

AZLMSC Board Meeting Minutes

These minutes were approved by email on 6/1/2023

March 4, 2023 in person

Meeting called to order @ 2:50 PM

Board Members Present: Katy James-Chairman, Marianne Rexer-Treasurer, Judy Gillies-Past Chair, Lindsey Urbatchka-At Large, Dorothy Brelih-At Large, Terry DeBiase-At Large

Absent: Liz Hobbs-Vice Chair, Susan Foster-At Large, Kathy Gallagher-Secretary,

Others present: Lisa Zenoff-Harris, Terry Heggy, Coaches Committee Chair, Marnie Whitley, Open Water Committee Chair, Gini Baker, Linda Bley, Barb Sloan, Claire Guides, Jeff Commings, Kelly Donatell, Kristiana Fox, Takahisa Ide, Jim Rowland,

Quorum present: Yes

Introductions

1. Katy went around and introduced the board members in the room and explained absences

Continuing Business

1. Treasurer's Report

- a. Marianne spoke about the history of our accounts and how our membership changed from 2020 through 2022. Membership increased over the past three years, from 500 to 1000 to 1100. She explained we spend money mostly on hospitality, medals, and pool rentals.

2. Webmaster Report from Susan delivered by Katy

- a. In the last couple of years we have had a new Web Admin, Susan Foster, who has also been an At-Large Board Member. Changes that she hopes you have seen are:
 - i. Updates to the website to reflect the current board and committee members
 - ii. More active posting of events and announcements on the website and cross-posting on the Facebook Group
 - iii. More relevant posting on the Facebook group and better control of spammers and irrelevant, non-swimming activity

- iv. Initial collaboration with Lisa, our new Communications Chair, to bring you interesting articles and timely update

Call to Action – Website & Facebook content

If you have written swimming-related articles or have something else you would like to publish that is swimming-related, please let Susan know. We used to have much more content back in the paper newsletter days!

3. Registrar Report

Membership is back up to normal levels. Katy explained how Registration increases on Nationals years to around 1300+ from our usual 1000-1100.

4. Competition committee chair position

Terry DeBiase agreed to chair this committee after Judy Gillies suggested he would be really good in the role.

New Business

1. 2023 State Meet Bids/Award of Bids

- a. PSCM SCY- Mar 18/19
- b. Ron Jon SCM- Nov 18/19
- c. Heatstroker LCM- looking for a host

2. Annual Meeting Discussion

- a. **Introduction-** Judy Gilles spoke about the way annual convention works and the different committees that are all working all year and bring their final suggestions, changes and updates. It works as a house of delegates having floor debates and casting votes etc. **Highly recommended to attend and learn more. Nominations will be requested soon.**
- b. **Relay-** Terry DeBiase spoke about how the Relay event is smaller and more personal. It is less about the rules and regulations and more about how to increase the number of masters swimmers on clubs and in competitions. He highly recommended this experience as well.

3. Officials' Training

- a. Judy explained one limiting factor, besides pool space, is the need for officials. Officials training is not just an online course. After your online training you must do deck training at a meet with Judy to finish your certification. If you want to work your way up from stroke and turn to starter you may. Please help us recruit more officials. Good prospects are swimmers who love to swim but not compete or swimmers who love to compete who have spouses at the meet anyways.

4. Challenges with hosting Open Water competition – Marnie Whitley

Marnie spoke about the challenges with putting on open-water swimming competitions. No one is putting on competitions, and they are expensive. Still, people want to swim open water, so Marnie will try to plan meet-ups at the lakes. She will try to hold an event to coincide with the USMS 2k Fitness Challenge (pool event) but as an informal, 2k(ish) swim at Canyon Lake. Marnie is attending open water competitions through the year and will try to learn and get tips from the folks who host these competitions.

5. Records Chair- Kelly Donatell

Kelly explained the process for updating records. Barry submits times to USMS Top 10. Meet results can be official, but records must be official with USMS before Kelly posts updated state records.

6. Gruender Award Presentation

The Gruender award was presented to Barb Sloan. Her swimmers love her!

Meeting adjourned @ 3:20 pm (by consensus, no motion)