

OMS Annual Meeting 2017

Committee Name:	Oregon Masters Swimming	Session #:	n/a
Committee Chair:	Tim Waud	Vice Chair:	Robbert Van Andel
Minutes recorded by:	Michelle Jacobs-Brown	Date/time of meeting:	08 Apr. 2017, 6:00 pm PDT

Actions Items:

1. No action items were presented.

Motions Passed:

1. No motions were made.

Number of board members present: 16 **Absent: 8** **Number of guests present: 0**

Board members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

Tim Waud (Chair)
Robbert Van Andel (Vice-Chair)
Kermit Yensen (Treasurer)
Michelle Jacobs-Brown (Secretary)
Bob Bruce (Long Distance)
Carolyn DeMarco (Membership Promotion)
Christina Fox (Membership)
Colette Crabbe (Fitness)
Ellen Summers (Sunshine)
Gary Whitman (Data Manager)
Jacki Allender (Officials)
Jeanna Summers (Souvenirs)
Joy Ward (Safety)
Matt Miller (Webmaster, Coaches co-chair)
Sandi Rousseau (USMS Rep)
Susan Albright (Awards)

Committee Members Absent:

Alice Zabudsky (AquaMaster Editor)
Ginger Pierson (Payments Administrator)
Marlys Cappaert (Program Development)
MJ Caswell (Top Ten)
Nancy Vincent (OREG Club Rep)
(Oregon Ducks Rep)
Steve Darnell (Records)
Susie Young (Registrar)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Board Introductions and Position Responsibilities- each member provided a brief summary of their position responsibilities, and the amount of time they have served on the board.
 - a. Robbert van Andell- Vice Chair: Robbert provides sanctions and backs up the Chair as needed. He is beginning to send meet surveys via email; all participating swimmers should have a survey one week after a meet. If a team wishes to host a meet, Robbert is the person to contact.

- b. Jacki Allender-Officials: Jacki helps the meet host to find officials and answers questions for rules. She is a meet official at most OMS meets. She also works as an official for other USMS and USA-Swimming meets.
- c. Christina Fox- Membership: Christina keeps the database of swimmers and work-out groups updated and current.
- d. Bob Bruce- Open Water: Bob organizes and provides assistance to all the open water swim events. This is Bob's 17th year as Open Water chair.
- e. Matt Miller- Coaches Co-chair and Webmaster: As webmaster, Matt hosts the website and keeps it up and running, which requires regular communication with Gary, Tim, Steve, and Alice. Matt has been the Webmaster for the last 2 years. As coaches co-chair, Matt writes articles for the coach's section of the Aqua Master newsletter.
- f. Susan Albright-Awards: Susan orders and tracks awards. This is her first year serving on the Board.
- g. Sandi Rousseau-USMS Rep: Sandi makes sure OMS is meeting USMS requirements, and is involved with championships at the national level. OMS is currently updating our bylaws, which we must do every 2 years, and Sandi is providing assistance.
- h. Kermit Yensen-Treasurer: Kermit is responsible for maintaining bank accounts and the budget for OMS. Kermit has been the OMS Treasurer for 3 years. Kermit provided the following statement to give more detail on his position-
 - i. We are in the business of beginning to spend money to give back to our members that you may not have seen before. We take in money in several different ways. We take in membership dues and meet fees. We don't keep very much of this though. When a club puts on a meet, we reimburse the club so they make something on meets and continue to host. We are using money to promote and grow Masters swimming because it's worth promoting and growing. We are a non-profit and basically take in as much as we spend...we basically break even, but every few years, we host a larger meet such as nationals. This is financially important to us. This is what causes us to have a surplus of cash to promote and grow swimming plus scholarships. This year USMS raised fees, but OMS did not opt to increase our fees.
- i. Michelle Jacobs-Brown-Secretary: Michelle is responsible for taking meeting minutes and sending annual reports to the USMS office. Michelle has been serving as the OMS Secretary for 5 years.
- j. Colette Crabbe-Fitness: Colette is responsible for monitoring fitness trends and writing articles for the Aqua Master. She is here to help Masters swimmers have an informed and healthy fitness routine. This is Collette's first year in this position on the board.
- k. Carolyn DeMarco-Membership Promotion: Carolyn is responsible for reaching out to pools around the State to help promote Masters Swimming. Carolyn has been a member of the board for a little over a year.
- l. Ellen Summers-Sunshine: Ellen reaches out to members who have had injury or health issues. She sends cards and relays information so our swim community can contact each other in times of need or healing. Ellen has been in the Sunshine position for one year.
- m. Jeanna Summers-Souvenirs: Jeanna is responsible for making sure OMS has logoed items for our membership to purchase in order to show off their pride in OMS swimming. She also runs a recycled swim gear program for swimmers to bring unused or outgrown items to swap or donate to other swimmers. Jeanna has been in the Souvenirs position on the Board for 2 years.
- n. Joy Ward-Safety: Joy is our Safety warden. She makes sure all of the appropriate safety rules are followed and helps coordinate safety monitors for events.
- o. Gary Whitman-Data Manager: Gary keeps our meet entries and results organized and in the correct format and submits to USMS as required. Gary has been with the OMS Board for 18 years in this capacity.
- p. Tim Waud-OMS Chair and Coaches Co-chair: Tim is our Fearless leader! He has recently taken over the OMS Chair position and has been the Coaches Chair for 2 years. Tim is involved with making sure OMS stays responsive to Membership needs and is active in helping find new events and clinics to give back to OMS swimmers.

2. Upcoming Events-

- a. Coaching and swim clinics, as posted on the website.
- b. Upcoming clinic for coaches to learn how to host clinics.

3. Open Water Report- Bob

- a. The weekend of May 20-21 is the annual Lake Juniper Swim and open water swim training. The meet includes 12 laps around the Juniper pool followed by an all you can eat pancake brunch after. Additionally, Alex Meyer will be the special guest on Sunday for a training event. This is a unique opportunity to raise the game in open water swimming. Alex is a Harvard grad, an excellent athlete, and a great motivational speaker and teacher!
 - b. This year in Oregon, we have 2 National swims in our area and one in Seattle.
 - c. In 2018, we will have the triple header of events with 3 National Championships!
4. Open Discussion for all OMS members
- a. The upcoming February fitness challenge with 100 miles is kind of daunting for many people. Maybe we can reduce the miles to 50 for those who are a little intimidated?
 - i. Yes. That is a good point. We need to skew challenges to encompass the whole range of swimmers we have in the Membership.
 - ii. OMS is looking at putting more emphasis on fitness swimmers. We have a membership of up to 1100 people, but only 300 people participated at the National meet and only 190 are here this weekend. That means there are a lot of folks who could use some outreach.
 - b. Tim will be attending the upcoming Coaches Clinic and will be bringing clinics to multiple areas throughout the state.
 - c. Thanks to Bob Bruce, Jacki Allender, and Gary Whitman for results and paperwork (National records). Thanks to all the COMA volunteers for coming together to put on these events.
5. Motion to adjourn at **x:xx**.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Refer to Action Items list, above.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.
