

Chair Doug Garcia called the annual meeting to order on March 29, 2008 at 6:35 p.m. Introductions were made by all attendees.

Paige Buehler, Registrar, stated that Inland Northwest Masters had 12 workout groups (teams) located in the following towns: Sandpoint, Coeur d'Alene, Moscow, Spokane (3 teams), Pullman, Moses Lake, Yakima, Tri-Cities, Ellensburg, Wenatchee.

Topics covered by Chair Garcia:

- made a request to the membership to fill the following board positions: vice-chair, webmaster.
- with WSU's withdrawal as future meet host for Champs, Moscow agreed to host the Inland Northwest Championships in 2009.
- highlighted upcoming 2008 summer events, including the Omi swim in July in Coeur d' Alene, Long Bridge swim in August in Sandpoint and USMS Long Course Nationals in August in Gresham, OR.
- 2008 USMS convention is in Atlanta, GA. Garcia encouraged anyone interested in attending to contact him.

Paige Buehler explained the USMS Organization and our local structure.

United States Masters Swimming (USMS) -National governing body
Inland Northwest (IW) Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC)
Hydropower Masters Swim Club (HMS)
12 teams (workout groups) for 2007-2008
Future Clubs
Unattached

Online Registration is now available through www.usms.org/reg. Knowledge of the above LMSC structure and each swimmer's affiliation becomes important when registering on line. The majority of swimmers in our region need to remember the following:

IW = Inland NW LMSC

HMS = our club Hydropower Masters

Workout group is the individual swimmer's team, i.e. WSU, MCM, WVM, etc.

Total amount due should be \$35 (\$25 USMS, \$9 IW, \$1 HMS)

Awards were presented for 2007-2008.

"Waterlog" for swimming at all 2007-2008 IWMSC meets

Jack Bevier, Carolyn MaGee

"High Point Female"

Carolyn MaGee

"High Point Male"

Award deferred until conclusion of Champs on 3/30 due to the small margin in points between Jack Bevier and Wayne Brown.

“Most Inspirational” for her determination after surgery for a tumor on her optical nerve
Candace Chenoweth

“Most Dedicated” for her commitment to the LMSC and enthusiasm as the new registrar during USMS’ transition to on-line registration.

Paige Buehler

The 2007-2008 annual meeting was adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Margaret Hair
Secretary, Pro Tem