

**SD LMSC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2026 on Zoom**

1. Welcome
  - a. Attendance: Lisa R, Jenny K, Janell G, Katherine O, Kevin K, David L, Ross, Mandi D, Sherry B, Leigh, Kathy G
2. Review minutes from October meeting (see below)
  - a. Motion to approve minutes: Sherry
  - b. Second: Kevin
  - c. All in favor
3. Treasurer's Report (Sherry)
  - a. Account balance \$6119.74
  - b. Tax document \$11.61 of interest- shouldn't have to pay in income tax
4. Updates on Future and Past Meets:
  - a. Christmas Classic in Rapid City, Dec 12-14 (dual-sanctioned)
    - i. Did not get it sanctioned in time this year.
    - ii. Will be working on getting it for this coming year
    - iii. Rushmore Classic- meters for dual sanction in June.
  - b. State Meet April 11, 2026
    - i. Vermillion (David Lind)
    - ii. The pool is reserved, no upfront cost to the LMSC, will do a rev share with USD with any of the revenue that the meet would make. Working on getting someone to run the computer. Working on getting Pizza Ranch reserved for the meeting after the meet. USD will do the set up and tear down and Masters only needs to provide the timers. A little bit later start time for those coming from Rapid City 10 AM warm up 11 AM meet starts and would hopefully be done by 2 PM. There is a link on the website for registration with all the information. Registration opens on 1/26/2026. Going to talk to Edie to be the official referee or a person in Yankton (Cory). Asking USD swimmers to help with timing. Edie will be our meet Referee- confirmed during our meeting
    - iii. There is a one-day event option, if you don't want a year long membership.
5. Events to increase swimming fun and participation
  - a. Report on Technique Clinics in November in Sioux Falls (Jenny K)
    - i. 3 clinics on Sunday evenings
    - ii. 19 different people signed up for the clinics
    - iii. Coaches were interested in doing more of these and thinking of doing another round in May.
    - iv. Hopefully got more tri-athletes and college students interested in the Masters Program.
    - v. Sanford did a great job in hosting

- vi. One-on-one attention and positive corrective stroke comments from the coaches
- vii. West River- pool time is at a premium right now for holding an event like this. Maybe when the new 50 meter pool opens it would maybe open up some additional pool time.
- b. Possible May swim clinics in SF
- 6. January to-do's from USMS (see items 7-9 below)

#### *January 2026*

- 7. *Renew your club or workout group for 2026 if you haven't already!*
  - a. [Club Dashboard](#)
  - b. USMS- South Dakota LMSC for listing of current members  
<https://www.usms.org/lmsc/lmscinfoform.php?LMSCID=54>
- 8. *Renew your membership for 2026 if you haven't already!*
  - a. 2026 [standard](#) membership \$75
  - b. 2026 [USMS+](#) membership \$249
- 9. *Tuesday 1/20 Short Course Meters Submission Deadline – send to [topten@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:topten@usmastersswimming.org)-*
  - a. *Has been submitted for meets that have been completed in South Dakota*

#### 10. Summer 2026

- a. Pure Pactola - possibly recognized by USMS?
  - i. Mandi has not heard more from the organizer on the event
  - ii. Looking at having it be a National event in the future- 'It's a Dam Good Swim'
- b. Grown Up Swimming
  - i. Coach Matt is excited about doing it again this summer, but no new information at this time.
- c. Update on Senior Games meet (Janell)
  - i. The meet may have been moved. Janell will need to verify/confirm to where it was moved to, possibly was moved to Vermillion.

#### 11. Open discussion

- a. *Next meeting: April 11th after the SD State Meet, in-person in Vermillion*
  - i. This will be an in person meeting
  - ii. Talk about officers and roles of the board positions
    - 1. Talk with current members and if they want to continue
    - 2. Are there others interested in being part of the board
    - 3. Might want to review the bylaws to see what the length of the terms are for the positions.

- b. Promoting the State Meet on Social Media- Send an email out to members for the meet with Registration opening tomorrow (Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>).
- c. We currently do not have an Instagram page for the group.
- d. Facebook/Instagram Advertising and they will promote it to those interested in swimming or have connections with.
  - i. Motion to explore advertising for the State Meet by Katherine
  - ii. Jenny K seconded the motion.
  - iii. All in favor
- e. Make Flyers to post around at different pools.
- f. Summer Long Course Meet possibility at USD.
- g. No plans for another meet like the meet that was held last year in May. State Meet in April and Nationals in May/June. Open to the idea if someone wants to take the lead on looking into options.
- h. Getting more aggressive on getting other states to come to some of the dual sanction events.
- i. Workout groups be updated on the website.
  - i. Watertown workout group does not exist
  - ii. Brookings has a workout group- may not be a masters only group
  - iii. Katherine will follow-up to get the workout groups to verify and update the website.

