

New Jersey LMSC Board Meeting Minutes

10:30am Sunday, June 2, 2024

[Google Meet](#)

Attendees:

Board Members: Ed Tsuzuki, Laura Smith, Chris McGiffin, Jerry O'Mara, Linda Brown-Kuhn, Tom Brunson, Marie Vellucci, Paola Morchio, Sara Johnston, Mike Recchia

Board Members Absent: Lorna Ciadella-Morehead, Ester Kim

Guests: Sharon Root

ACTION ITEMS

1. Jerry offered to be the second signatory for the LMSC checking account and will work with Mike to complete the necessary steps, contacting USMS, as needed.
Jerry and Mike to meet at a Citizens branch to make the change
2. Mike to pursue a 10 Month CD account with our current bank (Citizens) with \$30,000 of NJ LMSC funds to take advantage of an offered 5.5% interest rate.
Mike and Jerry to coordinate this when they meet at Citizens.
3. Ed/Lorna to review and recommend improvements about the current sanction process, if needed.
4. Linda/Chris to confirm if the 2024 Last Chance Swim can be held at NPCP on Sept. 7th
5. Laura to follow-up with Megan from Club Assistant on the pending questions about site analytics and missing "Upcoming NJ Events" data and the info@njmasters.org inquiries contact changes.
6. FastLane Newsletter follow-ups: Jerry to share a workout, Linda to share update on Del River swim with Sara
7. Linda/Paola to recommend a social gathering and budget for Delaware River Swim participants/guests
8. Chris to meet with Sharon to review Secretary volunteer role, Facebook management
9. Chris to draft a recommended scholarship program for the USMS Coaches Clinic
10. Jerry to check with Deirdre (Pingry) on available 25M lane lines for High Point Country Club
11. 2023 Awards orders - Jerry/Chris/Ed to coordinate the orders needed

MOTIONS

1. MSA to increase original budget of the Del Riv swim by \$2500 due to the popularity of the event [Ed moved, Jerry seconded]

Meeting was called to order at 10:45am

I. Review Open Action Items

Closed:

- NJ State Charitable Donations: Jessica Reilly (USMS Sr. Director, Business Operations) responded that Gary Keehner (USMS Controller) researched the state

of NJ requirements for charitable organization registration, and he found that if the LMSC takes in less than \$10K, it is exempt and does not need to register with the state. Reviewing 2023 NJ LMSC donations, the LMSC received less than \$2,000.00, which qualifies for the exemption. Effective 4/16, Jessica updated online registration for USMS to collect LMSC donations on the LMSC's behalf.

II. Officer Reports

- Newsletter (S. Johnston)

Remaining 2024 issues:

- July/August - deadline is Aug 1
- September/October - deadline is Oct 1
- November/December - deadline is Dec 1
- **Jerry** to share a workout, **Linda** to share update on Del River swim
- Treasurer (M. Recchia)

		NJLMSC	Financial	Statement	
Beginning Cash Balance			1/1/2024		\$49,548.83
INCOME				BUDGET	ACTUAL
USMS Individual				\$180.00	
LMSC Donations				\$1,500.00	\$510.00
LMSC Individual				\$15,000.00	\$11,855.00
Meet Sanction/Recognition Fees				\$500.00	
Interest Income				\$25.00	\$7.09
Club Collections				\$400.00	\$14.00
Annual Dinner Collections				\$1,500.00	
Special Events				\$500.00	
Merchandise Sales				\$75.00	
Meet Performance Deposits				\$800.00	
Open Water Sanction Fee				\$100.00	
TOTAL INCOME				\$20,580.00	\$12,386.09
EXPENSES					
USMS Individual				\$300.00	
Coach & ALTS Certification Grant				\$250.00	
Registrar Expenses				\$200.00	
Rule Books				\$36.00	
Convention Costs				\$3,500.00	
Annual Dinner				\$6,300.00	
Tributes & Awards				\$1,750.00	

