

North Texas Masters Meeting Minutes

November 14, 1999

The meeting started at 12:45pm at Bob Carter's office in Irving. Those in attendance were Steve Barnicoat (Registrar), Bob Carter (Chairman), Nancy French (FAST), Elizabeth Johnson (Top Ten), Timothy Kessler (TDAC), Andres Rizo (MCM), Kim Shaw (Treasurer/Secretary), and John Underbrink (PCAT).

Several informational items were distributed to officers and team representatives. These included: a list of registered members for each team, committee meeting summaries and breakout group notes from the USMS National Convention, Calendar of Events and Four up-coming Meet Entry Forms, and copies of the 2000 NTLMSC Registration and team membership transfer forms.

A copy of the roster for North Texas LMSC officers and team contacts was passed around to be reviewed for errors and omissions. Mark ups were made for a corrected list to be distributed to all at the next meeting and to the Zone Chairman, Larry Wood.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. One change was made to them. The incorrect date listed for the meeting was changed from April 1st to May 1st.

Reports were given by each LMSC officer present.

- The Registrar. Steve Barnicoat, reported that the LMSC has 857 swimmers, and 13 teams registered to date. Four area teams have become inactive by not renewing their team registrations (JAWS – Just a Winning Swim Team), the Premier Club, The Signature Club, and the Solana team. Two new teams were recently started up, one in Coppell and one in the Colony. One team, Baylor Lone Star, changed its name to Dallas Aquatic Masters. The bank account that Steve deposits registration fees in to has a current balance of around \$6,900 he reported. This compares to one of close to \$8,000 last year. He also reported that we were expecting but had not received mailing labels from the National office to use for sending year 2000 registration renewals out. He has been in contact with them to expedite this process.

Bob Carter pointed out that he was told at the South Central Zone meeting at the National convention that the team abbreviation that Dallas Aquatics Masters wants to use, DAM, is already taken. He also pointed out that none of the NTLMSC teams had their abbreviations listed in the USMS team listing of the Registrars section of the '99 USMS Operations Manual. Steve indicated that he would check into these things.

- The Secretary/Treasurer. Kim reported that there are three different accounts that the LMSC has money in. There is an account that she disperses money from with nearly \$1500, and another CD account that Craig Tribuzi uses which she estimated contains \$1800. She suggested that we make a concerted effort to consolidate the accounts and establish who has official access to each in their current state or who should have access to a combined account. The members of the board with access to each of the

accounts will all meet at a later date to further discuss the consolidation of these accounts.

- Newsletter and Website. Neither board member was present. Several Ideas were discussed about information to post through these sources. There is interest in publishing our LMSC newsletters on our website. Craig will be asked to make this the next feature added to the webpage. There was consensus among the board that NTLMSC financial information be posted at least once annually in the newsletter. The next Newsletter awaits arrival of mailing labels from the National office before it can be mailed.

The board also identified three specific items that should be future topical material. It was resolved that an article needs to be put out about what the procedure is for registering times for top ten consideration and for records. This would include emphasizing the importance of giving correct age information under the FINA rules for meter distances raced. Another article should be written about the process (use of form and payment of fee) for changing Masters team affiliation. And lastly Steve pointed out that the two one dollar contributions listed on our registration forms are not explained in any way, and would make a good article as well as a source of information for questions he gets about the 'endowments'. It was stressed that material for the site and newsletter be actively sought and contributions encouraged.

Reports were given on the highlights of the USMS Convention. Kim related that locations for the 2001 Masters National Championships, Santa Clara in California for Short Course and Federal Way in Seattle/Tacoma WA for long course. She also explained that the pool for next year's short course championship has been changed from Arizona to IUPUI, at Indianapolis, Indiana. The short course South Central zone championship will be held in Oklahoma City. Financial sponsorship of USMS has increased, and the National office has spent more money on projects to expand the organization.

Liz gave a summary of Rules changes for 2000 and gave an account of the South Central Zone meeting at the National convention. Larry Wood was elected Chairman to succeed Kris Wingenroth. A copy of the Zone meeting minutes will be obtained and distributed with these minutes.

Bob related that the Border LMSC had volunteered to host the Long course Zones, unless another team wanted to bid. There was no interest expressed by the team representatives present for this NTLMSC meeting. Larry Wood will be contacted by Bob to obtain dates for this meet and entry information.

Bob explained that the by-laws of each LMSC in the Zone were exchanged at the National meeting. He pointed out a few errors of grammatical or typographic nature that need to be corrected in the NTLMSC by-laws, and motioned to adopt their revision. Kim and Steve reported that the copy presented to the board was not the copy filed with the National office. The motion was tabled upon presentation of the 'official' NTLMSC by-laws and their review. Steve will find the accepted copy for review at the next meeting.

Bob Carter made a motion to form an ad-hoc committee to review for the purpose of updating and using the NTLMSC guidebook that was developed by Craig Tribuzi and passed on to him (Bob) as current chairman, by the previous chair Wendy Bateman. The motion was accepted. Kim Shaw and Nancy French volunteered to help with the review and present suggestions for use of the guide at the next meeting. Bob will review it make his comments and pass it on to Kim and Nancy to do the same to prepare their recommendation to the board.

Bob further motioned that the Registrar develop an official expense guideline for reimbursing NTLMSC delegates to the USMS National convention. This was suggested at the Convention to be done by LMSC that did not have any instructions for their delegates on how expenses are to be handled and what is reasonable. There were no dissents to the motion, and Steve agreed to propose a Reimbursements Guideline at the next meeting.

The board endorsed the idea of promoting the trial of a "mini" meet or competition circuit to be conducted among local teams during regular USMS practice/work-out sessions. A schedule will be developed and distributed for events in January, February and March of 2000. Information will be posted in the Newsletter and on the web site as it becomes available. The question of the appeal of scoring for this mini meet form of event was raised along with whether or not Masters swimmers would compete in meets that had a prelim/finals format. It was determined that participation and notable performance could be recognized in newsletter articles and web page postings, and that further these sources could be used to poll NTLMSC swimmers about attitudes on forms of competition etc.

As a matter of new business, Andres Rizo, suggested that the board investigate the possibility that there are programs in existence that will sponsor Masters swimmers to visit the USOTC facility in exchange for their participation in medical/health studies. The board invited Andres to research this himself further and present his findings at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Reported by Bob Carter