**SD LMSC Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 19, 2025**

1. Welcome
  1. Attendance: Jenny K, Janell, Kevin, Mandi, Leigh, Sherry B, Kathy G, Katherine O, David
2. Review [Minutes](#) from July meeting
  1. Motion to approve: Janell
  2. Second to approve: Kathy
  3. All approved
3. Treasurer's Report (Sherry)
  1. Approval of RELAY expenses
    1. Approved for two people to attend Relay- Leigh and Janell will be attending
    2. Reimburse flights
    3. Janell may have a hotel for Thursday, Friday, Saturday based on the flights available-
      - 1.
    4. Send an email with updates and ideas of things learned
  2. \$6,300 balance should be about \$6,600 as there is a check to deposit
4. Update from USMS Annual Meeting (Katherine)
  1. Election of new officers
  2. New board members
  3. National office has realized that technology can be helpful but takes away from the volunteers.
  4. Every other year meeting is Virtual, then the other year is a hybrid between virtual and hybrid- a lot of debate on the meeting as some would like to meet in person each year, which is why the RELAY was created.
  5. Katherine did receive an award at the Annual Meeting this year
  6. No changes to the backstroke turn- masters shouldn't have any rules that aren't compatible with other organizations- wanting to make sure our differences are for body and age of participant
5. Update re: SD and compliance with USMS requirements (Jenny)
  1. Results from surveys- SD had a number of violations/non-compliant
  2. Jenny K and Katherine had a meeting and got all items resolved
    1. Jenny has created a list of items that will need to be completed annually to prevent this in the future.
6. Meets:
  1. Christmas Classic in Rapid City, Dec 12-14 (dual-sanctioned)
    1. Has not been approached about the dual sanction yet
  2. State Meet April 11, 2026
    1. Vermillion - thanks to David Lind
      1. David will be the meet director

2. Jenny will work with David to get a list of events for the meet.
  3. Would we be ok with a little bit of a later start time for the meet just so the pool would be able to be open to the public. Would not want to start before, they were thinking 1:00 PM start time.
  4. Katherine does believe we could run our meet in half of the pool. It is split when we use the Midco center and then start at 10 or 11 like we normally would start our meet. David does agree and will work with USD.
7. Events to increase swimming fun and participation
  1. Technique Clinics in November in Sioux Falls
    1. Sanford Wellness Center
    2. 3 coaches lined up for the clinic (Lizzy, Andrew, and Kathy)
    3. We have 11 people signed up so far for the event, we are reaching some new people with the clinics. 20 maximum for the clinics.
    4. Jenny will look at the registration and get the dates everyone signed up for, the clinic will actually start at 5, but to be there at 4:45.
8. Summer 2026 Open Water Events
  1. Pure Pactola - possibly a USMS meet?
    1. Potentially move the date around for the event.
  2. Maybe the return of Grown-up Swimming in Sioux Falls
    1. If other cities would like to have a similar event Matt would be the one to contact.
9. Board Contact Info is [here](#)
  1. Let Jenny K know if you are having issues accessing the link
10. Open discussion
  1. Big issue with the Huron pool, the senior games will be held in Huron in 2026.
    1. Pool is a 25 meter and only has three starter blocks
    2. Janell is on the board for the senior game- and would like to be combine the senior meet with the master meet.
    3. The question might be the date- Masters is used to having the state meet in Spring. If Seniors can adjust for 2026 or we could look into doing a combined Masters and Senior meet in late August. Janell's thought is to pick a whole new date for the Senior Swim meet, since so many participants participate in other events.
    4. Think it would be reasonable if they would like to jump on board with our meet in April.
    5. Janell will meet with the board and see what their thoughts would be.
    6. Leigh brought up Aberdeen and Watertown, on using the pools as they are equal distance from Huron.
    7. Mitchell would be another possibility as they do have a pool and that the Huron and Mitchell do swim together
    8. David says USD would be a possibility if they really want to get usage of the pool, they will set everything up and Seniors would only need to set up volunteers.

9. 2 years ago it was in Pierre, and it seemed to go well. Jenny G and Katherine worked with the Senior Games leaders to have the results count for Masters.
- b. Top 10 Recordings
  - i. Do we need to contact anyone if we don't have any Top 10 for the meter season
  - ii. Katherine- is not sure we need to do anything if we didn't have any meets
  - iii. Kevin will reply to an email and let them know we did not have any meets this summer
- c. Schedule an informal meeting for a RELAY update
  - i. Janell is not available 11/16
  - ii. Any Sunday will work for Leigh
  - iii. Maybe hold the meeting the later than our normal meeting base on the clinics being on Sundays.
  - iv. November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM CST/4:00 PM MT
- d. Membership coordinator- Workout Groups
  - i. Two Clubs
    1. Prairie Masters
      - a. Sioux Falls
      - b. Pierre
      - c. Aberdeen
      - d. Watertown
      - e. Rapid City
    2. Vermillion
      - ii. Prairie Masters workout groups have been registered
        1. Workout group contact
        2. Will need to confirm the email for your workout group
- e. Next Quarterly Board Meeting
  - i. 1/4/2025 – does not work for Leigh based on a swim meet
  - ii. 1/11/2025 – David will be coaching a meet out of town
  - iii. 1/18/2025 – is a long weekend- Tentatively plan for this date for the same time 4:00 PM MT/5:00 PM CST