

Minutes for the Wisconsin Master Swim Committee

20 July 2020 USMS COVID-19 Relief Grant Money Conference Call

Board Members Present: Mary Schneider, Mike Murray, Jennifer May, Jeanne Seidler, Elyce Dilworth
Regrets: None

Mary called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss if WMSC should participate in the USMS COVID-19 Relief Program.

Mary initially reviewed how the program works. USMS has approved \$250,000 in matching grant funds that LMSCs may use to **support local workout groups in restarting or continuing masters swimming**. The LMSC establishes a relief fund and determines the criteria for administering the grant. USMS then will match \$6/swimmer for general workout groups or \$10/swimmer for teams who have gold club status. It was noted that unattached swimmers are not eligible, nor are regional clubs.

Elyce noted that WMSC has approximately \$38K and there are no significant upcoming expenses. Since the fall conference will be virtual, the expenses for 2020 are lower than expected.

Jeanne moved, and Mike seconded the motion, to go forward with exploring the workout group need and discussing the amount of money WMSC will set aside for the groups who have accepted grant applications. The motion was approved.

Mike agreed to send out contacts for the local workout groups and have Mike, Mary, Jeanne, and Jen contact them to determine which groups are interested in moving forward with the grant application. These contacts with the local groups will be made by July 31. A decision will be made by Aug 15 regarding the application process and how funds will be disbursed from WMSC.

A discussion took place regarding Gold Club status. Mary reviewed the criteria and it was determined that EBM may qualify. Mary will investigate this further and will send out the link to the requirements to the executive board.

It is noted that the workout groups will only be able to spend the grant money for Masters Swimming and submission of receipts will be required.

Mary adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Jennifer May
Secretary, WMSC