

United States Masters Swimming Adirondack – Local Masters Swim Committee

Annual Meeting MINUTES

Sunday, December 21, 2025, 6:15-7:30 pm (via Zoom)

Attendees: Kathy Meany, Tim Sinnenberg, Tammy Gummersheimer, Alicia Faucett, Dale Seaton, Steve Atkins, Dennie Wilson, Michael Thorpe, Rob Kilpert, Doug Koop, Eileen Hughes, Kristina Matthews, Bridget Gutting

1. Welcome and Introductions. Kathy Meany, AD-LMSC Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. She introduced the officers, committee chairs, and event directors. Officers/members taking on additional roles include: Steve Atkins – vice chairperson, meet director, sanctions chairperson - taking on role of coordinator of sanctioned events; Dale Seaton – treasurer – taking on role of co-meet director of Hartwick Leatherstocking meet; Rob Kilpert – taking on role of co-meeting director of Kingston meet; Alicia Faucett – taking on role of coaches’ chairperson; and JoAnn Faucett –serving as our officials’ chairperson since February 2025.

2. As per our bylaws, current officers nominated and approved appointments for the following: 1) Alicia Faucett – coaches’ chairperson, and 2) JoAnn Faucett – officials’ chairperson.

3. 2024 annual meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded and the LMSC voted to approve the minutes of the December 2024 ADMS LMSC meeting.

4. Reports from Board officer and committee chairs for 2025 activities and comments on expected 2026 activity:

Steve Atkins – Vice Chairperson and Sanctions Chairperson. In CY2025, we had 4 pool meets: Skidmore (70), Union (67), Hartwick (58), and Kingston (cancelled). In addition, we had one open water race at Loon Lake with 62 USMS plus ~15 USA Swimming age group swimmers (dual sanctioned event).

The group had a discussion about the level of interest for competition in the Kingston/lower Hudson Valley area. While the meet has previously pulled swimmers from Metro and NJ, this fall (Oct 2025) we had too few swimmers to run the meet (~23). The LMSC will have further discussion about ways to increase participation including earlier posting, changing of venue, or other means. The Hartwick meet pulls swimmers from Niagara LMSC, Binghamton and Utica areas. The Skidmore, Union and Loon Lake events pull in swimmers from VT.

Tim Sinnenberg- Membership. As of the close of the 2025 membership year, AD LMSC had 265 members which is +70 year-on-year over 2024. Renewals as of today for 2026 are 137 and should increase as the spring meets come onto the calendar. Hosting events generate membership.

Tim Sinnenberg – Records and Top Ten Ranking recognition – Attachment #2. AD-LMSC had five individuals and six relays in the USMS 2025 Top Ten Rankings. Congratulations to Abby Brownn (3), Henry Puretz (1), Amon Emeka (2), Jack Altdoerffer (2) and Jim Becker (1) for their ranking recognitions!! We had 39 individual age group AD-LMSC records and 14 relay records last year. [Note: for relay submissions, Hytek reports of the splits need to be generated with the meet results.]

JoAnn Faucett – Officials. Please reach out to JoAnn prior to selecting a date for events so she can check various competition schedules to avoid conflicts and to allow her to find officials to staff the meets.

Tammy Gummersheimer – Group Fitness. We had 3 group clinics plus a long course group workout (32 people). Tammy is working to secure two dates for group workouts in Colonie's outdoor long course pool in 2026.

Marianne Hassan – Social. We had ~20 people at three separate socials after the Skidmore and Union meets and the long course workout. Groups of AD-LMSC gathered at several different restaurants after Hartwick and a small group after the December Union clinic. Similar socials will be scheduled in 2026.

Dennie Wilson – Open Water. Three events were offered by the Glens Falls Masters: an OW clinic, New Year's 100x100; and the Loon Lake race. In addition, Brian Yates offered an OW clinic in Duanesburg. The 2026 Loon Lake race is scheduled for August 8, 2026. The group commended Dennie, Bob and the rest of the Glen Falls Masters group for its work in hosting a great event.

Dale Seaton- Treasurer. The annual AD-LMSC financial report Attachment #3 was provided. The projected year balance is \$21,645.53. In CY25, we spent more funds than the previous year due to expenses related to coaching clinic credentials and USMS Volunteer Relay travel. The Executive Committee will discuss FY26 budget planning.

One correction is needed: check issues on 7/9/25 for \$1608.00 is to Union College c/o Molly not to Marianne Hassan. Dale will make the adjustment to the notes.

Kathy Meany – Chairperson

Kathy attended the USMS Volunteer Relay in Kansas City in October 2025. Next fall, ADMS may have 1, 2 or 3 participants attending the meeting.

- The USMS has 13 FTE and operates with scores of volunteers. Their budget is currently constrained by a decrease in membership (down 3,000 to 57K) and pending litigation in two states (TX and FL).
- CJ Dickson (Worcester Area Masters) presentation on safety was excellent—reminding everyone about hosting requirements w/r/t emergency protocols, requirements, first aid and AED accessibility. Every event (competition, group workout, or clinic) should require participant emergency contact information at the time of registration. Note: this is a function that can be turned on within Club Assistant.
- For Masters interested in serving on national committees, please continue to respond to the call for volunteers even if you have not been called the year before.
- USMS continues to encourage coaching certifications. While Level 1 is online, the cost for travel and registration are a rate limiting barrier. The next one in our area will be in Spring 2027 in the Boston area. Tim suggested that we offer to host a training session in our area.
- There will be a new sanctioning process for meets. Webinars will be held in 2026 about the new process.

- USMS introduced updated standards in 2025. Dale, Steve, and Kathy submitted a response to USMS related to our self-assessment. The Executive Committee will work on a few areas identified by the committee for further consideration and development.

AD-LMSC Foci for 2026:

- a) Continue to distribute leadership tasks and responsibilities and “mentor” more members for leadership roles and future succession;
- b) Complete the bi-annual USMS Standards for LMSC review process, make updates as needed, submit report to USMS;
- c) Complete bi-annual audit and review of treasury and make adjustments as needed;
- d) Establish a committee to research and report on options for email communication with members as an alternative to current use of USMS platform which has significant limitations.
- e) Establish a committee to research and report on options for a new website platform. Marianne, Dan, and Tim have agreed to investigate;
- f) Maintain, support, and/or develop 4 pool meets, 1 open water race, 3 or more clinics, 3 or more group workouts, and 3+ post event socials for all attendees.

6. Other business

Budgeting for 2026. Dale asked about cost accounting of the hospitality at the events as to whether this expense should be charged against the meet revenue or the club’s budget. This topic as well as establishing an annual budget will be discussed at an AD-MSC executive committee meeting.

Tim provided an update on the Capital Region Aquatic Center in Schenectady, NY. The ground breaking is expected to be in the spring 2026. The facility will have a 50m pool; a diving well (25yd x 8 lane) with springboard and platform diving; and a training pool for instruction. It will be owned and operated by Schenectady Community College, however, the non-profit Adirondack Aquatics will provide day-to-day management of the facility. AD-LMSC has invited Adirondack Aquatics leaders to meet with the executive committee to give a summary of the project and its timeline and to inquire how we can assist in its development.

Doug Koop complimented Kathy and the executive team for the effective running and organization of ADMS over the past year.