

O*H*I*O Masters Swim Club Q3 Meeting

Sunday July 21, 2024 3-5pm

Kristen Bergmann's house Bay Village

Attendance: Kristen Bergmann, Jamie Ryan, Ashley Carey, Tom Esposito, Paul Simmons, Chuck Beatty, Bob Boyce, Chris Lewis, Molly Tolford, Kristi Tabaj

Kristen called the meeting to order at 3:11pm

Approval of Q2 Meeting Minutes –

Action: Kristi to send out May 11 meeting to board for approval by email.

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Boyce

Updated the budget, including all checks that Chuck wrote soon after the Brogan (June 28 and early July). Nothing has changed from annual report.

Recap: loss for the year but less than previous year. Still running practices at a loss. As of today we have \$22K plus change but awaiting Avon entries. Some of the Avon income is in the June 30 report but not expenses yet. This happens every year. We lost money at the Avon meet last year. Our losses could be sustained for three years, but this isn't a good strategy. Other groups is a catch-all for expenses – i.e. practices at Avon, expenses for Brogan, expenses at Nationals.

President – Kristen Bergmann

1. Clarify nominations – There was confusion at the Annual Meeting linked to Jim Lamastra's position, when he was elected, and when his term ended. Jim's term is a one year and Ashley will fill that. Molly, Chuck, and Ashley will be up next year along with Kristi and Bob. Jamie is willing to do Vice President.
Chuck nominates Jamie for VP. Second, Jamie is approved for a two year term.
2. Cavs swimmer night – Email and call with Cavs about a swimmer night similar to the Guardians night. Cavs are thinking Oct and Nov and we can promote it as long as we don't have to do anything/cost us anything. Cavs rep will give a bonus experience (cap, pre-game). It is for swimmers of all ages. There will be a code associated with ticket purchase.
3. USMS Relay – At the National and LMSC level there is training on helping clubs with development and reaching out to members. This is called USMS Relay. The LMSC is paying for members to attend. Kristen is going for the team and Ashley will participate for the LMSC. This event is in its second year. Topics for discussion: How to structure a program, how to engage. Kristen will provide an overview after the event.

Committee Reports

2024 Brogan Open Water – Chuck

130 people enter, 89 people showed up and swam.

The prices to run the event are going up (Permit, lifeguards, etc). The club still made \$300. Club Assist processing fee was included. Expenses next year will include caps and gold medals. Chuck's expenses include everything that costs to run the event include costs from previous years.

Comments

Bob and Chuck figure costs differently. Chuck has no included the donations, Bob notes them as donations. We currently do not seek out sponsorship for the event. For 2025, July 13th and 20th are the first two choices, but Chuck needs to get in touch with MetroParks. We give them three dates and they decide. The dates aren't awarded until December.

For possible follow-up - we need to decide on donations from competitors - \$330. If we want to give \$1000 we need to figure out where we get \$670. Bob does not count the donations as they are passthroughs.

Unfinished Business

1. First time meet recognition-Do we want to continue this program?

The program was started several years ago. First timers are given a t-shirt and cap. There is a recommendation that the LMSC continue. Beginning the 2024-2025 short course season, we will cease the program but could still continue with caps. Mark Marshfield would need to remove the reference to first timers in the entry info. Not sure of how many have entered.

Motion to discontinue the t-shirt for first timers, motion made, second.

2. Avon meet in August (24th and 25th of August)– the date is set, officials set, person running the board, timers are set up (Avon HS); Kristen and Judi have done some work. We need someone to be the Meet Coordinator. You can be the Meet Coordinator and still swim, but most of the coordinating happens before the meet. What's left is getting the volunteers to help with the actual meet: check-in table, awards, runners. Jamie will take on as Meet Coordinator.
3. Avon outdoor workout participation – The LMSC set up the September practices. Last year, people were able to use punchcards or pay cash. As a club, we save money by not paying for other pool rental or coaches. The coaches at Avon are paid by the LMSC. The LMSC is offering a free practice on September 8th as this aligns with their annual meeting at Avon.

Motion, we will continue workouts at Avon and will continue to punch passes, second, approved.

Action: Bob to call Ann to see if the LMSC will pay for September fees at Avon.

4. Workout groups and shortfall

We have not gone through full year of price increases. In doing a quick calculation, in 2023/24 we have 157 people who paid for a punch pass. If this is maintained, we would see \$18K. If the average member swims 2.5 times/week for 157 members, we would produce \$45K worth of

income for 2024/25. The cost of running practices last year was \$44K plus change. We would break even from practices. There would still be a difference between Orange and Lakewood. The suggestion at this time is to hold off on price increase for practices. We do not anticipate facility price increases. We have enough money at this time to wait another year before a decision should be made on a price increase.

Motion to monitor (Bob to do quarterly report); second, all in favor.

Action: Bob will ask if facilities will increase costs. Reassess in January.

5. Meet chair and meet organizers for Hudson and Lakewood meets
Jamie will be the Chair in charge of the coordinators (in the past the President has done this role). The Chair will have a checklist to help the coordinators ensure everything is in order. Chuck is the coordinator for Stow. Molly has agreed to continue to support Lakewood.

We need for someone for Hudson (7 and 8 of December).

Action: Kristen to send Molly the Meet Coordinator checklist. Ashley will pull together materials on how to register as a member at a swim meet. Kristen to look into having a list of people to complete tasks at meets such as doing the board, getting timers (\$300 donation).

6. Awards
Meet awards, like medals, are costly. Some ideas that have been put forward include photo opportunities at the meet (people take pictures with the medals but do not take the medals), providing a single award rather than an award for each event, or digital awards. We could continue awards at signature events (Pentathlon, Brogan).

The remaining coupons can be used to pay for the Avon meet, buy caps, and use for the clambake. Beyond this the coupons won't be used.

Action: Chuck to reach out to Mark to modify the Avon announcement. Jamie to take on the role of reviewing announcements in the future.

New Business

1. Email accounts
Kristen does not have access to USMS database and is trying to figure out access. This is needed to make sure we are connecting with all members. We have emails associated with the website. There are 4 (for officers). We need to look at a way to digitally sign contracts (ex: \$10/month through Adobe).
2. Hosting 2025 Long Course state meet
Do we want to take on running this meet? If so, the timing should be before long course nationals (Aug 6-10, 2025) and not conflict with Brogan. Options discussed included holding it at CSU, Avon, and C.T. Branin in Canton. The preference is an indoor pool to avoid weather issues.

Action: Chris to look into options down in Canton.

3. Clambake – Kristen will host the clambake during the last weekend in September. It was \$29/person for carry out. In the past, coaches were invited along with a +1 as a thank you. We will get a cake for the 50th anniversary. Will talk to Judi about getting the history. Chris noted that he can reach out to some of the original members in Canton to share info on the event.
4. Set Next board meetings: October, January, April
Kristen will send out some dates.

For the next meeting – we need to discuss what happens if someone does not show at the meetings; look at bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20p.