

LMSC of Virginia Minutes

Sunday, February 24, 2013, 5:00pm (teleconference)

Present:

Patty Miller, Chair
Chris Stevenson, Webmaster/ Records & Top Ten
Shirley Loftus-Charley, Registrar
Pam Dameron, Secretary
Jim Miller, Safety
Betsy Durrant, Newsletter
Dave Holland, Long Distance

New Business:

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by the Chair.

2. Patty reviewed the events that led up to the new requirements for open water meet sanctions.

Due to insurance claims against USMS in the recent past, USMS had difficulty obtaining insurance at a reasonable price. A company was found that would insure open water events at a cost of \$1800 per event, along with several other requirements involving the running of the competition. A committee was formed that looked into a way to fund open water events for 2013, as the cost was over the budgeted amount. It was decided that USMS would fund \$800 per sanction, with the LMSCs footing the remaining \$1000. Each LMSC is able to decide how to pay for the sanctions within their area. If an LMSC does not have the money, it can apply for a scholarship grant to cover costs for this year. It is not known if this policy will be in force next year.

3. Virginia has 2 open water events that VMST sponsors, Jack King and Chris Green. For this year, VMST has agreed to fund the \$1000 sanction fee.

4. The sanction fee for a third open water event tentatively to be held at Lake Moomaw in Covington, will be jointly covered by VA LMSC and VMST.

5. Looking towards the future, the event sanctions could be funded by one, or a combination of

An increase of the sanction fee (currently at \$20)

An increase in the entry fees

A budget item by the LMSC and/or the host organization

6. The new insurance rules also state that a coach on deck, in order to be covered by USMS liability insurance, must be a USMS member. US Swimming membership and certification will no longer meet this requirement. Shirley will check the club registrations to see if coaches listed are currently members.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 5:35 pm. Minutes submitted by Pam Dameron, Feb. 26, 2013

Summary of Actions

1. VMST will fund the required \$1000 in open water fees for the 2013 Jack King and Chris Green swims.
2. VMST and/or Va LMSC have agreed to cover the fees for the new open water event to be held at Lake Moomaw in Covington.
3. The registrar will check on coach USMS membership of the Virginia clubs.