

Hawaii Masters Swim Association

OCTOBER 2009 LMSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: Teleconference

TIME: 7:00pm HST **DATE:** Sunday, October 18, 2009

Attending (in order of appearance):

Malcolm Cooper, Toni Sinnott, Sandy Drake, Kevin Drake, Jerry Stowe, Steve Borowski,
Diane Stowell (at 7:30 p.m.)

Meeting called to order: 7:06 pm.

1) Announcements

- a) Introduce Kevin Drake (new LMSC secretary) and Sandy Drake (new Official's Chair) even though current bylaws don't have them. Request approval from board. Any problems with this from a legal point of view? If so, I'm asking Kevin & Sandy just to sit in until we get these positions & new bylaws.

- (a) No objections and no apparent problems.

2) Reports:

- a) General Chair – Reports (Malcolm)

- i) Secretary's report: Previous Minutes review (July 1, 2009).

- (1) No corrections or concerns.

- (2) Approved as submitted.

- ii) Safety – No current issues.

- iii) Newsletter

- (1) Discussion about publishing quarterly or bi-monthly.

- (2) Looking for a volunteer to be editor. None at this time

- (3) Publishing on web – all OK. no discussion.

- iv) Reaching out to get more masters

- (1) USMS Article (HawaiiSportsMag.com) - Waiting to hear from Oahu.

- (2) Craig's List - Posted on Maui website by Malcolm for Masters programs on Maui (and his age group club).

- v) Changing Hawaii Masters (HiMa) to a Regional Club.

- (1) Ability to swim for local club within the state, but at Nationals or other regional meets, swim for HiMa.

- (2) Steve Borowski asked for some clarification as to whether a "choice" by swimmer or club. Malcolm to ask USMS for clarification on registered clubs, workout groups, and Unattached. [After meeting follow up sent to all board members and meeting participants: HiMa as regional club would require local clubs being "workout groups", so NOT changing status from previous years.]

- b) Long Distance & Coaches Chair (Janet)

- i) Report on National Conference - Toni, Diane, Janet and Malcolm attended the conference.

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- (1) Janet – No report.
 - (2) Toni – No comment.
 - (3) Diane – Not on-teleconference during report.
 - (4) Malcolm – Bureaucratic, but worthwhile to attend. Four attended this year, but is usually one or two. All were reimbursed for expenses.
- c) Sanctions Chair (Malcolm)
- i) Recent and Upcoming Sanctions.
 - (1) Oct 4 – Maui Roughwater – Low turnout.
 - (2) Nov 11 – Senior Olympics on Oahu is recognized.
 - (3) Dec 6 - Double Roughwater on Oahu.
 - (a) Inquiring with USA Swimming for sanction or coverage for 12 year old (Hawaii Swimming currently not sanctioning – and hard to find officials from HI LSC).
 - (4) Need results from King Swim on Kona – per Steve Borowski, can be seen at <http://www.jlftiming.com/results/kingswim.html>.
 - (5) Malcolm to post on HMSA website.
 - ii) Sanctions – Chair working with Waikiki Swim Club trying to get USMS sanctions for North Shore series (and maybe Waikiki Roughwater+). Difficulty is getting officials for/from USA-S/Hawaiian Swimming busy with other meets and per current rules have problems w/pool and ANY other sanction on same island.
 - iii) Dual Sanctions are currently just OW and Maui Pentathlon.
 - iv) Rules and Suits – No discussion. Report from national conference by Malcolm: Oct 1st for SCY ... no suits. Men and women limited to non-flotation (fabric only) shoulders to knees w/no shoulder coverage.
 - v) 2010 Schedule
 - (1) Proposing the same schedule as 2009. Chair will work with HI VP to try to get King Swim recognized as well as w/meet director for Kauai OW swim.
 - (2) Masters swimmers competing in USAS meets –
 - (a) Asking reps to notify Malcolm so that Top Ten swims can be recognized.
 - (b) This also already applies for swimmers competing in Senior Olympics and State Champs meets.
 - (3) Clinic-Pool Meet-OW Swim Weekend
 - (a) Considering a weekend event consisting of a clinic, pool meet and open water swim.
 - (b) Discussion with Janet for possible March event in Maui. Update to follow.
 - (4) State Championships