USMS Leadership Summit			\$0.00	
Club Assistant Web Mgt.			\$580.00	
Special Events			\$3,000.00	\$1,676.00
USMS Volunteer Relay			\$2,100.00	
Domain Fee			\$10.00	
USMS Meet Sanctions			\$750.00	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Expense			\$200.00	\$402.98
Performance Reimbursement (Sanctions)			\$800.00	\$200.00
USMS Open Water Sanction Fee			\$800.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$20,576.00	\$2,328.98
Cash Balance		3/14/2024		\$59,705.49
<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>			<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>
50 x 50				\$400.00
100 x 100				\$800.00
LMSC Clinic				
Last Chance Swim				
Refreshments				\$180.48
Delaware River virtual swim				\$476.00

- Membership Coordinators (T. Brunson/C. McGiffin)
 - 933 NJ-LMSC 2024 registrations as 5/31/24 (2023 Total was 1,090)
 - 22 NJ LMSC 2024 Clubs
 - CIB Coney Island Brighton Beach Open Water Swimmers
 - XCL Excel Swimming
 - GSM Garden State Masters
 - JACM Jersey Aquatic Center Masters
 - JAM Jersey Area Masters
 - JSM Jersey Shore Masters
 - MAY Madison Area YMCA
 - NSC-P Nassau Swim Club
 - OCY Ocean County YMCA
 - OWST Open Water Swim Team
 - PAA Peddie Aquatic Association
 - RBAY RBAY Masters
 - RY Ridgewood YMCA Breakers
 - RMT Rutherford Masters Team
 - SCYM Somerset County YMCA Masters
 - SCYST Sussex County YMCA Silver Tsunami's

- SPRO Swim Pro Masters
 - TMB T M B Racing
 - UC07 Unattached NJ Members
 - WRE WeREndurance
 - WMYM West Morris Area YMCA Masters
 - YGMC YMCA of Greater Monmouth County
- Secretary (C. McGiffin)
 - 3 Member emails sent since our last meeting (2/25)
- Sanctions & Safety (L. Ciadella-Morehead)

	Event Title	Date	Sanction
Recognition	<u>Sussex County YMCA Adult Mini meet</u>	4/20/2024	#074-R003
Recognition	<u>2024 OCY Unofficial Masters Team Championships</u>	3/24/2024	#074-R002
Recognition	<u>2024 Hawks Spring Splash</u>	4/07/2024	#074-R001
Sanction	<u>Somerset County YMCA Masters "Last Chance" Meet</u>	5/18 - 5/19/24	#074-S001

Meet announcement issues - separate PDF submitted to DropBox (USMS process) **Ed to work with Lorna to review and recommend improvements, if needed.**

- Top Ten and Records (E. Tsuzuki)

The NJ LMSC records have been updated for the following events:

 - New England SCY Championships at Harvard University in Boston, MA on March 15-16, 2024
 - 2024 Delaware Valley LMSC SCY Championships at the Upper Dublin High School in Fort Washington, PA on March 9, 2024
 - 2024 Albatross Open meet at the Kennedy-Shriver Aquatic Center on March 16, 2024
 - The 2nd Annual Orange Masters Lion Heart Classic at the High Plains Community Center in Orange, Connecticut on April 6, 2024
 - YMCA Masters Nationals at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale on May 9-12, 2024
 - Somerset County YMCA Last Chance meet at the Somerset Hills YMCA on May 18-19, 2024

The NJ LMSC SCY top ten files were submitted on June 1, 2024. The files included 6 SCY meets:

- October 15, 2023, Sussex County Adult Mini Meet
 - October 22, 2023, Hawks Fall Classic 2023
 - March 24, 2024, 2024 OCY Unofficial Masters Team Championships
 - April 7, 2024, 2024 Hawks Spring Splash
 - April 20, 2024, Sussex County YMCA Adult Mini Meet
 - May 18-19, 2024, Somerset County YMCA Masters "Last Chance" Meet
- Webmaster (L. Smith)
 - Website is up-to-date
 - **Laura to work on one other update and analytics with Club Assistant**
- Open Water (M. Vellucci)
- Coaches Chair (Vacant)

- Fitness (L. Brown-Kuhn)

NJ Masters Delaware River Virtual Swim – Huge success thanks to Ed!! The swim ends July 31 and we have 137 participants.

