

OKLAHOMA LMSC  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2023 – 6 P.M.

Attendees:

- Kirsten Hoffman
- Kathy Keffer-Sharpe
- Marnie Kern
- Janet Latham
- Marsha Mauldin
- Leslie Moon
- Ron Peters
- Denise Smart
- David Smith
- Destiny Stephens
- Keith Whitehouse
- Howard Wolf

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
2. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes from 2022 Meeting
  - a. Table this approval until next meeting as minutes were not sent in advance.
3. Report of the Officers
  - a. Chair – Kirsten Hoffman
    - i. Full report provided to LMSC ahead of the meeting.
4. 2022 National Meeting
5. Vice Chair – Janet Latham
  - a. No update
6. Membership Coordinator – Kirsten Hoffman
  - a. Discussion at the national level – national and club memberships are down. USMS is discussing Initiatives to build membership.
7. Report from USMS Convention – Kirsten Hoffman
8. Treasurer – Tim Murphy
  - a. Not present
9. Secretary – Leslie Moon
  - a. No update
10. Sanction Chair – Jack Zedlitz
  - a. Not present
11. Top Ten/Records – Leo Mendoza
  - a. Not present
  - b. Need communication regarding records and how they're updated on our website
12. Officials – Position Vacant
13. Rules – Position Vacant
  - a. Kirsten provided an update on the rules/standards at a national level.
14. Safety – Kathy Keffer-Sharpe
  - a. No update

15. Webmaster – Kirsten Hoffman

- a. Transitioned from Colin Drysdale to Kirsten.
- b. Kirsten can update everything on the website – pictures, records, communication. Happy to hand the task over to someone. Kirsten also posts on social media for OK LMSC.
- c. Tool the website is built in is Squarespace.
- d. Leslie Moon volunteered to take over maintaining the website. Leslie and Kirsten will transition sometime this spring.

16. Unfinished Business

- a. None.

17. New Business

- a. Discussion regarding the future of the LMSC. Options are as follows:
  - i. We continue to operate as the Oklahoma Masters Swimming if we can get volunteers to fill the four essential positions.
  - ii. Due to lack of participation, we discuss a merger with a neighboring LMSC to increase the numbers of members and potential volunteers.
  - iii. We dissolve this organization.
- b. Significant discussion on this topic. While there are some benefits to merging with another LMSC, it would be difficult to then unwind. None of the meeting attendees want to dissolve the LMSC OR merge with another.
- c. If we merged, would be one adjacent to us. Arkansas or North TX. Upside – a lot of volunteerism/participation. Downside? Lose that history of being Oklahoma LMSC. Top 10 records would be sunset.
- d. Comments from attendees:
  - i. A lot that came before us that put a lot of energy into it.
  - ii. Tulsa – we will push forward with same events. Get back on some meet schedules and get some momentum. N TX would love to have us.
  - iii. Won't be able to go back? It would be hard to undo.
  - iv. OK LMSC funds would be merged with new club. If we merge, need to make sure the books are all up to date. Not sure the last time we got a profit sharing check.
  - v. We would not be cut out of leadership and event planning. Could still be all the meets/events.
  - vi. Norman opening a pool next year. Group of swimmers that ID as masters. Would seem unfortunate if we're going to merge and we might be rebounding. Looking for other roles to be filled – Ron could fill those, not treasurer/chair.
  - vii. If we were to vote to dissolve or merge, it would have to be proposed and voted on at the national level.
- e. Meeting attendees agreed to continue operating Oklahoma LMSC. Feel we can continue with four essential positions:
  - i. Chair – OPEN
    - 1. One to two hours per month. USMS is very corporatized. You can look online and see. Can be more or less based on what your initiatives are.
  - ii. Vice Chair
  - iii. Treasurer – OPEN
    - 1. One to two hours per month.
  - iv. Secretary

- f. David Smith and Destiny Stephens volunteered to fill Chair and Treasurer positions, respectively.
  - g. Per bylaws, Kirsten will send an email to all registered Oklahoma LMSC members offering the opportunity to volunteer for an open position. That will stay open one week. Then a subsequent email will be sent to vote on nominees – voting will stay open two weeks.
18. Motion to adjourn – Janet. All in favor. No opposed. 7:02 meeting adjourned.