

Memorandum



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To: New England LMSC Board of Directors

From: Al Prescott, NE-LMSC Chair, and Sue Ann Richardson, NE-LMSC Secretary

Date: January 11, 2011

Re: Annual Meeting 11 13 2010 - Minutes

Roll call

Board members present:

Al Prescott
Laszlo Eger – via conference call
Ulrike Kjellberg
Tracy Grilli
Bill Ewan

Other Voting members Present: 12

Maeve Lien
Walter Foster
Phil Suttle
Matt Mulrooney
T.J. Foley
Shannon Blake
Jen Guerra
Elizabeth Scott
Sean Towey
Martin Burren
Sue Ann Richardson
Caileen Burns

Adoption of 2009 Minutes

Adopted Unanimously

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Adoption of Treasurers Report

The report on year 2010 revenues and expenses was adopted unanimously. 2011 budget was discussed and approved unanimously. Budget is attached.

Reports, as necessary, from Officers and Committees

Tracy Grilli, Registrar, predicts 2011 LMSC registration to exceed 2300, upping the LMSC's number of annual delegates to 6.

A brief discussion about whether it was necessary to send a full complement to the House of Delegates meeting ensued.

Unfinished Business

The motion made by Laszlo Eger during a previous board email discussion was made to the meeting by Al Prescott as required by Article 3 b. The motion was to have the LMSC elections at the LMSC Championship meet at Boston University after the finish of competition on Saturday December 11, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Tracy Grilli.

Vote: 3-Yes, 16-No

Result: Motion Fails. There will be no elections at BU.

New Business

Al Prescott motioned to Amend Article 5, section E of the By-Laws. Walter Foster Seconded. After discussion, the motion was tabled. Later in the meeting the motion was removed from the table, and the following amended version was approved unanimously:

“Quorum for any meeting shall be 25% of the Board present in person or by other real time electronic format (including telephone, web meeting etc).”

Al Prescott motioned to mend Article 4 of the By-Laws as necessary to include the position of Secretary. Paul Griffin seconded. The following amended version was approved unanimously:

“The Secretary shall maintain the By-Laws, minutes of all meetings, and manage any votes necessary to carry out LMSC elections or other business as required by USMS.”

Al Prescott motioned, and Tracy Grilli seconded the following amended modification to the By-Laws, which was passed unanimously:

Article 3 Board of Directors - Delete Last sentence: Prepare an annual budget

Modify Article 4, Part e #7 to read

“The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing and presenting an annual budget, with the help of the Chair, in accordance with all resolutions and orders, for review and approval by the Board of Directors 30 days prior to the annual membership meeting. The Board approves the budget at least 1 week prior to the annual membership meeting. The Budget shall be ratified at the annual membership meeting.”

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Al Prescott motioned, and Tracy Grilli seconded, to choose one of three modifications to the By-Laws. The purpose was to remove ambiguity associated with how many representative each club is entitled to. In summary, the choices given were (1) leave the By-laws unchanged, (2) Have all clubs, regardless of size, be entitled to only 1 representative, or (3) have any club with over 1,000 members be entitled to 2 representative and all other club be entitled to 1.

Though it was the desire of the membership to have a committee review this issue further, the following modification was approved unanimously at this meeting:

Article 2 Section 2.1, part b - Replace the sentence, "The dividing line..." with "Any club with less than 1,000 members is entitled to 1 Representative. Any Club with over 1,000 members is entitled to 2 Representatives."

Other housekeeping changes to accommodate this change were also approved.

Al Prescott motioned, and Ulrike Kjellberg seconded the following By-Law modification:

Delete the first sentence in Article 4, Part d and add:

"The Nominating Committee shall be called by the Chair no later than January 5 of the odd numbered year. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the LMSC Vice Chair. The Vice Chair will propose at least two other members to serve on the Nominating Committee, provided each of the members represents at least 3 different clubs. The Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval no later than January 31. The Chair of the LMSC may not serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall distribute and publicly post the pre-election slate no later than June 1."

All other sentences shall be retained.