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- (a) Discussion about holding in Oahu or Maui.
 - (b) Need a coordinator for Oahu, difficult to get pool time on Oahu. Even harder to get officials on Oahu.
 - (c) Easier to get pool time on Maui and it would get Oahu people to Maui.
 - (d) Proposed dates could be spring (SCY) or late fall (LCM).
- d) Treasurer Report (Jerry)
- i) Update on changing account signatures – No update; Janet and Malcolm need to discuss.
 - ii) Balances and expenses –
 - (1) Cash flow YTD is \$ -869.
 - (2) Checking account balance over \$12,000.
 - (3) CD from 2002 Nationals proceeds over \$8000 at a Maui credit union at 3.6%.
 - (4) Checking account balance is after reimbursement for National Conference expenses (about \$4000).
 - iii) Other – Single Event Registration – Discussion on who is to report to USMS (registrar or treasurer). Toni and Jerry to resolve and advise.
 - iv) National Registration Fees
 - (1) Annual national fees increased from \$25 to \$27. Proposed increasing HMSA from \$10 to \$13 so that total is \$40. All agreed.
 - (2) National one day registration increasing from \$10 to \$12. Proposed increasing HMSA from \$2 to \$3 so that total is \$15. All agreed.
- e) Membership/Registration Report (Toni)
- i) Report on current registration: Clubs & individual – On line registration is working well; less work for registrar.
 - ii) Club Registration for 2010 required by November 1 so that individuals can register online on November 1.
 - iii) New HMSA Individual Form and Online Registration will be available November 1. The form was revised and include a few questions. Some of those originated from USMS, some from HMSA (Malcolm) - (Tri-athlete? What else can HMSA be doing?)
 - iv) USMS will allow clubs to have own registrars, but it is an LMSC decision. Club registrar would collect fees and register swimmers online. Paperwork would still be sent to HMSA registrar. Some discussion about getting all swimmers registered or other registration concerns. Those issues currently exist and club registrars would not change that. All agreed to allow clubs to have own registrar (clubs need to apply and sign release).
- f) Top Ten and Records Chair (Jim M) – No report.
- i) Submitting results and “approved” pools.

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- ii) Malcolm to start submitting TM files to USMS for posting.
- g) Island VP's (Upcoming events, Recent Events/Results, Missing Teams, Swimmers all registered?)
 - i) Oahu (Diane) – Upcoming Nationals – 2010 SCY Atlanta, LCM Puerto Rico, 2011 SCY Mesa AZ, LCM Auburn AL (note long Drive from airport for Auburn).
 - ii) Hawaii (Steve) – No Report.
 - iii) Maui (Janet not in attendance) – Roughwater swim had very low turnout. Next is OW swim is Polar Bear on Jan 31, 2010 – Toni Sinnott Race Director for Maui Masters.
 - iv) Kauai (Mavis/Billy) – No report.
- h) Webmaster (Matt) – No Report
- i) Legal Counsel (Jim K) – No report.
- j) Oahu Meet Timer (Ernie) and bylaws draft author (thank you!) – No report.

3) Old Business

- a) None.

4) New Business

- a) Proposed Bylaws – Discussion Topics
 - i) Revisions include at least minimum USMS standards and according to legal counsel, no more than necessary.
 - ii) Jerry suggested the new min stds and bylaw proposals are correct in adding a financial review by another board member. Jerry to send documents to Kevin for periodic review (quarterly). Malcolm would also like a copy as gen. chair, but because of husband/wife relationship between registrar (Toni) and Malcolm (chair), the reviewer should be someone not related to the registrar.
 - iii) Board insurance needs to be included in bylaws. (see above ... added after meeting after discussion with USMS national.)
 - iv) Annual Meeting – Malcolm to pick some dates on Oahu in February and March. Future meetings could be at Polar Bear swim in January or at other events.
- b) Election of Officers
 - i) No nominations for positions.
 - ii) All present members agreed to continue with current position.
 - iii) Elections will be reconsidered at a later date.

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5) **Final Comments:** No discussion on scheduling the next LMSC Board Meeting ... not scheduled.

6) **Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn - 8:10 pm.

Pending Approval