

**Arkansas Masters Swim Club
Annual Meeting Minutes
Ft. Smith, Arkansas
July 22, 2006**

Present: Bud Jackson, Lori Terlouw, Lynn Palmer, Roger Henry, Carolyn Haefner,
David Gillanders, Mary Llew Anders, Howard Rutenberg

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (July 23, 2005) were reviewed and approved as written.

Officers Reports

Registrar

Roger Henry reported that membership to Arkansas Masters had increased from 75 in the previous year to 81 for this year. He commented that he had e-mailed former members who had not renewed their memberships and had good response to his e-mails.

Treasurer

Cathy Dawkins submitted her report (see attachment). It indicated that Arkansas Masters had revenues of \$1025 over expenses for FY 2006. The report also indicated that ARM had cash and CDs totaling \$7738. Because of our strong financial position, Cathy indicated that we were in position to make contributions to age group teams, purchase rule books and make other expenditures as deemed necessary by the Club. Those suggestions were discussed. There were no immediate needs, but such expenditures will be discussed and may be considered at a later date.

Cathy also recommended drawing down the checking account balance to \$1500 (from \$3403) and investing approximately \$1900 in a CD. A motion to do that was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Sanctions

Lynn Palmer reported that sanctions had been obtained this past year for the following events:

- NW Arkansas Aquatic/Gatorade Masters Swimming Invitational, June 9, 10 Bentonville
- Hall of Fame Short Course Swim Meet, April 29, Little Rock
- Peace at Home Open Water Swim Meet, August 26, Springdale
- Ft. Smith Masters Long Course Swim Meet, July 22
- Arkansas Senior Olympics, September 30, Hot Springs

Meet results were submitted to the ARM Records Chairmen, Carolyn Haefner and Lori Terlouw by the individual swim meet organizers.

It was agreed that we would make an attempt to obtain the names and e-mail addresses of participants in the Arkansas Senior Olympics and send them notices of Arkansas Masters swim meets.

Records/Webmaster

There was discussion regarding the ability of meet directors to check the results for state and citizen records and have the ability to indicate records on official meet results. David Gillanders stated that he was going make an effort to set up a computer program to check for records. He is going to check with the Oklahoma webmaster to see how they work their records and top ten times on their web page.

Old Business

Newsletter

A suggestion was made to circulate the newsletter electronically. It was mentioned that this would save money; however, others stated that they enjoyed receiving the newsletter via mail. It was agreed that the newsletter will continue to be distributed via mail.

New Business

Election of Officers

The only officer positions that were up for election at this time were the Treasurer and Secretary/Newsletter Editor positions. The incumbents (Cathy Dawkins [Treasurer] and

Howard Rutenberg [Secretary/Newsletter Editor]) indicated that they were willing to continue to serve in those capacities for another term. There being no other interested candidates for those positions, there was a unanimous vote to re-elect those individuals for another two year term.

Annual Convention-September 12-14, 2006-Dearborn, Michigan

Howard indicated that Arkansas Masters had not sent a representative to the annual convention for the past 2-3 years. He asked if there was any interest in attending this year's convention. Roger Henry indicated that he was interested, but had a schedule conflict. David Gillanders also indicated an interest in attending and was able to attend on the dates of the convention. A unanimous vote approved David Gillanders to attend the convention with a \$500 allocation of Arkansas Masters funds to partially cover his convention expenditures.

2007 (April) SW Zone Short Course Championship

Howard indicated that the rotation for bidding on the zone meets for 2007 had Arkansas Masters on the schedule for a short course championship. There was lengthy discussion regarding Arkansas Masters' ability to organize such an event. Several individuals, including Carolyn Haefner, indicated organizing a zone meet might be possible, using the swimming facility at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and volunteers from NW Arkansas. Aspects of the discussion included financial viability, considering that it was costly to rent the facility. Another consideration was concern that many Texas swimmers may choose not to attend a meet in Fayetteville because of the lengthy drive. Ultimately, it was decided that Arkansas Masters would not pursue bidding on the event.

2008 USMS National Short or Long Course Championship Meets

Arkansas Masters was asked to consider submitting a bid for a national short or long course championship meet. It was agreed that we were not in a position to successfully organize a national championship.

2006-2007 Calendar

There was discussion of the start time of the Hall of Fame Swim Meet in Little Rock. It was thought that there would be greater participation if the meet was held in the afternoon. The later start time would allow out-of-towners to drive in that morning and it would also eliminate the time lag between the conclusion of the meet and the start of the Hall of Fame banquet.

Other

Places to Swim

The *Places to Swim* listing for Arkansas on the USMS website was reviewed for updating. Several changes were suggested, including the removal of the Bentonville listing and the removal of the Ft. Smith Athletic Club listing. Howard will check on the Russellville listing and he will remove it from the listing, if appropriate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Rutenberg
Chairman, Secretary
Arkansas Masters Swim Club