

2022 LMSC of Virginia Board Meeting

March 13, 2022 - 5:00pm via Zoom

In attendance: Jim Miller, Patty Miller, Caycee Buscaglia, Chris Stevenson, Heather Stevenson, George Sushkoff, Dave Holland, Alice Phillips, Kenneth Gardner

I. Welcome and opening icebreaker: Answer the following questions.

1. Have you been training?
2. Where are you traveling to/destinations in 2022?
3. Do you Wordle?

II. Reports from the Board Members

A. Chair - Caycee shared that she did a Peer 2 Peer conference for LMSC chairs, has been going to webinars, and went to the USMS Relay 2022 event in Denver, Colorado. She reported that it was a great location, very well run, and that all of the sessions were helpful. Her main takeaways were the many connections she made with other USMS folks and a plan to do a survey of members to get updated information from membership - their preferences, interests, etc. She will write an article for the newsletter with details.

B. Vice-Chair - Ken, joined late and had audio problems.

C. Secretary - Alice shared that she sent the annual meeting notes into the National office in February (thanks to Heather for taking them). She is working on Clinic details with Brad Burton at SwimRVA. We did get the dates we wanted. She will also write up some basics so we can get the word out in the newsletter.

D. Treasurer - Becca, not here.

III. Reports from Committee Members

A. Sanctions - [Sanctions Chair Report](#) - George also did a Peer to Peer session recently. He did get some help with uploading files which has been difficult in recent months.. There is not currently a template for meet announcements which would be helpful with the sanction issues. George is trying to make a sanction application template for our website.

B. Long Distance - Dave has submitted the sanction application for Lake Moomaw which is pending, soon to be approved. The date has been moved to August 20 so it won't conflict with Nationals. Dave is excited that Jim Miller and VMST are resurrecting the John Shrum lake swim. Jim M reports that the sanction process is pretty crazy right now but should have it soon. The event date is June 4. They are excited to have it back.

C. Fitness (Vacant)

D. Officials - Charlie sent info to Caycee. Officials applications will be open in May for Summer Nationals in Richmond.

E. Coaches (Vacant) - there is a Level 3 certification offered in Westmont, Il 5/21/22. This is the only date USMS has so far.

IV. Reports from Additional Board Members

A. Membership Coordinator - Chris reports that we currently have 642 members (587 this

time last year). He anticipates an increase as summer nationals get closer, and the open water events, which also cause folks to join sometimes. He recently went to a peer to peer also, but found it only so helpful. Materials on the USMS website are not totally up to date with procedures now. Calling and emailing have been the only way to get clarity about membership issues.

B. Newsletter - Heather needs articles as always. She will supply “master spotlight” questions to Caycee and try to get some folks outside of Richmond for feature articles.

C. Website - [WebMaster Report](#) - George reports that webpage traffic is about the same as in November. Old results are all up-to-date on there now.

D. Records & Top Ten - Chris reports that people are swimming again and setting some new records.

E. Safety - no report

V. Reports from any Club Representatives Attending - none

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Details for clinics at swim RVA - Alice will send the contract to Caycee as soon as she gets it.

B. Vacant volunteer positions - There was some discussion about how to fill these positions: DEI, Fitness, Coaches, Social Media

VII. New Business

A. ReBranding Virginia Masters Swimming (meaning the LMSC, not the team designation) was discussed with mixed feelings.

B. Volunteer Service Award Nominees: Ransome Arthur MD Award nominations due March 15th. Because of the short time period, we do not have a submission, though we thought of someone who would be a good candidate in the coming year. We need to start this process earlier.

C. Spending Down Reserves (Caycee’s webinar on 3/10) - Caycee presented many ideas for doing this as we have ample money in our accounts:

- pay the sanction fee for events we are putting on. All board members are in favor.
- Reimburse team fees (not workout groups). We have 17 teams.
- Help Big Kahuna with their social catering fees.
- Pay for officials’ recertification fees (maybe a lot of folks already have someone who pays these though - age group teams).
- Pay for Chris Greene and Moomaw socials.
- The pre-Nationals clinics will be good opportunities for us to spend some reserves and return money to the membership.

D. Opening Zoom account for LMSC for VA - \$150 to purchase it. George moves that we spend \$150 - no one is opposed. Either Alice or Caycee will acquire the account.

E. Surveys for Membership- Caycee is going to research some that other clubs are doing and would like us to do this.

VIII. Adjournment at 6:15 PM