

**LMSC of Virginia Minutes**  
Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, 7:00 pm  
**Conference Call**

**Present:**

Chris Stevenson, Chair  
Allison Moore, Vice Chair  
Dave Holland, Secretary  
Betsy Durrant, Newsletter Editor  
Lisa Bennett, Registrar  
Heather Stevenson, VMST President  
Bud Swiger, VMST Vice President  
Charlie Tupitza, Warrenton Masters  
Jay Peluso, Coaches Chair  
Judy Martin, Sanctions Chair  
Tommy Parham, Four Seasons YMCA  
Debbie Jaeger, VMST Secretary  
Pam Dameron, Quest Masters  
Ginger Cyganiewicz, Sunfish Masters

**Old Business:**

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00pm via teleconference.
2. Jay Peluso (newly appointed Coaches Chair) requested \$1700 for a coaching development project. He proposed that the LMSC purchase 50 stopwatches (Ultrak 495 at \$32.95 each). Betsy Durrant moved to accept this proposal, Lisa Bennett seconded, and discussion ensued. Jay explained that his idea is to send out an initial email to all the coaches, asking them to respond by confirming their email and that they are current USMS coaches. Along with their response, Jay will ask them give him one idea about what they need or would like to see from the LMSC. In exchange, they get the stopwatch. The stopwatches will be a bright color so that it's readily identified by swimmers and coaches as an LMSC stopwatch. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.
3. Betsy Durrant drafted a set of amendments to the LMSC by-laws that would reduce the size of the Board of Directors and create an Executive Committee. Betsy explained that when the composition of the BOD was originally set up, there were only a couple teams within the LMSC. Now, with 25-30 teams in our LMSC, the BOD is composed of around 40 people, which makes policymaking unwieldy and inefficient.
  - Betsy recommended that we amend the wording of the bylaws so that clubs with at least 10 registered swimmers (instead of 1) will receive one voting delegate to the LMSC BOD, and a second voting delegate is warranted with 200 registered swimmers (instead of 50).
  - Betsy recommended that we create an Executive Committee composed of the five LMSC officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar) and five other members of the BOD, appointed by the Chair. The purpose of this Executive Committee would be to assume policymaking decisions from the BOD for time-sensitive LMSC needs. Discussion ensued.

- Heather Stevenson expressed concern about the BOD being heavy with VMST officers, and Betsy's proposal was amended to include someone on the BOD who represents small teams. Lisa Bennett expressed concern about unattached swimmers not being represented. Charlie Tupitza indicated that Unattached members are able to submit ideas to the BOD.
- Betsy's amended proposal was MSA'd by unanimous vote.

4. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

### **Changes to LMSC By-Laws:**

## **Section 3: Board of Directors**

E. Club representatives:

1. Each club member, with at least 10 registered swimmers, is entitled to one voting delegate to the LMSC Board of Directors; if the club member has over ~~50~~ 200 registered swimmers, it is entitled to a second voting delegate; ~~if it has over 100 registered Masters swimmers, it is entitled to a third voting delegate.~~ Current registration is required in order for the club to have a voting delegate on the Board of Directors.

2. The LMSC Chair shall appoint a "small teams" delegate to represent the needs of teams with fewer than ten members.

## **Section 4: Executive Committee**

A. Membership.

1. Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)
2. Registrar
3. Five other members of the Board of Directors, as appointed by the LMSC Chair.

B. Authority. Between annual meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to:

1. Carry out policies established by the Board of Directors.
2. Assume the policy-making responsibilities of the Board of Directors for time-sensitive LMSC business.

C. Reporting. A report of the actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be made available to the Board of Directors within 30 days of the action taken. Actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be effective until the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Re-number "Section 4: Meeting of the Board of Directors" to Section 5

Re-number "Section 5: Election of Officers" to Section 6

**Minutes submitted electronically by Dave Holland on Feb 23, 2010**