

NJ LMSC Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am, **Sunday August 20th**

Via Google Meet

By **Deirdre O'Mara** on behalf of Susan Kirk, Secretary

In Attendance: **Chris McGiffin** , **Jerry O'Mara** ,Paolo Morchio, **Laura Smith** , Ed Tsuzuki,
Deirdre O'Mara all virtual via Google Meet

Jerry O'Mara discussed the balance of \$55,000.00 in our Masters account and what we could do to use those funds to support our members and solicited ideas for how we can support our membership. Ideas are welcome on a rolling basis.

Banquet

The board discussed ordering the awards for length of membership items for the banquet. In the past, these items were sourced and individually ordered by Susan and Chris. Paola stated that she is willing to order the awards and Jerry will send the list of what we currently have as inventory. Chris suggested that we bulk order or to have a better price point.

Paola Morchio stated the cost of the banquet will be 60.00 per person.

The board stated all award winners and board members will be covered by NJ Masters LMSC and to expect 90 or so people to attend the banquet with the overall expected cost to be about \$6,000.00

The board discussed potential speakers for the banquet. Chris will reach out to (1st choice since he is a NJ USMS member) Bruckner Chase and Jerry will reach out to Bobby Hackett and will try to connect to Arlan as potential speakers.

Paola Morchio requested that we have live music again at the banquet and Jerry will reach out to Peter for the possibility of his playing at the banquet again.

Paola will create and evite with a link to be sent to Susan to disburse to the membership and to be integrated into the Fast Lane and available on the website via **Laura Smith** .

Payment for the banquet will be encouraged to be Venmo or electronic with no cash options.

Last Chance Swim

The Last Chance Swim will be held on 9/9/2023 at New Providence Community Pool (organized and facilitated by **Linda Brown-Kuhn**) but it was noted the event will be in conflict with

Liam Gallagher 's Meters for Mike open water swim- an event often highly attended by members of the NJ masters community.

The Relay

The Volunteer Relay National USMS Meeting attendance was discussed. The Relay will be October 20-22 in Houston and the size of our membership supports the attendance of three delegates. Jerry, Paola, and Ed all expressed interest in attending with Chris as a back up. The deadline for submission of delegates is 9/15 and Jerry will submit the delegates after confirmation of the schedules of potential participants.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

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*Meeting was called to order at 10:30 am, Sunday May 7th
At Jersey Aquatic Center, New Providence, NJ*

By *Deirdre O'Mara* on behalf of Susan Kirk, Secretary

In Attendance: Jen Bauman, Tom Brunson, Chris McGiffin, Jerry O'Mara, Deirdre O'Mara, Marie Vellucci, Paolo Morchio, Linda Brown-Kuhn, Laura Smith (virtual)

Position Reports:

Sanctions (Jen Bauman) report submitted, no questions. Jen noted a change in her report regarding the Senior Olympics recognition request which needs to be amended. Rutgers for Colonies Zones is still in process due to missing information and communications.

Editor (Sara Johnston) Report : Report submitted and no questions. Chris noted that he will reach out to Sara regarding Coaching Clinic attendees who were willing to submit a letter to the newsletter.

Treasurer (Mike Recchia) no report submitted but Jerry noted the annual financial report was due for 2022 to National on April 30th and we owe the 2021 financial report as well. Jerry will follow up with Mike and communicate to the board.

Registrar (Tom Brunson) report submitted. Noted there were 958 members which is an increase from last year and noted as of April 1st he was unable to see the LMSC donations section of the national website financial report which made him unable to see any direct donations to the LMSC. He felt this may be due to a change in software to Salesforce and he would be following up with a National liaison.

Secretary (Susan Kirk) report submitted, no questions.

Top 10 (Ed Tsuzuki) Report submitted and no questions

Webmaster (Laura Smith) Report submitted and no questions. Laura noted that she may need to do a small amount of changes/updates to the website to help streamline the ability to update the website and avoid the back and forth with Club Assistant.

Fitness (Linda Brown-Kuhn) Report Submitted and no questions. Linda noted details for **Last Chance** swim are to be worked out. In touch with Jeff Jotz and looking at dates. Chris noted NPCP might be willing to host the event if needed and he would ask if Linda felt it was needed as an option.

Officials (Marie Vellucci) Report submitted and no questions. Marie reported on the two major rule changes to the committee.

Old Business:

Chris: Coaching clinic was well received with 28 newly certified coaches from as far away as upstate NY and Maryland. Two members from national came to help run the workshops on Saturday as well as the Stroke clinic with 30 swimmers as well as the newly minted coaches. Saturday was an exhausting schedule and should be revamped if we do it again. We should possibly look at hosting a Learn to Swim workshop for adult swimmers potentially using grants from National to host in NJ potentially in the Fall or Spring of next year.

New Business:

- 1) **Annual Meeting** dates were discussed as well as offering Board members the opportunity to attend the workshop. Jerry indicated he would like to attend as well as Chris McGiffin . The meeting is to be held in Houston on September 8-10, 2023. Jerry will inform the board as we are notified of the number of delegates our LMSC is allowed to attend.
- 2) **The Relay** meeting will occur on 10/20-22 in Houston, TX and our LMSC is encouraged to send 3 delegates- 1 long term volunteer, 1 event organizer volunteer, and a new member. Marie Vellucci and Paolo indicated interest in attending.
- 3) **Banquet** (Paola) dates were discussed and 10/1 was the best potential date and will be circulated to the board for vetting asap by Chris. Budget in the past was \$6300 for the event previously but it was noted that it was a backlog of several years of being Covid canceled. Chris (and Susan Kirk) were discussing 2022 membership awards and would follow up with Paola. The Door Prize needs a plan and a budget for purchasing items. Jerry will deliver items to Paola that will be used for next year (100 gift card, membership for 1 year) as well as membership awards. Chris would reach out to Peter McCoy about playing again this year. Speakers were discussed and Chris would resend the information about Bruckner Chase to possibly speak at the banquet.
- 4) **Future meeting dates were discussed** (roughly early August/ late July) to focus on the banquet and supporting Paola.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

