

## **O\*H\*I\*O Masters Swim Club Q1 Meeting**

Sunday, April 6, 2025 2:34p-3:49p.

Independence Branch Cuyahoga County Public Library  
6361 Selig Drive, Independence, Ohio 44131

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

Kristen called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

Approval of Q1 Meeting Minutes – no opposition.

### **Officer Reports**

President – Kristen Bergmann

1. New members, trial members – There were 28 new members and 15 trial members.
2. Annual meeting – Would like to do it similar to last year, holding it after a practice at the Lakewood Foster pool. Practice will be free for those who attend. June 11 is the first Lakewood practice. June 14 (Saturday) makes the most sense ahead of Fathers' Day, the Tri State Meet, and Brogan. A focus of the meeting will be to recognize our coaches.
3. We welcome people interested in becoming a coach. There is an online training.

**Actions: Molly to crowdsource ideas for coaches' gifts.**

**Please let Kristen know if anyone is interested in becoming a coach.**

Treasurer – Bob Boyce

1. See report for details. \$23,223 cash available (after next credit card payment puts us at \$19K). The club broken even for January and February.
  - a. For the Lakewood group, there was an increase in attendance. Average weekly attendance is 20. Tuesday is the least and Saturday is the most.
  - b. Punch pass purchases are up, but we can not track when people are attending. Club Assistant is an option to track usage, but there is a fee.
  - c. Orange group ran at a loss for the first Quarter 2025, but this was significantly reduced from the previous quarter due to decreased expense and increased swim fees. There are about 10 people per session and we anticipate seeing continued improvement in reducing or eliminating the loss in the coming months as the old price punch passes are used up and the new swim fee prices take fuller effect. It seems as though 60 minutes is working, but it would be good to see if we could have a 90 min workout on the weekend. We need to poll people about whether or not they want to swim at Orange in the summer.
  - d. Swim meets – Pieter Cath made some profit. The Hudson Meet was small and had a small surplus. Avon was also a small surplus. We need to keep an eye on this just in case we need to raise entrance fees.
  - e. Overall finances are very healthy.

**Action: Kristi to attach the Treasurer's Report to the meeting notes.**

**Paul to poll the Orange group about whether or not they want to swim at Orange in the summer.**

### **Committee Reports**

Meet chair – Jamie

1. We are looking for at least one if not two new meet directors starting next January. We would like to have multiple people as meet director so the burden does not fall on one person. Duties include: (1) Set up and manage Club Assistant for the meet (about 3 hours of time) (2) Organize officials (3) Manage deck entries (4) Send meet results to Chuck to post the results. At the annual meeting we could ask people if they are interested in being a meet manager. There is a potential to provide payment for meet director services. The meet director(s) could also have the option of attending board meetings to provide updates and information.
2. The tentative date for the Avon meet is Aug 23 (Saturday). Jamie still needs to confirm that the 24<sup>th</sup> can be a rain date.

**Action: Jamie to connect with Mark Marshfield about Meet Director position.**

2025 Brogan Open Water – Chuck

1. 19 people have entered so far. We'll break even with 150 people.
2. The Metroparks is requiring the use of Argonaut for event safety. They will be training and organizing lifeguards. As a result we won't be providing a donation to Argonaut as we will be paying them.

Nominating – Jamie and Tom

1. This year the Board Treasurer, Secretary, and 3 trustees positions are up for election at the Annual Meeting. Efforts are ongoing to identify candidates.
2. Bob is willing to run again for Treasurer.

**Action: Kristen to send out info for nominations in the April newsletter.**

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Chris

1. No one submitted a nomination but board members have ideas for recipients.

**Action: Kristen will pull something together about a potential recipient and send it to the board.**

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Awards (Ironperson, Top 10 Patch, 2nd place ribbons) - Molly
  - a. At least two people have turned in their Ironperson achievement so far. Molly to do some research on the "award."
  - b. Swim meet awards. We will not be ordering additional awards (i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons). Other options are being explored as awards. Moving forward, we will only give out 1<sup>st</sup> place awards and consider other options for the future.
  - c. Top 10 patch –The club buys the patch for all members that make the top ten but not everyone collects them. Can we ask people first if they want it to see if we can cut down on costs associated with the patches?

2. Plaque recognizing nation record from Avon meet (we approved \$200, Michigan Masters will contribute \$200, Lake Erie will contribute \$200); Judi Norton is coordinating with the Aquatics Director and Avon. June 4 is the 10 year anniversary of the pool opening. There will be a small presentation with the Mayor. If anyone from the team wants to show up they can.

**Action: Molly to work with Judi to determine who wants a top ten patch.**

**Kristen to send out an invitation to the club about attending the June 4 Avon award ceremony.**

#### **New Business**

1. Kristen - Clam bake proposed for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. Ashley will coordinate relays for the Tri Meet. Kati Pederson has recently learned how to pull together relays and could coordinate for Nationals.
3. The next meeting after the annual meeting/elections will be July 20<sup>th</sup> from 3-5p at Kristen's house with a cookout afterwards.
4. The team earned \$66 from the Jolyn pop-up at the state meet.

**Action: Kristen to talk with Kati about coordinating relays for Nationals.**

**Bob to speak with Matt Demaline about annual meeting.**

**Molly to ask Bella (rep from Jolyn) if she wants to attend the Brogan and Avon Meet.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm.**