

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Southeastern LMSC
6:00 p.m. (Central), November 20, 2022

The meeting was held remotely over Zoom and called to order by Conner Bailey, Chair. Minutes from the last annual meeting held on June 24, 2021 were distributed in advance and approved.

Reports of officers

Chair: Conner Bailey reported that the LMSC Board had met 4 times during his first year as Chair (December 2021, April 18, July 23, and October 25). Conner reviewed proposed changes to our LMSC Bylaws for informational purposes. The Board had been working on these throughout the year. Proposed changes were made available online. No vote was scheduled on these changes; a vote will take place in a specially called meeting at a future date. Among the proposed changes is a new Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. Conner also noted that USMS is developing a program to support teams interested in hosting events and to build teams, with funding split equally between the national office and individual LMSCs.

Vice Chair: James Johnson. No report.

Treasurer: Helen Naylor reported that we have a balance of \$61,761.28 in our accounts. LMSC expenses have been reduced in the last two years due to the pandemic, putting a halt to clinics and competitions. She described a draft budget for 2023 that will begin the process of drawing down this balance.

Membership Coordinator: Pia Vanheyste reported that the number of clubs registered with USMS has declined from 43 in 2019 to 35 in 2022. Membership numbers also declined from 1,161 to 1,042 during this period. The low point in membership came in 2021 with 978 registered in our LMSC. The pandemic clearly has affected membership numbers.

Secretary: Claire Letendre. No report.

Reports of Committee Chairs

Top Ten Recorder: Rick Schumacher reviewed the role and responsibilities of this position and reported that four sanctioned pool meets and one recognized pool meet were held in our LMSC during 2021, fewer than usual due to the pandemic.

Competition (Sanctions): John Fox. No report.

Officials: Frank Odell reported that Southeastern LMSC currently has six certified USMS officials, three at the Stroke & Turn level and three certified as Meet Referees. He also reported that he held an officials clinic at the Southeast Zone Championships held at Auburn in March 2022.

Communications: Barbara Calhoun serves as webmaster and newsletter editor. She reports that we met our goal of publishing four newsletters a year in 2022. Newsletters are distributed to all members and posted on our LMSC website.

Coaches: Roger von Jouanne reviewed the coaching clinics held by USMS. Several LMSC members traveled to North Carolina to obtain Level II coaching certification. Our LMSC reimburses coaches for the clinic fees. He also noted that there are opportunities to work at national competitions as on-deck coaches.

Open Water: Jack McAfee (report submitted to Claire on google docs but not available – can you send, pls?)

Fitness: Cheryl Corvo. No report.

Respectfully submitted

Conner Bailey, Chair
Southeastern LMSC