Al Prescott Motioned, and Elizabeth Scott seconded, the following By-Law addition, which passed unanimously:

"Article 10 - Elections

Elections shall occur during membership meetings of odd numbered years, no sooner than June 30, and no later than November 15."

Old Article 10 Miscellaneous shall be re-number as necessary for housekeeping purposes.

Al Prescott motioned, and Shannon Blake seconded, the following addition to the By-Laws, which passed unanimously amended as follows:

"Article 11 LMSC Championship Meets

Any meet called a New England LMSC Championship Meet must meet the requirements of this article.

All USMS Clubs with the exception of the NEM SC shall be scored directly against other USMS Clubs.

In the event that non-USMS Club groups are competing in the meet, (Such as NEM workout groups), they shall be scored in their own separate division(s).

Any changes to the meet format, since they are a change to these By-Laws, must be made at the LMSC's Annual Membership Meeting.

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In the event that any proposed changes in the meet impact the NEM workout group competition, then the change must also be approved by the NEM Swim Club at their annual meeting.

In the event that an LMSC Championship meet is eligible to be either a Zone meet, or another USMS championship level meet, then the changes to the LMSC Championship Meet may be made via an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors. The changes approved are for that single specific meet, for that year only, and will only be made such that the meet will be compliant with specific requirements for that meet (Zone, USMS or otherwise).

This Article takes effect for swim meets taking place on or after November 1, 2011.”

Article 10 Miscellaneous to be re-numbered as necessary for housekeeping purposes.

Tracy Grilli proposed, and Al Prescott seconded, the following housekeeping modifications to the By-Laws except the “pulled” item as noted separately:

LMSC - Local Masters Swimming Committee (not Swim).

1.1 Objectives -

2nd line - age of eighteen (not nineteen)

4th line - Swimming (not Swim)

Name and Boundaries

2nd line - Swimming (not Swim)

Article 3 - this whole article is not set up correctly.

The 2nd to last "paragraph" which begins with Appoint is out of date - Our membership is up over 2,300 and we are automatically entitled to 6 delegates to the USMS Convention (7 if NE LMSC membership exceeds 2,800)

Change “Appoint ... delegates” to

Approve, before the end of July, as many delegates to the USMS Convention as allowed by USMS Rules, and to establish a stipend for them.

Article 4. Officers

3. The Registrar - can I suggest we replace "address and telephone number" with "contact information" (which would include address, phone numbers and e-mail address)?

Article 6 - USA Swimming (not USS)

Article 8 - Membership Coordinator (not Executive Secretary)

Article 10 -

1st paragraph, 2 places - Membership Coordinator (not Executive Secretary)

Mail Vote – Re-written **PULLED by Al Prescott**

Al Prescott proposed a modification to the By-Laws, and Ulrike Kjellberg seconded, regarding the Mail Vote paragraph. After debate and discussion the following amended modification was approved unanimously:

Electronic mail: Any action which may be taken at any regular or special meeting of the Directors may be taken via electronic mail, unless any 3 or more Directors indicate that a meeting would be preferable. Approval via email requires a majority of the votes entitled to be cast.

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Elections

Since elections are now defined to occur during odd numbered years, no elections will be held in 2010. Regarding the new position of secretary, Sue Ann Richardson volunteered to hold this position on a temporary basis until elections are held. This action was approved unanimously.

Resolutions and Orders – All were approved unanimously

Financial Guidelines

LMSC should strive to maintain a minimum of 2 years of operating budget as a main account balance, and not more than 3 years.

LMSC will strive to seed the Hall of Fame Budget such that \$500 per year is available to the Hall of Fame Committee as an annual budget. Further funding should be via donations and not member dues, unless approved at the Annual membership Meeting for any single year. It should be approved as part of the annual budget.

Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame committee will be a standalone ad-hoc committee supported by the Chair and the Board of Directors.

Laser Measurement Device

The LMSC was authorized to spend no more than \$200 (provisionally approved by the Chair in September) to purchase a Laser Measurement Device capable of measuring 25 yard and 25 meter pools.

The NE-LMSC Annual Meeting was adjourned.