

O*H*I*O Masters Swim Club

Annual Meeting

Saturday June 14, 2025

Kiwanis Picnic Pavilion, Lakewood Park

Attendees: Tom Dinh, Justin Christensen, Ashley Carey, Ann Marshfield, Nazar Tanovski, Bob Babick, Chip Westrick, Mary Kay Pienta, Kristen Troyer, Tom Spence, Diane Spence, Paul Simmons, Jay DeFinis, Molly Tolford, Kristi Tabaj, Chuck Beatty, Kristen Bergmann, Jamie Ryan, Chris Lewis, Judi Norton, Michael Gibson, Kati Pederson, Marissa Stadler, Tom Esposito, Bob Boyce, Duane Grassell

President Kristen Bergmann called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.

The 2024 annual meeting minutes were approved by those in attendance.

Officer Reports

President – Kristen Bergmann

- Board meetings took place quarterly this past year. Kristen thanked board members for their active participation.
- The board focused on three long term goals: improve financial stability (much better shape than last year); modernize club processes (ex: Zelle account, expanding ways to pay); develop written procedures for board positions.

Treasurer – Bob Boyce (see budget report for all figures)

- We have reached financial stability. We have stabilized cash spending with no big cash outflows.
- From Table 1 – net income \$3400; costs totaled \$2600 for general club expenses.
- From Jul 1, 2024-Jun 10, 2025 there was a surplus of \$3900, but the Brogan will have expenditures and that surplus will decrease; overall for workout groups we have \$2000 surplus. Lakewood has gained, Orange workout group lost money.
- Measures taken to reduce losses at Orange included reducing workout length and increasing workout costs. It costs around \$100/Orange practice. Since this started in February, it will take time to show the impact of the adjustments made at Orange and we anticipate a reduction in the deficit.
- Since May 27th at Lakewood, we've had quite a few punch pass purchases. The average number of attendees at Lakewood since October shows a surplus for many workouts (loss on Tuesday). Average cost at Lakewood is \$6.30/practice. This surplus will cover future cost increases for the short term.

No questions from the group about the budget.

Comment: Ashley – every time a punch pass is purchased, Bob checks to see if the person is a member to help ensure people are current. Bob is not just handling the budget but also helping with some membership tasks.

Committee Reports

Membership – Tom Esposito

- 17 new members; 17 trial members (4 punch pass card); year to date 23 new USMS and 32 trial members.

Question from Ann – When members transfer in through their own account, are you notified?

Kristen – yes, we check names against the database. When someone registers, Kristen receives an email that says new USMS member, or sometimes there are emails for returning members.

Bob – From Jul 1 last year until now, we've had 172 purchases of punch passes and he considers this to be our active group. As of June 13, there were 316 OHIO Masters members.

2025 Brogan Open Water – Chuck Beatty

- The event is happening July 12th. 86 people have signed up.
- The Malachi Center receives support from donations. Kids get swim lessons.

Question: How can you donate? When you register you can donate or you can donate at the event.

How can you donate if you are not going to the event? Send an email to Chuck.

They will still take donations of suits, goggles, etc.

Meet Chair – Jamie Ryan

- We host 4 swim meets a year (Avon, Pentathlon, Hudson, Lakewood). There was good attendance last year. August 23 is the Avon meet is August 23 and entries are open.
- Mark Marshfield will be stepping down from running meets after the January meet at Lakewood HS. We are seeking individuals who would like to serve as director.

Question: Jay – What are you looking for, what are the responsibilities?

Jamie – Working with Mark about the details of the responsibilities. 30-40 hours per event, which is primarily bundled around the meet date. Seeking someone organized, good with technology.

Ann – on the USMS website under club resources there is a tile that says “running a meet” and that has general details about meet director role. Computer savviness a plus.

Nominating – Jamie & Tom

- Five positions are up for election: secretary, treasurer, and three trustee positions.

- No secretary nominations.
- Chuck, Ashley, Molly have been nominated for their trustee roles.
- Bob nominated for treasurer.
- Motion to approve the slate as presented. Approval of candidates. No secretary.

Awards – Molly

- Top ten patches are available.
- Four swimmers made All American – fastest swim in any event; Susan Paris, Bill, Ed, Yoshi.
- Thank you to our coaches – Judi, Bob, Kati, Jay, Chuck, Pete, Mark
- Iron person award – three people completed it this year: Ashley, Jamie, Melinda.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Chuck Beatty presented the award to Doug Brogan.

Generous, kind, great story teller. Doug has been a long-standing member of O*H*I*O Masters. He was integral in establishing a summer ritual of swimming in the lake from Columbia Beach. In 1989 after attending the Aquatic Convention in Portland Oregon, Doug and him and his wife were inspired to start an open water event in northeast Ohio. They served as the event directors in 1990 and 1991. In 1992, Maureen Koss served as director. With Doug Brogan assisting, they ran the event until 1999. Doug then served as the event director the next three years. The open water event was renamed the Brogan in 2017.

Doug served at all levels of USMS.

Long Distance Committee Member 2000 - 2004

Insurance Committee Member 1990 - 1993

Finance Committee Member 1990 - 1991

Fitness Education Committee Member 1990 - 1991

USMS Awards and Recognition Received:

2005 U.S. Masters Swimming Fitness Award

All-American Listings for Doug T Brogan 2 individual, 1 relay

USMS Top 10 Swims by Doug T Brogan 3 individual, 35 relay starting in 1987

Marianne Brogan had 9 long distance All-Americans. Usually accomplished drafting off of Doug.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17a.