

**Greater Indiana Masters
LMSC Conference Call
Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

Attendance: Steve Jones, Kris Houchens, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Nan Stager, and Mel Goldstein

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Mel Goldstein at 8:05pm with opening comments and the announcement Greater Indiana Masters membership exceeded 900 registered swimmers for the first time. Indiana continues to be one of the most active and largest LMSC in USMS.

Meagen Himes, GRIN Registrar was unable to attend and her report was provided by Chairman Mel. On line registration is now available at the USMS website www.usms.org. Meagen will be sending out reminders to all swimmers to prompt them to renew. It is important to know that all clubs must register before your club swimmers can register.

Kris Houchens and Cheryl Gettelfinger reported on the Fall Classic. There were 101 swimmers participating in this year's event. Kris acknowledged the success of this year's event was attributed to Cheryl's hard work and organization.

Nan Stager, GRIN Sanctions Chairman, discussed the sanction procedure and advised all that were interested to apply for their sanctions. The following tentative schedule was indicated:

January 25 – New Years Resolution Meet – Cardinal Swimming Indiana – Muncie
February 14 – IU Masters Meet – Bloomington
March 25-26 – GRIN State Meet – Fishers High School – Fishers
April 16-19 – YMCA Masters Nationals – Ft Lauderdale
May 7-10 – USMS SC Nationals – Clovis, California
July 5 – Firecracker Invitational – IU Natatorium – Indianapolis
August 6-10 – USMS LC Nationals – IU Natatorium – Indianapolis

Cheryl and Kris indicated that Kendallville, Michana, and Lafayette were interested in hosting a meet. Cheryl and Kris will advise them of the open dates. Mel stressed the importance of supporting Indiana meets.

The GRIN State Meet will again be held at the Fisher High School Aquatic Complex on March 25-26, 2009, with basically the same format. Mel suggested we look at the events offered and try and set the format so each day is a little shorter. Mel will talk to Randy to see if he can again apply for the Hamilton County Convention and Visitor's Association Grant for this meet. More details will be forthcoming in our next meeting....

GRIN elections, Mel indicated that 2009 is a GRIN election year, and that do to the time and effort needed to host the 2009 USMS LC National Championships in August and other commitments that both he and Kris will not seek a 2nd term. Mel suggested a notice be placed in the next letter seeking nominations.

Cheryl announced the winner of the “Strong Award”, Linda Marvin, and the “GRIN Emeritus Award” will be presented to Louise Crandall at the GRIN State Championships in the spring. The next newsletter should also include nominations for the “Irv Merrit Award”.

Other topics of discussion...Will there be a 2009 Open Water Event at Morse Reservoir, and there was some question as to the links from our GRIN website to other URL's. Mel was going to contact Dave Oplinger, to see if there is a problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm