

O*H*I*O Masters Swim Club
Board Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Panera, Center Ridge Rd
Rocky River, OH

Board Members Present: Ann Marshfield, Chuck Beatty, Ashley Braniecki, Mike Ellek, Anne Hegnauer, Mark Stewart, Ashley Zoeller,

Not Present: Bruce Allen, Andrew McCollister, Keith Owen,

Call to Order – Ann called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Agenda attached.

A) Minutes from the February 9th Board Meeting:

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

B) New Board Member:

- i. Ann introduced and the Board welcomed Anne Hegnauer to the Board.

C) Financial Report:

- i. Although Keith could not make the meeting, he provided a financial report, in advance (attached): “Nothing really to note, except that all our meets so far in FY 2019 have made some money. We seem to be on a roll as far as meet registrations. Lakewood group to date has membership payments significantly in excess of pool and coach costs...”
- ii. Keith also provided a Profit and Loss Statement and a Balance Sheet in handouts (attached).
- iii. Keith noted that he made a correction to reconcile a long term discrepancy of \$434.98 between the checking statements and the computer journal. The discrepancy was charged to the Coaches Fund.
- iv. Chuck moved that the Board receive Keith’s financial statements, Ann seconded it, and all were in favor.

D) Board Business Since Last Meeting—Cancelling Spire Meet on June 22:

- i. June 22 was scheduled as a Long Course meet at Spire Institute, however pool rental costs rose to \$3200. There would be other costs.
- ii. By email, on March 25, Bruce moved to cancel the Spire meet on June 22, and post the cancellation on the website. Anne H. seconded. None were opposed.

E) Board Business Since Last Meeting—Gold Club Status:

- i. Orange HS and Lakewood HS both have Gold Club designators on the USMS Club Finder webpage.

F) Sunshine & Rain:

- i. Ashley reported on recent activity. Five cards were sent out: two for babies born to swimmers, and three get well soon cards.

G) Annual Meeting:

- i. Mark reported on preparations for the Annual Meeting
- ii. The Valley View room at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course is reserved for Saturday June 29, 4-8pm. We have held Annual Meetings there in the past.
- iii. Save-the-Date emails have been sent out, with flyers. A Sign-Up-Genius electronic RSVP will be sent out.
- iv. From the Nominations Committee, as of this writing, all incumbents have agreed to stand for re-election: Keith for Treasurer, Mark for Secretary, and Bruce, Chuck, and Anne H. all for two year terms.

H) Lifetime Achievement Award:

- i. John Daily and Betty Russ are excited about receiving Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Annual Meeting in June.
- ii. Ann M. mentioned these awards to Dawson Hughes (USMS Chief Executive) who was very supportive.
- iii. Chuck developed a trophy design.

I) Plaques and Trophies for O*H*I*O Masters:

- i. The Board discussed acquiring two different plaques which would be displayed in the display case in the Lakewood Pool's foyer.
- ii. One would be for the O*H*I*O Masters' Lifetime Achievement Award. Recipients would have their name engraved on plates mounted on the plaque.
- iii. A trophy would be presented to each recipient. Target size is 6x8 inches (WxH)
- iv. A second plaque was proposed for "National Award Winners from O*H*I*O Masters." Included would be the five recipients of the Dot Donnelly Award. On each plate the name, award and date would be engraved.
- v. Mike moved that up to \$600 be made available to acquire the plaques and trophies. Ashley seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- vi. A decision on the trophy type will be made by email.

J) Adult Learn To Swim (ALTS):

- i. Ashley B. reported on the ALTS course held at Westlake Recreation Center pool (WLREC) on Sunday April 14.
- ii. Ann M., Jay Definis and Ashley B. helped teach.
- iii. There were almost 10 students.
- iv. There were some constraints on sign-ups, due to WLREC rules.
- v. Another course is being considered for this summer at the Avon outdoor pool. It would be sponsored by LELMSC.

K) CSU Meet:

- i. Ann reported that the CSU meet was very successful. The timers were very good.
- ii. There was a medical emergency, and meet officials halted the meet until the medical issue was resolved. Yet another reminder that we must yield to site protocol.
- iii. There were issues with the timing computer system.
- iv. In terms of schedule, the meet moved so fast that some breaks were needed.

L) Brogan Open Water Meet, Saturday July 13:

- i. Chuck reported that race preparations were going well.
- ii. A challenge is getting a boat for buoy placement. He is willing to pay someone.
- iii. Finisher medals were also discussed.

M) USMS Certified Coaches:

- i. Arnie Colvin and Chuck Beatty successfully completed the USMS coaching class, and they are now USMS Level 1 and Level 2 certified coaches. To be a USMS Gold Club, our coaches should be USMS certified.
- ii. Chuck was happy with the class.

N) Beach Cleanup:

- i. The Board discussed community involvement activities for the National Open Water Meet in 2020.
- ii. One idea was beach cleanup at Edgewater Park. The park staff “rakes” the beach, but small items are not picked up. Apparently, Adam Rosen’s wife organizes events like this. Ashley B. felt that cleaning up the race beach might not send the right message, particularly for visitors.
- iii. Consensus was that the club should try a beach cleanup, but not associated with the Open Water Meet.

O) Smarty Pants Summer Challenge:

- i. Ann led discussion on the Smarty Pants Summer Challenge, which is a 2K swim.
- ii. USMS Gold Clubs must be involved in events like this.
- iii. Ann M. will organize.

P) Try Masters Swimming Week: June 1-10:

- i. Ann mentioned that USMS has a ‘Try Masters Swimming Week’ June 1-10.
- ii. A Gold Club opts-in to supporting this event, and, apparently, there is an associated promotion kit.
- iii. Historically, O*H*I*O Masters has offered ‘Try Masters Swimming for a Week’ to all potential new members.

Q) Gold Club Banner:

- i. In a big and pleasant surprise, Ann received a Gold Club Banner for O*H*I*O Masters at the National Convention.
- ii. She will present it at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Dates for Next Board/Annual Meetings:

Saturday June 29, 2019, Annual Meeting

Post Meeting:

