

**LMSC of Virginia Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

7:00 P.M.

Attendees: Caycee Buscaglia, George Sushkoff, Heather Stevenson, Chris Stevenson, LaTonya Moyer, Dave Holland, Becca Latimer, Ken Gardner, Nancy Speer, Angela Howsmon

I. **Welcome** from Chair Caycee Buscaglia

II. **New Business:**

- a. **Caycee Buscaglia:** 1) Caycee let the Board know that the LC Zone meet in July at the Hampton Aquaplex pool will not be occurring. The meet director, Dave Henderson, did not continue making plans for the event. Caycee will be looking for a venue for the SC Zones meet for 2024. 2) Caycee reported that the Annual Meeting held in September will be held in Houston, Texas. The meeting can be attended in person or online since it will be a hybrid setting. The Relay 2023 event will also be held in Houston on October 20th. If you are interested in attending either of these events, contact Caycee.
- b. **Alice Phillips:** 1) Alice started a discussion on the LMSC's role in reimbursement of anyone who is interested in getting certified to coach a Masters team or teach ALTS (Adult Learn to Swim) classes. Alice and LaTonya had met prior to this meeting to discuss how to best move forward with ALTS as an LMSC. Caycee reported that some groups have reached out to her and there has been a great deal of interest in ALTS. She agrees that the LMSC can help support ALTS. 2) LaTonya currently teaches ALTS classes at the YMCA where she lives. These classes are always booked. She has pieced together how to teach adults how to swim, but having someone certified to teach ALTS would be ideal. LaTonya has looked into certification classes for ALTS, but there are none close to where she lives. She reported that she has some "pull" at her YMCA to get certification classes to be held there, but the administration has not been too responsive to the idea. 3) Further discussion by the board ensued about the possibility of combining ALTS certification with Coaching Certification at the same time. This might provide better attendance for these classes. ALTS could be held on one day and Coaches Certification the next day for a combined weekend. 4) Discussion by the board about possibilities of where these classes could be held. RVA was mentioned as well as the Quest pool. Wherever the classes take place, there needs to be classroom space as well as pool space. Heather mentioned that these classes should not coincide with the Annual Convention time frame. The date of September 23-24 is a date that is a first choice. If that date doesn't work, ideally another Fall date would be best. Caycee asked LaTonya if the September time frame would be good for her and she said it most likely would fit with her schedule, but using her YMCA pool would not be a good

fit since there is no classroom space, only pool space. Alice is going to check with RVA to see about the Sept. 23-24 date.

5) Discussion of LMSC's role in the reimbursement for these classes: Alice mentioned that she is not entirely comfortable with giving 100% reimbursement to someone for these classes. She brought up the point that if someone moves or decides not to teach the classes after the LMSC has paid for both classes, this would not be ideal. George mentioned that he has seen some places reimburse for the certifications after the person has actually taught classes. Heather suggested that the LMSC pay 50%. Becca reported that in our LMSC guidelines, the LMSC will pay for one night of a hotel stay if someone has to travel far to get to the classes. Caycee said that if someone wants reimbursement for the hotel stay, they would need to contact a board member for approval and also fill out the request form for the hotel stay. Becca said she has the form and will update it. A motion was made for the LMSC to cover 100% of Coaches Certification for Level 1, and reimburse for 50% of Levels 2 and 3. The motion was seconded, the board voted, and this was approved.

Heather will add this information in the next newsletter to drum up interest.

A motion was made by Caycee for the LMSC to cover ALTS certification 100%. Alice seconded the motion. The board voted and this was approved.

- c. **Becca Latimer:** Becca reported that our LMSC has been accumulating money. We have approximately \$55,000 (gross) in the bank that accumulates almost no interest. (George did a quick Math equation to show us just how little interest we are getting. :) Becca suggested to the board that we move this cash to a higher yield savings account at Truist bank. Caycee asked Becca how much money would go into the higher yield savings account. Becca said that it would not be the entire amount. She would make sure that enough cash could be taken in and out when needed. Becca is happy to research more on this and report back to the board.
- d. **Heather Stevenson:** Heather reported that she and Chris will stop being the LMSC newsletter chairs by the end of August. Discussion by the board on ideas for who may want to take on the newsletter. Dave Holland mentioned that Val van Horn Pate currently does a newsletter for her team. She may be interested in also doing our LMSC newsletter.

III. **Miscellaneous:** 1) Angela reported that the meet director for the Big Kahuna meet in June contacted her with a question about the "One event register" for a Canadian swimmer that registered for the meet. 2) Dave reported that the Lake Moomaw open water event was sanctioned as of today. 3) Caycee asked if anyone knows very much about the Jeff Rouse pool in Stafford, Va. She was thinking it could be a possibility for SC Zones.

A motion was made to call the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.