

O*H*I*O Masters Swim Club
Board Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2019
Panera, Center Ridge Rd
Rocky River, OH

Board Members Present: Ann Marshfield, Bruce Allen, Chuck Beatty, Ashley Braniecki, Mike Ellek,
Andrew McCollister, Mark Stewart,

Not Present: E. J. Gorman, Keith Owen, Ashley Zoeller,

Call to Order – Ann called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. Agenda attached.

A) Minutes from the September 9th Board Meeting:

- i. Mark gave highlights from the minutes.
- ii. Ann moved to approve the minutes, and Ashley B. seconded the motion. All were in favor.

B) Financial Report:

- i. Keith provided a Financial Report: “Pretty smooth swimming. Nothing significant to bring to your attention except that all our meets this fiscal year have "made money." Magic number seems to be about 40 swimmers...”
- ii. Keith also provided a Profit and Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet in handouts (attached).
- iii. Andrew moved that the Board receive Keith’s financial statements, Chuck seconded it, and all were in favor.
- iv. Bruce raised the question of utilizing the club’s reserve of money. A preliminary discussion followed with a consensus to follow up in future meetings. Potential uses included ALTS, more meets, and promoting the organization.

C) Sunshine & Rain:

- i. Ashley reported on recent activity. Kevin Kelley and Karen were married, and the club sent a card. Harry Greenfield had knee surgery and received a card.

D) Hudson Meet, December 8 & 9, 2018:

- i. No issues, all went well.

E) Lakewood Meet, January 27, 2019:

- i. Mike reported on the meet.
- ii. Some swimmers were confused by the “Available for Relays” check box on the entry form. The entry form needs some language to the effect, “Swimmer is responsible for organizing relay teams.”
- iii. Mike is making a spreadsheet list of meet organization details (attached).
- iv. The club should post meet pictures to the website, Facebook. Google Drive is a possibility, as is the O*H*I*O Masters website.

F) CSU Meet, March 23/24 2019:

- i. Brief discussion of this meet. Please mention/advertise this meet in our workout groups.

- ii. CSU varsity swimmers will take part in the meet, probably doing only 25 yards. Consequently, this meet will be recognized by USMS, but not sanctioned.

G) Entry Fees:

- i. Andrew reported for the committee tasked with simplifying the fee structure and entry policy (attached).
- ii. There are four prices. The entry fee is the same for members and non-members. Consequently, there is no inurement, or benefit for club member—an important consideration for the club's charitable tax status.
- iii. Technically, there is fifth fee, that is, no entry fees for swimmers 80 years of age or older.
- iv. Ann moved to approve the proposed pricing structure and implement it starting with June 2019 meets. Chuck seconded. All were in favor.

H) Annual Meeting, June 2019:

- i. Mark has volunteered to organize the Annual Meeting. We must hold this meeting before July 1.
- ii. Mark reported on costs for the last two Annual Meetings, \$1200 and \$1000 net costs. Merwin's Wharf and Sleepy Hollow Golf Course are available for some Saturday nights in June. Metroparks locations are lower cost than most commercial sites.
- iii. The Board decided their first choice is Sleepy Hollow on June 29. Second choice is The Terrace, and Merwin's Wharf.
- iv. June 22 is the Long Course meet at Spire Institute.

I) Lifetime Achievement Award:

- i. As part of the Annual Meeting, Ann suggested a Lifetime Achievement Award for John Daily and Betty Russ.
- ii. Ashley B. is seeking nominations for future additional awards. A draft nomination form was presented, discussed and is attached. The nominating process requires a great deal of information, which a nominator might not know. The board determined the form should be revised to reflect simple nominee data, with a follow up interview conducted to gather more detailed information about the nominee.
- iii. What should the award be? A plaque for the trophy case was suggested, but we're seeking other ideas.

J) ARENA Masters Team Discount Program:

- i. Ann provided details of a team discount program. Information is attached. Offer ends 3/31/2019. Ann's February 17 email to club members contains all the details.

K) ALTS – Adult Learn To Swim April 14 at Westlake Rec Center:

- i. Judi Norton will be running an ALTS program at Westlake Recreation Center on Sunday, April 14. Contact Judi to help.
- ii. Westlake Rec Center wants only Westlake residents to participate.

L) US Masters Gold Club Designation:

- i. Masters Swimming groups, or ‘locations’, can be designated “Gold Clubs” by USMS. See <https://www.usms.org/club-central/gold-club-designation>. The major hurdle is ensuring USMS-certified coaches on deck; all other requirements are met already or can be readily met for Lakewood, and Orange.
- ii. There is a USMS coach certification class in Columbus on Saturday, March 30. At Lakewood, Bob Babiak is a certified coach. Mark spoke with Arnie Colvin and Jessie Zielinski about taking this class. Chuck Beatty is registered to take the class.

M) Online Location for USMS Locations and Workout Groups

- i. The USMS website advertises locations of swimming groups. Some new members may discover swimming through this website, <https://www.usms.org/clubs>, instead of by word-of-mouth.
- ii. Orange does not currently have a “pin” marking its location on the USMS website. It would qualify as a Gold Club, as well. Follow-up needed.

N) Brogan Open Water Meet:

- i. Chuck brought up new business concerning the open water meet.
- ii. He is considering waves based on mile seed times, not age.
- iii. Early bird registration is three weeks or more before the race, with a price of \$55 instead of \$70. The one event fee for non-USMS swimmers will be an extra \$25.
- iv. Some supplies are needed. The speaker for announcements should be replaced (estimate: \$300); a GPS range finder (est. \$300); a cake. Mark moved that the club authorize these purchases for the Brogan Open Water Meet up to \$750; Bruce seconded, and all were in favor.

O) Reorder First Timer Tee-Shirts:

- i. For now, we’ll hold off on ordering more.

P) SmartyPants Winter Fitness Swim and ePostal Swims:

- i. Briefly discussed opportunities to swim

Q) Replacement Board Member:

- i. Unfortunately, E. J. Gorman is unable to continue on the board, and has resigned.
- ii. Bruce added this agenda item, namely, to find a replacement.
- iii. When E. J. was elected, there were two other candidates who were not elected: Anne Hegnauer and Lori Luken. They were the consensus replacements.
- iv. Mark spoke to Lori Luken about the position, but did not detect any interest.
- v. Ann subsequently reported that Anne was happy to serve on the board.
- vi. By-laws say first year of term vacancies are filled by a vote of trustees, but the second year requires an election by the members of the club at the annual meeting. This election will be included in June’s Annual Meeting.
- vii. On February 17 in an e-vote, Ann moved that Anne fill the vacancy, and Chuck seconded; seven votes in favor, none opposed.

R) USMS Transgender Policy:

- i. Ann introduced the USMS Transgender Policy, which is attached.
- ii. A preliminary discussion occurred. It involved current procedures during meets, underlying fairness and sensitivity.
- iii. The discussion will continue in the next meetings.

S) Goggles for Kids Swim Program at St. Malachi Center:

- i. At the Annual Meeting in June 2018, the club voted to make a donation of \$1000 to the St. Malachi Center.
- ii. The St. Malachi Center recently approached the club regarding a need of goggles for children's swim lessons.
- iii. On Feb 25 in an e-vote, Ashley B. moved that the club provide St. Malachi Center with children's goggles in an amount not to exceed \$300. Chuck seconded the motion; nine votes in favor, none opposed.
- iv. Post meeting, Ann bought 40 pairs of goggles at a total amount of \$154.72

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Dates for Next Board/Annual Meetings:

Saturday May 4, 2019,

Saturday June 29, 2019, Annual Meeting

Post Meeting: