

Maine Masters Swim Club (MESC) Annual Meeting
Kennebec Valley YMCA
November 16, 2007

Meeting called to order at 5:12 PM by President Frank Guistra

1) Minutes of the 6/3/07 meeting (e-mailed to Board of Directors on 7/2/07). 6/3/07 meeting started at 6:08, not 5:08 as stated in minutes (corrected). Times achieved at a recognized meet will not count for a world record unless submitted by swimmer who achieved that time. There was no discussion of the MESC web page as Ben Morse was not in attendance. Minutes accepted as corrected.

2) Annual Treasurer/Membership Director Report/Budget – Son reported 239 members for year 2007 which is 20 more than in 2006. Items were purchased in 2007 (blue lobster caps) – see detailed budget. 2008 has \$1000 to purchase more equipment to sell so more caps will be ordered. Goal of 2008 is to enlist 250 members. Fifteen new members signed up at the Bowdoin meet in early November. 2008 registration form will be mailed out by the end of November. Soon we may be able to register on-line. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Dieter, vote to approve.

3) Doug Roth gave a 2007 history of the positive happenings in MESC. 1. We have a healthy club, good website, newsletter and Top Ten listings. We have more members than in the past ten years and should pass the all time total sometime in 2008. MESC won the small travel team title at the New England Short Course Championship. 2008 goal is to move up in the rankings. MESC won the same award at the LCM Championship meet at Middlebury and we hope to win the award at the SCM meet at BU in December. Guidelines for the Director of Meets was re-written by Frank Guistra. New logo (blue lobster) was created and is very popular. New, more balanced and organized, meet schedule is in place. At the new Maine State Championship meet at the KV YMCA in March we hope to have over 100 swimmers. Four 90+ Maine Masters swimmers broke a world record at a meet in Portsmouth, NH in November. Congratulations to the club leadership and members on a good year.

4) Confirmation of Interim appointments

A) Resignations – Nancy as VP, Brad as Director of Meets, Ben as Web Master. vs. Replacement – Zach moved to VP, Son is now Treasurer and Membership Director, Mike Schmidt is the MESC delegate to NE Swim Committee, and Frank is acting Director of Meets. These officers are in place until November of 2008 when a new election will take place.

B) Nominating Committee for 2008-2010 Slate of Officers: a) Douglas Roth(joig06@tds.net) b)Kevin Crowley(CROWLK@mmc.org) c) Son Nguyen(snguyen925@yahoo.com) d)Scott Redmon(sredmon@hughes.net)

5) Approval of revised By-Laws as they appeared in the Sept. Newsletter:

A) Article 4: Clarification of who are Board Members and who are members of the Executive Committee.

B) Article 5: Clarification of job descriptions for President and Vice-President

A motion was made to clarify the by-laws (Article #4) explaining the difference between board members and executive committee members. The slate of officers is the board of directors, while others are appointed to make up the executive committee. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor. Wording was changed in the duties of the President and Vice President in Article #4 – all voted in favor. Vice President coordinates local pool representatives.

*C) Article 2: States that MESC will sponsor only meets sanctioned by USMS. Much discussion took place over this issue. Concerns included: are recognized meets not inviting to MESC membership; are recognized meets more welcoming to new swimmers: is competitive swimming open to all if people must join MESC in order to swim in a meet. The proposal addresses the issue of the meet director having to do the work of setting up the meet, vs. the Director of Meets doing the paperwork for recognized or sanctioned meets. Discussion took place on including recognized meets and other swimming events being listed in the MESC newsletter. Motion to accept the new wording of Article 2 was presented by MESC president, seconded by Doug Roth. Vote was 4 in favor, 4 against. President Guistra cast the deciding vote to change the wording as stated above. MESC will therefore now only sponsor “sanctioned meets”.

5) Special presentations by Dieter Weber and Colleen LePage

6) Next Meeting: After the 2008 Pen-Bay Y meet.

Robert Johnston, MESC Secretary