

**Lake Erie LMSC Board Meeting**  
**Sunday March 9, 2025**  
**1:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Ann Marshfield, Laura Wright, Mark Marshfield, , Judith Norton, Chuck Beatty, Paul Berman, Andrea Hahn-Lawson, Kristen Bergman, Dan Cox, Rick Mitchell

Location: Cuyahoga County Library, 18700 Westwood Drive, Strongsville, Ohio

Ann Marshfield called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Ann Marshfield introduced a guest that attended the meeting, MacJilton (Mac) Lewis (Assistant Swim Coach at Viking Masters and Blazing Barracudas). The Board members each introduced themselves.

Ann Marshfield started the meeting by posing the question to each Board member: We have all volunteered with USMS, where else have you been a volunteer? Each Board member briefly shared other volunteering activities that they have participated in.

The Board minutes from February 12, 2025, had been distributed for review and comment prior to the meeting. The Minutes were approved without any changes.

Laura Wright (Treasurer) had distributed a summary financial report before the meeting. She reported that the LE LMSC has \$38,719.69 in the bank. Laura also reported that each LMSC paid its portion of the seed money for the Tri-State Tidal Wave Meet.

Ashley Braniecki (Membership Coordinator) had distributed the Membership Coordinator's Report prior to the meeting. Ann Marshfield briefly reviewed the report and mentioned Ashley's efforts to determine members who were certified coaches versus self-identified coaches. Ann also noted that under the recently approved program-- for the payment of the USMS registration fee for 90-years-old swimmers-- LE LMSC has paid the fee for two of its qualifying members.

Dan Cox (Sanctions) provided a brief report and confirmed that all upcoming meets have been sanctioned.

Chuck Beatty provided an update on the Brogan Open Water Classic meet, which is scheduled for July 12, 2025. He stated that permitting has been granted by Lake Metroparks. He further discussed the engagement and role of the third-party vendor (Argonaut) that Metroparks required to be retained as the safety director for the meet. Argonaut will provide a jet ski and backboard and radios for the meet. It will also complete the safety director test USMS.

With respect to the newsletter, Chuck noted that he needed more material from the membership, and he anticipates that the next newsletter will be distributed towards the end of April.

Judi Norton presented a new idea for Top 10 patches. She discussed having a new patch for swimmers that achieve top 10 status in each stroke. The concept was discussed including whether a swimmer would need to accomplish this status in one season or over some other timeframe. Judi will follow up, and she has requested other Board members to provide her with their input.

Laura Wright noted that the 2024 Top 10 list is available for SCM.

With regard to Club News, Paul Berman noted some problems with the Shaker Hts. pool; Kristen Bergman stated that Ohio Masters was in good financial standing; and Laura Wright stated that the Mandel JCC workout group was growing.

Ann Marshfield requested Mac Lewis to provide an update on the Ohio Masters State Championship Meet scheduled for March 23, 2025, which is being hosted by the Viking Masters. Mac reviewed in detail the logistics for the meet. He also stated that Viking Masters is hosting a Starts and Turn Clinic at CSU on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ann mentioned that she will send out an email reminder of the meet, which will include information on the clinic.

Ann Marshfield provided an update on the Tri-State Tidal Wave Meet scheduled for June 21, 2025, at SPIRE Academy. The discussion included: the discounted entry fee for College Club Swimming (and the need to contact Mark Marshfield for the discount code); the authorization by USMS of a co-branded banner; the promotion by USMS of the meet on social media and through paid advertising; the branded T-shirts and caps for the meet; and the status of volunteers from the Mentor High School swim team.

Ann Marshfield requested the Board members to create breakout groups for the purpose of discussing: As a LE LMSC volunteer—what is one thing can you accomplish this year? After the breakout groups, the Board members discussed a wide variety of issues, including: the need to rewrite the bylaws for LE LMSC; ALTS; and the LMSC standards rollout for which Chairs, Treasurers and Sanction Chairs will complete a survey in May. It was discussed and clarified that the LE LMSC currently appoints its Vice Chair and elects its Membership Coordinator. Ann informed the Board that there have been discussions at the National Office regarding the elimination of the Membership Coordinator position due to upgrades to Members' MyAccount. Accordingly, as part of rewriting the bylaws, consideration should be given to changing the Vice Chair to an elected position and the Membership Coordinator to an appointed position.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. – Mayfield Village Library.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

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Richard S. Mitchell