

NORTH TEXAS LMSC MEETING

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Saturday, August 16, 2003

The meeting called to order at 3:15pm at the Ozona restaurant in Dallas, Tx. The following were present: Elizabeth Johnson, Nancy French, Mark Smith, Tom Osterland, Robbie Holman, Craig Endert, Chuck Hodge (LAC), John Mims (LAC), Chuck Burr (Team Ridglea), and Adam Sagarwala (MCM). The group comprised a quorum.

Secretary's Report: Craig Endert read the NORTH TEXAS LMSC MEETING minutes from April 27, 2003. The minutes were MSA (Motion, Second, Approved). Contained in the minutes was the addition of the Sanctions Officer. It was duly noted that the LMSC by-laws would need an amendment.

Chairman's Report: Elizabeth Johnson asked the group who would like to participate in the USMS 2003 Convention to be held in San Diego, California, September 10th -14th. She noted that she was the only representative going and the invitation was still open. Elizabeth mentioned that the Zone meet was successful all 3 days. The meet ran well all 3 days ending at 1:30pm for the planned 2pm social. At least one National Record was achieved. She presented the bill for pool measurement in the amount of \$480. The reimbursement was MSA. Elizabeth said she was still organizing an Ad Hoc Committee to develop ideas on Promoting Masters Swimming in North Texas. Chuck Hodge accepted a leadership role in this important Committee. Elizabeth also agreed that finding someone within our LMSC who possesses special talents and contacts in the field of publicity would be a valuable volunteer to add to our team. Our goal is to reach the 1300 swimmers for our LMSC. Elizabeth noted there are 2 bids for zone meets: Carroll ISD is bidding for the Short Course Championship in 2004 and Mid-Cities Masters is bidding for the Long Course Championship in 2004. She will be presenting both bids at the National Convention in San Diego next month.

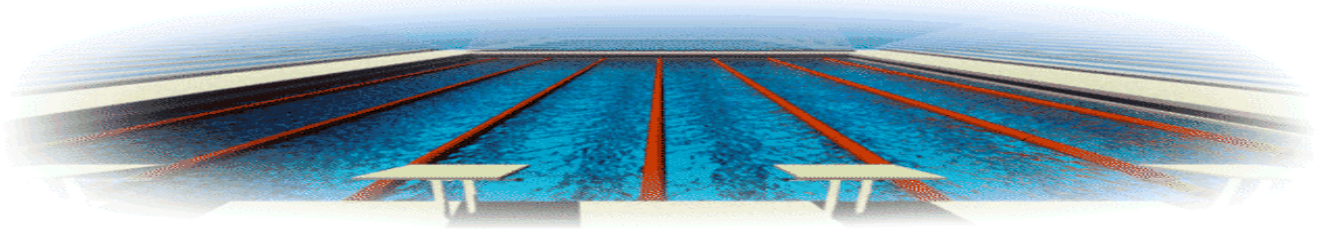
Treasurer's Report: Craig Endert reported that current cash in account was \$30,083.22. All accounts with the exception of Supplies are on track to be below previous years' averages.

Registrar's Report: Mark Smith noted that the LMSC had accumulated 940 members year-to-date. Mark mentioned that West Texas (Lubbock) now had over 20 swimmers and was growing nicely. He said that the only departmental problems came from swimmers waiting until just prior to a swim meet to apply for their card. Registrations take 30-60 days to update mostly because Mark sends data 1 time per month to Nationals. It was recommended that coaches be encouraged to have all masters swimmers in their pools to register with USMS within 30 days. All masters swimmers in the pool need this secondary coverage for the insurance to be "in force." Also, registrations after September 1st would cost only \$25.00 and be valid through December 31, 2003. Registrations accepted after November 1st would be priced at \$32.00 and be valid from 1/1/2004 – 12/31/2004.

Sanctions Report: Not reported.

Top Ten Recorder's Report: Not reported, as Kim Shaw was not present.

The Coaches Liaison's Report: Not reported, as Bobby Patten was not present.



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The Newsletter Editor's Report: Not reported, as Bob Carter was not present. Elizabeth noted that she and Tom Osterland had completed articles which were published in the letter sent to promote the Zone Championship meet. That newsletter would serve as a surrogate in the absence of the planned NTMasters newsletter.

Fitness Chair's Report: No updates discussed.

Webmaster's Report: Nancy French is still looking to update team profiles from several teams. Mark Smith provided some information. The planned Virtual Swim is on hold at this time.

Official's Chair Report: Tom Osterland said that he was continuing his recruitment for a pool of officials reaching as far as Tyler Texas, where a meet may be planned to generate more opportunities for masters to swim. He noted that an Open Water Swim was being held on September 6, 2003; sanctioned by USMS and approved by USA swimming.

Ad Hoc Promoting Masters Swimming in North Texas

Elizabeth handed out emails from Jennifer Hinkle, Amarillo, TX and Kathleen Boyer, Mid-Cities Masters who had brought up several good ideas to promote our sport. This sparked discussion among the group and more ideas emerged. Some of the ideas were:

- High quality US Masters polo shirts
- Create a NT Masters logo
- Encourage teams to adopt mascots and create logo polo shirts
- Small table at meets with logo give-aways to promote swimming
- Support/co-host a meet at Texas Tech University (panhandle now has 3 teams)
- Team up with running events to attract further fitness through swimming
- Invite triathletes, arrange special heats to they can compete against each other
- Come up with events which attract "special interest" publicity (like swimming across a lake as a group or staging a world record attempt)

The next meeting would be held November 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully prepared by Craig Endert