

**Arkansas Masters Swim Club  
Annual Meeting, July 19, 2008  
Minutes**

Present:

Leanna McClendon, Lynn Palmer, Lori Terlouw, Mary Llew Anders, Rick Anders, John Beattie, Rick Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Carie O'Banion, Jeff Spencer, Deb Spencer, Marvin Schwartz, Bud Jackson, Cathy Dawkins, Bill Keller, Roger Henry, Kurt Schmitt, Margaret Schmitt, Howard Rutenberg

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. in Ft. Smith.

**Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of last year's annual meeting (June 9, 2007) were reviewed.

**Officers Reports**

The highlights of the officers' reports were as follows:

Registrar-Roger Henry

There were two recent new members bringing the total Club membership to 78.

The U.S.M.S. fee was increased by \$10 this past year. Arkansas Masters dues had been increased only \$5. Our dues will increase another \$5 next year to accommodate for the entire U.S.M.S. increase.

Online membership is now available through a U.S.M.S. affiliation with Club Assistant. Membership cards can be printed online.

Roger can replace any member's lost or damaged card.

Treasurer-Cathy Dawkins

The Arkansas Masters Swim Club is considered a small tax-exempt organization. Cathy reported that she filed the appropriate tax return for 2007 which is now required of such organizations.

Cathy determined that ARM's official fiscal year ends December 31. Previous financial statements were compiled on the basis of a June 30 fiscal year-end. Future financial statements will conform to the January 1-December 31 fiscal year. A current Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Year Ended June 30) is attached.

**A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to transfer \$1100 in August from ARM's checking account at the Bank of Ozarks to the certificate of deposit held at Arvest Bank.**

Total cash and CDs on hand as of June 30, 2008 total \$10,129.

Records-Lori Terlouw

It is imperative that CL 2 files are sent to national office after swimming events. Those files can be used for the documentation of records and Top Ten performances.

**A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to explore the acquisition of software that will make the reporting of times from performances at swimming events to the national office and for use by our records officer in the maintenance of state records more efficient and effective.**

Sanctions-Lynn Palmer

Sanctioned 2008 Arkansas swim meets as of July 19:

Ft. Smith-July 19-Director Abby Weinsinger-#238-001, LCM  
Little Rock-April 12-Director Mike Booth-#238-002, SCY  
Bentonville-June 13, 14-Director Lori Terlouw-#238-003, LCM  
Little Rock-June 7-Director Ron Bank-#238-004-1500m  
Beaver Lake-September 13-Director Anita Parisi-#238-005-open water

Meets that had been sanctioned in 2007, following last year's annual meeting:

Beaver Lake-August 18-Director Anita Parisi-#237-003-open water  
Senior Olympics-September 19-Director Gail Ezelle-#237-004-SCM  
Little Rock-December 31-Director Karen Musick-#237-005-one mile

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Election of Officers

The following terms are to expire in 2008:

Registrar-Roger Henry  
Treasurer-Cathy Dawkins  
Webmaster-David Gillanders  
Secretary/Newsletter-Howard Rutenberg

**All the above-mentioned office holders agreed to continue in their positions for another two year term. There were no other interested parties in those positions and, as such, all of the above-mentioned officers were unanimously approved to continue to hold their positions until 2010.**

The position of Records Chairman had been held by co-chairs Carolyn Haefner and Lori Terlouw for two terms. They requested to relinquish their duties in the middle of their current term of office. Marvin Schwartz expressed an interest in fulfilling the duties of Records Chairman. **There were no other interested persons for that position and Marvin Schwartz was unanimously approved as the new Records Chairman.**

#### Annual Convention

Howard reported that the U.S.M.S. annual convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, September 24-28. He stated that ARM had traditionally supported members financially who had attended past conventions as a delegate representing ARM. Last year's support was in the amount of \$500.

**A motion was made and eventually amended that ARM would financially support a member's participation at this year's annual convention from a minimum amount of \$500 up to 75% of reasonable expenses. This motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Special Recognition

It was noted that Arkansas Masters' oldest swimmer was in attendance. Bud Jackson (89-Ft. Smith), an ardent, long term supporter of Arkansas Masters and inductee into the Arkansas Swimming Hall of Fame attended the meeting and participated in the meet earlier in the day.

Footnote: Two other of our most senior Arkansas Masters swimmers, Bill Keller (86-Bella Vista) and Gordon Kidd (88-Ft. Smith), participated in the Creekmore LCM Swim Meet. Inspirational.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Rutenberg  
Chairman, Arkansas Masters Swim Club