

Alaska Masters Annual Meeting Minutes
19 Feb 2011.

Meeting called to order by Ron Larsen at 1350.

Opening remarks to thank everyone for their efforts. A meet like this takes a lot of work from volunteers, timers, officials, etc.

Treasurer report: Stan reported that we sent two delegates to the convention in Dallas. Offered that opportunity to the floor. We are one of the wealthiest clubs with a \$10K+ surplus.

Registrars report:

As of Thursday 2/17 AKMS has 276 members in 16 workout groups. 172 women and 104 men. That's a solid group of swimmers around the state! There are 3 areas I want to touch on in this report: list of workout groups, on-line registration cards, and membership numbers.

I will be contacting coaches to try to be sure our list of workout groups is accurate. Some groups have only one person registered when another group in town has a longer list. I want to be sure people have the chance to register for the group they intend to associate themselves with and we don't have duplicate names for the same group.

On-line registration is great (for AKMS and for me!) We've had 259 people register online which saves a lot of hand-typing! I want to make sure everyone is aware you can print your registration card from a specialized online link at the time you register or at any time. We still spend a lot of money in envelopes and stamps for on-line registrants that request a printed card to be mailed as well.

In 2010 we had 322 total registrants. This means that our membership is currently down. Sort of. On the positive side, we've had a lot of new registrants in 2011. On the negative side, we may have lost a number of people who did not re-register. At this time last year, 254 people had registered. So maybe our numbers are up with 276 at this point? Anyway, if you know a procrastinator, put on the peer pressure! Get them back in the pool!

Top 10 and records: Paula provided a fairly detailed briefing.

Scholarship Report: AKMS Scholarship winner: Micaela Hyams. She was unable to attend but I read her accomplishments to the membership and passed along our congratulations on a job well done.

Convention highlights: Stan Steck mentioned some items covered at the convention. Rules. there are a lot of rules that border on stupidity as opposed to the intent of the rule. Example: Only one suit may be worn while competing. This is silly because some of the two piece tri-suits are considered two suits. All though it may not affect us in Alaska too much, it goes to show the items of interest at the convention. There was also a mention of fitness logs on line that can be used on an individual basis.

Old Business: Ron mentioned the probability of changing order of events on a yearly basis per our pre-meet phone conference. Most if not all thought it was a good idea. I also mentioned that from the perspective of those that set up the meet the on-line USMS registration, single meet entry deadline, and simplified entry form are big time savers and helped things run smoothly. Hopefully it will continue.

New Business: Bobby, coach from Sitka asked that the meet date take into consideration their schedule. I explained that I picked the date knowingly interfering with the Juneau meet because the likelihood of folks from that area attending was minimal. I apologized and said I would pass that suggestion along. I thanked him for bringing his team and appreciated their support.

Mimi Cook would like to have representatives from more than one team present when the meet is seeded.

One of the gals in attendance, I do not know who it was, was amazed that we had a budget surplus and would like us to spend it. I explained as did Paula, that fees are increasing and there is nothing wrong with having a surplus in the budget. Jamie Evans suggested that maybe we could bring in National level coaches or seminars or clinics. I said I would pass that along. I added that we were not opposed to responsible spending on worth while ventures that would benefit us as a whole but I am against spending just because we have it.

Elections: Joanne Wainwright for Chairman. Forest made a motion, Elinore seconded (?) the motion, carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair/Secretary: After a little persuasion from me for folks to step up and give back to Masters Swimming, there was a nomination from the floor for Jamie Evans to be the Vice Chair/secretary. Sandy with a motion, Alma Hill 2nd, motion carried.

Sanctions chair: Elizabeth Thompson, TOWS

Registrar: Kristi Neptun was announced as the new registrar; she was elected prior to the meet when Steve Taylor had to step down.

I asked if there were any other items, there were none.

Meeting adjourned at 1425.