- Midweight medium canvas bag with logo, size is 15" H x 14.5" W x 3" D. We will order through Custom Ink. Need to speak with them but cost is approximately \$8 per bag. We may have to order more than 137. Best case is 137 x 8 = \$1096
- Custom caps Order through Simply Swim Caps. We already have 25 which cost \$200 (included \$30 design fee). Need 112 more. Will speak with them to get exact cost.
- Donation to Delaware River Keeper of \$5 per person which comes to \$685. Hope to meet with someone and present check for a photo opp to put on our FB page.
- Raffle --\$25 gift card given to one individual each month of the event. Total will be \$125 I post each month announcing the winner on our FB page.

Last Chance End of the Summer Swim -- **Linda to work to confirm if the event can be held at the New Providence Pool (as it was last year) on September 7th**

- Officials (M. Vellucci)

As of 4/15/24

1. There are 499 stroke and turn usms officials.
2. There are 267 starters.
3. There are 120 referees.
4. New Jersey now has 4 usms officials.

- Event Coordinator (P. Morchio)

Banquet deposit submitted - date reserved

III. Old Business

A. Website analytics update from Club Assistant (Laura) **OPEN**

B. Member Survey -

- Other fun fitness event ideas?
 - Holiday Group Swim - **Jerry to explore options**
 - Starts and Turns Clinic
 - Open Water Clinic
 - Stroke Clinics
 - Another Coach or Adult Learn To Swim certification - **Jerry/Chris to explore options**
 - Relay meet/carnival, fun meet - **Chris to explore options**

C. Banquet preparations

- 10/27/24: 5-8pm (Before Oct 1 \$25 members/guests / \$40 thereafter) Award winners and Board Members Free
- 2023 Award Achievers
- Awards to be ordered
 - 35YR Parkas x 2 custom size - **Ed to help order - Tom has an XL that he will not use**
 - [30YR Backpack](#) need 2 (order extra) - **Jerry to check on vendor from Susan**
 - [25YR Windbreaker](#) x 2 custom size - **Chris to help order**

- [20YR Towels](#) need 6 (order extra) - Jerry to check on vendor from Susan (new logo)
 - [15YR Mesh Bags](#) need 11 - Jerry to check on vendor from Susan
 - 10YR Water Bottle - plenty of inventory
 - 5YR Bag Tag - plenty of inventory
 - Banquet Speaker
 - Board to nominate/vote via email
- D. NJ Masters Facebook page - **keep it Public** or make it Private? Board volunteer stewards? Seek a NJ Masters member who might be willing to serve as a Social Media liaison?
- Consensus to keep it as a public page for now
 - **Sharon offered to act as moderator**

IV. NewBusiness

- A. [USMS Annual Meeting](#) delegates - September 13-15, 2024, Virtual (Registrations due by 8/15)
- Jerry
 - Chris
 - OPEN
- B. [USMS Volunteer Relay](#) attendees - Oct.18–20, 2024 Houston, TX (Registrations due by 9/13)
- Ed?
 - Paola (unless other board volunteers)
 - OPEN
- C. [USMS National Coaches Clinic](#) attendees - Oct.18–20, 2024 Houston, TX
- Megan Bull (Ed/Jerry to check with her)
 - Chris McGiffin
 - Open to any USMS member/coach
 - **Chris to share scholarship recommendation - Board to discuss reimbursement for travel, registration, meals, lodging**
- D. Last Chance Swim fitness event (Linda)
- **Linda/Chris to confirm availability of NPCP**
- E. Inquiry from Mike Recchia on behalf of High Point Country Club
- Needs 5 x 25M lane lines (**Jerry/Deirdre to check with Pingry**)

V. Next LMSC Meeting

- A. Date ~ Sep 15th
- B. Time ~ TBD
- C. Place ~ TBD

VI. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm