Allegheny Mountain Swimming Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2026

In Attendance Todd Sterlitz GC, Scott W FVC, Donna Bereyl T and OC, Christie Newcamp Sec'y, Luke M ACG, Brittany G SC, Valerie Clark AVC, Michelle, Nate A (athlete), Nik Loutsenhizer DEI, Kathleen Strock CC, Keith W, Wyatt (athlete), and Alex Hardwick. Sivaramakrishnan C guest.

- Call to Order 7:32pm
- Approved Agenda on M Scott S Donna, unanimous approval
- Review of Meeting Minutes and Approval of November Minutes. After discussion the November minutes approved with one amendment. A typo was fixed in the header as follows "November Agenda" was stricken, and the correct header "November Minutes" was inserted. Minutes approved, as amended, on M Donna B and S Brittany. Unanimous vote.
- Financial Report given by Scott W including the submitted reports on drive highlighting the financials submitted and committee meeting
    - November Financials approved on M Scott W S by Todd S unanimous approval
    - December Financials and YE25 Financials approved as submitted, subject to nonmaterial amendments required due to accounting rules (calendar year vs fiscal year) and asset transfer between AMS accounts. Approved on M Scott W, S by Donna Bereyl. Unanamous approval as submitted, provided no material changes occur.
    - Finance Committee Briefing.

- Consent Agenda
    - Finance Committee Report pulled
    - AG Report regarding Service Award pulled
    - Approved on M Brittany, S Christie N.
    - Finance Committee report remanded two items to governance
        - Auditor selection and review
        - Audit Committee formalization

  on M Scott W and S Donna B, unanimous approval

- AMS Working Calendar Tom G reviewed the Calendar

- February 2 Self Nomination Forms are slated to be disseminated for Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Treasurer, Tech Planning Chair
- Presidents Round Table and House of Delegates Meeting location in the planning stages
- March 23 the Eastern Zone Long Course Application opens
- April 6 Self Nominations for the BoD close
- April 13 Nominations to the BoD will be posted
    - Dates for the election of chairs to the following interest groups must be submitted
        - Coaches
        - Officials
        - Athletes
- April 22 Board of Directors Meeting
- May 22, House of Delegated Meeting
- July 29 Long Course Zones, NOVA facility
- September 23-26 Workshops on Denver

Old Business

- Coaches Committee chair appointed, Kathy Strock

New Business

- Finance Motion regarding Funding. Scott W discussed a motion to amend the process for funding travel for Coaches, Athletes and Officials. While the criteria for funding will remain the purview of the respective committees (coaches, athletes or officials committee as appropriate for the class of constituents) and the LSC. The submission for funding will be standardized and simplified by the creation of a JotForm method. This JotForm method will require proof of attendance, acknowledging that the LSC support being requested is not reimbursement, but rather funding support. Coaches, Officials and athletes regularly have a greater financial investment than the allotted funding levels set forth by the LSC. Appropriate criteria for eligibility is remanded to the coaches committee, officials committee and athletes committee for determination of class attributes. Approved on M Brittany G and S Donna B, and unanimous approval of the BoD.
- Service Awards discussed by Luke M. Discussion was held regarding service awards. Lifetime Membership to USA swimming has historically the benefit accrued. Consider presenting an option to award in the honor of recipient to a charitable entity of the LSC.
- AVC Policy and Bylaw review. AMS is required to reflect in its organizational documents all elements required by USA Swimming. Valerie discussed new updates to the AMS By-laws required by USA Swimming. The documents will be housed on the shared drive for review and comment by the Board. Governance Committee should be reviewing and amending documents with the involvement of Valerie, the AVC.
- Valerie continued her presentation with discussion of the Operating Manual.

    - Suggested edits will be submitted in February and after review and comments period will be finalized in March.
- Allegheny County Pool issue and response
    - A letter was received by all teams with a prior relationship with the Allegheny County Pools alerting them that no practice time will be given due to a shift toward community programming. Due to the fact that the impacted athletes are community constituents, A unified response by AMS, involving USA Swimming is required. It is estimated that 1,300 community athletes are impacted.
- Proof of Times and Scratch Rule language discussion. Donna B updated the BoD that the Officials Committee was in the process of reviewing and clarifying language for the LSC operating documents and Meet Announcement language concerning Proof of times, as well as scratch rules as set forth in the USA Swimming Rules and regulations.
- Donna Beyerl also updated the BoD on the review of criteria for the LSC regarding the benefits from, and requirements for, meets requiring a Meet Referee as opposed to a responsible single or coordinated duo/trio of session referees working in concert for consistency of experience.
- Service Award Process

Athlete's Committee Report none submitted

Adjournment meeting adjourned 9:18pm on M Donna and S Brittany G.