



The Board of the Ozark LMSC met at the home of Mary Pohlmann's daughter in Ballwin on November 1, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

Board Members present:

Mary Pohlmann – SLAM, John Pohlmann – SLAM, Maryanne Barkley – SLAM, Katrina Pon – CSPM, Stephanie Petersen – SLAM, Bruce Hopson – SLAM, Cathy Kohn – SLAM, Teresa McDowell – SLAM

Mary Pohlmann called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. The Minutes from the Ozark Board Meeting of June 28, 2015 were approved.

Reviewed the Actions taken between meeting which included:

- a. Discussion of the proposed National Sanction fee which was to be voted upon at the USMS Convention.
- b. Potential dates for 2016 Ozark LMSC SCY Championship with the preferred dates being March 12-13, 2016.

Treasurer's Report for third quarter 2015 was accepted with clarification regarding the expenses associated with convention travel (the January figure being reimbursement to Cathy Kohn for previous convention travel, the figure in March being reimbursement to Diann Bauer for travel to the Leadership Conference. Reimbursement for this year's convention will appear in October).

The Swim the Sun Open Water event that was held June 14, 2015 had a \$113.99 profit. The YMCA charges are expected to be even higher next year.

Registrar's Report – Since Diann Bauer was not able to attend the meeting, she gave Mary her report. The 2015 memberships: 381 compared to 366 in 2014. The 2015 club breakdown is: CSPM – 138, NARW – 7, SLAM – 161, ZILA – 23, Unattached – 52.

The number of unattached swimmers is increasing despite sending a letter to all 2014 unattached swimmers encouraging them to join a club. We will send another letter this year but don't expect much change. Only three people changed from club membership to unattached this year. Most of the unattached members are new or have always been unattached.

NARW has not yet renewed club membership and will need to do so before their members can register.

Saluki Masters Swim Club has registered as a recognized Workout group under St Louis Area Masters.

Only 3 members were discounted members (all are 75+ age). Nineteen members joined during the late registration period. Thus twenty-two of the 381 paid only the USMS portion of the member fees.

Want to encourage people, who swim one event and pay \$20, to join USMS. If we have more open water swims, it will make it more appealing to join for the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Convention Reports are posted on Ozark LMSC website. Each gave a unique perspective of what happened at the convention. Committee assignments for next year, have not been handed out yet.

The July 18, 2015 LCM sanctioned meet that was held at Carbondale had 37 swimmers. They did not have to pay for the use of the pool and only had to pay 2 out of 5 officials. They made a \$730 profit. Some of that money will go to pay for tshirts for next year. They donate the rest to the Saluki Swim Club to pay for lane lines and other pool equipment.

Saluki Swim Club had a dual sanctioned meet at Carbondale on October 24, 2015. They had 17 Masters swimmers enter the meet. Fifteen of those were from Carbondale and there were 2 unattached swimmers. They had the kids swim, then the Masters so that both got a chance to rest. Records were set at the meet. They are proposing to have another dual sanctioned meet on January 9, 2016. The money from the meet goes to the Saluki Swim Club.

Peer to Peer Conference Calls – It is good that we participate in these calls since we represent the small LMSCs. We can contribute our point of view.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of LMSC Board Officers. Nominated slate:

Chair – Mary Pohlmann

Vice Chair – Maryanne Barkley

Treasure – Katrina Pon

Secretary – Teresa McDowell

Accepted Slate by acclamation.

Proposal to add Registrar as an elected officer failed. Instead of changing the by-laws to do this, it was decided that it would be easier just to appoint the Registrar as a Board Member. Mary will look at the by-laws to see if she can do this. The Registrar only had three paper registrations this year and those were for the 75+ age swimmers who got a discount. The Registrar also prints registration cards for those who request one.

Mary wanted the Board to try to recruit someone to be Safety Chair. Look for someone who participates in open water swims or is an insurance/risk management specialist.

Mary would like unattached swimmers to have representation at the Board Meeting. Our meetings are open to everyone. We could send out mailings announcing our Board meetings to all registered members, making it clear that all are welcome to attend.

Mary discussed the proposal to change our LMSC sanction fee in view of new National sanction fee of \$50 for pool events and \$100 for open water (plus \$5 per open water participant). Proposal to set LMSC fee for recognized events at \$25 and sanctioned events at 0. There is no National fee for recognized events. The money would go to the Ozark LMSC. There was a motion made and passed to set LMSC fee for recognized events at \$25 and sanctioned events at 0.

Budget for 2016 was approved by the Board.

Adult Learn to Swim Program – Mary Pohlmann and Diann Bauer paid \$300 a piece to take the USMS class to become certified Adult-Learn-to-Swim instructors. Mary hopes to have new pool in Carbondale completed soon. Then she wants to partner with park district to offer free adult swim lessons. They would meet once a week for a month. She would try to get grant money and offer a 30-day trial membership to USMS. The grant money could be used to pay admission to the pool and for lifeguards and equipment items. She and Diann have to pay a \$30 annual fee to remain listed as certified instructors.

Ozark registration for USMS began today. Mary said that she and John are the first ones to register.

Workout Groups pay \$25 a year to USMS (the same as Clubs). The workout groups in Ozark are Saluki Masters Swim Club, Ucity & Edwardsville.

Proposed events for 2016 (tentative dates)

January 9, 2016 – Dual-sanctioned SCY – Carbondale, IL

One Hour Swim in January/Mile swim in February (need host and venue)

March 12 – 13, 2016 – Ozark LMSC Championship – Marquette H.S.

April 2 or 3, 2016 – FRAY recognized meet, Washington, MO

May 28, 2016 – Dual-sanctioned Open Water Swim, Little Grassy Lake, Carbondale

May 29 – June 3, 2016 – Outgames – the swimming venue has yet to be determined. It is understood that they will seek a sanction.

May 27 – 30 – St Louis Senior Games – may request recognition, but doubtful they can meet requirements.

June 12, 2016 – Swim the Sun – Sunnen Lake Open Water, Potosi, MO

July 16, 2016 – Ed and Ruth Shea Challenge Classic, Carbondale, IL.

2016 – 2017 Pool Championships

April 28 – May 1, 2016 – US Masters Swimming Spring National Championship, SCY, Greensboro, NC

July 22 – 31, 2016 – USA Masters Games, SCM, Greensboro, NC. Open Water event – July 25

August 17 – 21, 2016 – US Masters Swimming Summer National Championship, LCM, Gresham, OR

April 27 – 30, 2017 – US Masters Swimming Spring National Championship, SCY, Riverside, CA

August 3 – 6, 2017 – US Masters Swimming Summer National Championship, LCM, Minneapolis, MN

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully, Submitted, Teresa McDowell, Secretary