space for each team's content. VMST currently pays for 75% of newsletter cost (6 VMST newsletters, plus 3 LMSC newsletters). Secretary made motion for all newsletters to be "Wet Gazette" (LMSC) beginning in January 2010, with half of funding from VMST and half from LMSC. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Promotion event- Dave Holland recommended that we consider a promotion event during the Monument Avenue 10K running event (March 27, 2010), similar to the one we did in 2008. Discussion ensued and recommendation was made to tie it to a clinic held in Richmond area a few weeks later (April or May, 2010). Holland will organize. Proposal was MSA'd.

#### **Recommendations:**

No changes to language of bylaws. Chair will draft new language to indemnify officers to be in compliance with USMS bylaws, for possible approval during May, 2010 conference call.

**Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 6:35 pm.**

#### **Summary of Actions:**

- 1. Vacancy in Coaches Chair position formerly held by Jim Miller to be filled.**
- 2. Vacancy in Vice Chair position formerly held by Alison Moore to be filled.**
- 3. VMST and LMSC bi-monthly newsletters to be replaced with a monthly LMSC newsletter ("Wet Gazette") in January, 2010, with 50% of funding from VMST and 50% from LMSC.**
- 4. Promotion event to be held at Monument Ave. 10K Expo (packet pick-up), March 25-26, 2010, and tied to a masters clinic to be scheduled in April or May, 2010, in Richmond.**

**Minutes submitted electronically by Dave Holland on November 19, 2009**