

NORTH TEXAS MASTERS MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2000

The meeting took place at 1:30pm at Bob Carter's work office in Irving. Attending the meeting were: Kim Shaw (Secretary/Treasurer), Elizabeth Johnson (Top Ten), Craig Tribuzi (Web Master), Nancy French (FAST), Robin Dyer (PCAT), Mark Smith (Fitness and DYM), Rob Hudek (DAMM), and Bob Carter (Chairman). A quorum was present for the meeting.

Copies of the minutes from the November 14th, 2000, meeting were distributed as well as updated Team Member Roster sheets, updated LMSC officer and teams list, and information for three up-coming swim meets.

The LMSC officer and teams list was checked and corrections were made to it.

BOARD OFFICER REPORTS

Reports of the Secretary/Treasurer, the Chairman for the Registrar and Newsletter Editor, and the Web Master were given.

- Bob started by explaining that the two-year term of office for our LMSC board is expiring and that several officers did not intend to remain in their positions. This left the Chairman, Newsletter, Registrar, Web Master, and Secretary/Treasurer officer positions open to nomination for new candidates.

He went on to give a brief summary of the number of swimmers currently registered in the NTLMSC and the number of registered teams, and explained that there are a few groups of swimmers in the DFW area that are in the process of forming new teams. Current rosters of registered swimmers for each NTLMSC registered team were passed out to team representatives along with copies of 2001 NTLMSC Swimmer Registration forms and Swimmer Team to Team Transfer forms. A question was raised about whether the registration fee amount on the Registration form, \$25, was correct since forms listing \$26 were claimed to have been used last year by some of the representatives in the meeting. Bob will check on this with the Registrar. It was also pointed out that the form makes a reference to USS, the old name for the national age group swimming organization which is now USA Swimming, and that there is a typo on it; "I you coach masters Swimmers, please check here ___", instead of "**if** you coach ...".

Mark Smith pointed out that it appears that the team in Coppell is still listed as a separate team from the newly formed Dallas Y Masters team. His understanding was that the Coppell team was going to disband and have its members all re-register with DYM. Bob will contact the team contact for Coppell, Renee Flowers, to verify if this is the case. She will be provided with instructions on how to go about getting swimmer affiliations switched, and the Registrar will be advised that the Coppell team is disbanding if that turns out to be the case.

- Kim Shaw explained that the LSMC is in good financial condition. Our main expenditures last year were sending three delegates to the National Convention and funding three newsletter printings. This year we only sent a single delegate and have not printed any newsletters. The account balances for

funds that we have at the end of this year should exceed what we had at the same time last year by quite a bit.

- No newsletters have been created or distributed this year. Four years ago the regular production of a newsletter as a communication source for the NTLMSC swimmers was determined to be the main goal of our board. A return to this goal will need to be a top priority for next year. Kristi Hinkamp expressed that would not be able to carry on as the Newsletter Editor, but will help her replacement learn what needs to be done to get a new edition sent out.
- Web Master, Craig Tribuzi, explained that we are having problems with our current site provider. Nancy French proposed a new provider that is being used by FAST, which from her description will give better service at a lower price (\$100ish vs. \$500ish). The board agreed to immediately pursue switching to this provider.

Craig also explained that he needed updated information about teams and meets to make the web site current. A question was raised about the posting of information on teams that are not currently registered in the LMSC. The committee determined that the only team listings that should be posted are ones for teams currently registered in the NTLMSC. Information about clubs and teams not registered can be referenced through links on the NTLMSC site to any sites that these non-registered clubs have set up on their own.

Larry Wood will be contacted to get a copy of the Meet Schedule for the Zone, and Bob will provide a electronic copy of the Teams and Officers list to Craig after corrections to it that need to be made are finished.

CONVENTION REPORT

Elizabeth Johnson, our delegate to the USMS National Convention, gave a report on the main issues raised. A written copy of her report was distributed along with information on the most current insurance coverage package offered by USMS.

Two items in Elizabeth's presentation were of particular concern to the North Texas LMSC. The lack of participation of our Zone swimmers in Postal events was noted along with the lack of participation by NTLMSC swimmers in events hosted by other LMSC's in our Zone. It should be an on-going goal to increase awareness of events and encourage involvement. The second issue that needs our LMSC's attention is the scheduling of the 2002 National Convention to be held in the Dallas area. Elizabeth and Craig expressed that a great deal of local involvement in planning for the convention will be forthcoming.

The status of NTLMSC representation on USMS standing committees was reviewed. Kim Shaw pointed out that she asked to be removed from her committee positions but was still listed on the Finance Committee. Correction of this will be requested when these minutes are sent to the USMS national office.

OLD BUSINESS

Numerous changes to the NTLMSC Bylaws were proposed and voted on to make them reflective of how the board is currently operating. These included:

- Correction of the language describing the Territory encompassed by the LMSC
- Division of Officers into Elected and Appointed Officers
- Combination of Secretary and Treasurer into a single elected officer position
- Change of Newsletter Editor from elected position to appointed position
- Addition of Fitness Chairman, Coach's Liaison, and Local Web Master to appointed officers
- Minor grammatical errors were corrected

Discussion concerning which officer is responsible for paying bills arose. The bylaws call for this to be the Treasurer's duty, but the Registrar is currently doing it. The Treasurer is not currently even recognized as being authorized for access to the account. The jurisdiction of this duty must be clarified in the revised bylaws.

The changes will be incorporated into a retyping of the Bylaws and presented for final review and a vote of acceptance at the next LMSC meeting.

Mark Smith is working on a local competition entry for the 2001 one hour postal swim which he will distribute to board members for review and consideration of LMSC sponsored awards. This is the implementation of a proposal he made last year for encouraging local participation in this national postal event.

ELECTIONS

Elizabeth Johnson was nominated as the only candidate for NTLMSC Chairman and was voted into office unanimously. Bob Carter volunteered to be nominated for appointment as Newsletter Editor. He was nominated and voted unanimously into appointment as Editor. All other officers will kept their current positions for at least another year. Nancy French was nominated into appointment as Co-Web Master with Craig Tribuzi. She was voted unanimously to the position.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed consisting of Mark Smith as its Chairman, and Craig Tribuzi and Elizabeth Johnson as his advisors, to begin local planning for the 2002 USMS Convention and to act as liaisons to the national convention planners.

A meeting was set up for Sunday, December 3rd 2000, for Craig Tribuzi, Nancy French, Kristi Hinkamp, and Bob Carter to plan for transfer of the Web site to a new service provider, and arrange for the next newsletter and review its incorporation into the Web site.

The next meeting date for the entire NTLMSC was not determined. Elizabeth will notify LMSC officials and team representatives about the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Reported by Bob Carter