

**Pacific Masters Swimming  
Annual Meeting  
November 19, 1997**

**Call to order and introductions. Joan Smith - Vice Chair Administration**

In the absence of Christine Winn, chairman, the meeting was called to order by Administrative Vice Chair Joan Smith.

Introduction Marcia Benjamin, BOV; Joel Wilson, Tillie Cunningham, George Cunningham CRUZ; Donald Veress DAM; Greg Spire, Michael Moore FCMC; Brian Stack, Alan Levinson MAM; J. Paque, MVM; Joan Smith, Richard Smith SAC; Joanne Bervan, Tina Talbot, SANR; Polly Upshaw, SCAM; Gary Emich SFBS; Barry Fasbender STAN; Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab TAM; Carol Berevasi TCAM; Joan Alexander, Elfriede Rogers, WCM

Nancy Ridout sent around a sheet of paper asking that each member write his name, address, telephone number and email address on it. Nancy will be compiling a list to update the committee roster.

**Approval of October 1997 Minutes**

Don Veress name was misspelled. The Aquatic Cove Meet was mislabeled. Motion to approve minutes as corrected. MSP

**Report of the Treasurer Richard Smith**

In October and November, Pacific Masters receives much money in individual and club dues causing the cash balance to increase. At the end of the year, Richard looks forward to having \$5000 more in the treasury than in the prior year. At the current level of cash in the bank, Richard believes that Pacific Masters Swimming is in a very good financial position. Motion to accept Treasurers.Report MSP

Richard noted that last year the committee approved a budget that would spend \$8,000 more than it would take in. He noted that Julie did a good job in preparing the annual contract for the registrar. With the COLA increase for the registrar, the deficit will go to about \$9000. Richard noted that the main reasons for the deficit were the purchases of equipment for Open Water Swimming and a new contract position for the Webmaster. Richard also noted the budget is based on 7800 swimmers, this year we had 8161 swimmers and we are going to shoot for 8200, so the figure of 7800 is conservative. Richard believes that at the end of next year the revenue and expense will even out as people put money in their budget that they don't spend and there should be an increase in swimmers. Motion to accept the revised budget. MSP

**Report of the Officers Vice Chairman of Administration Joan Smith**

Joan said Nancy Ridout had heard of some nominations for the Ransom Arthur award last year and ask if she had heard of any for this year. Nancy noted that Anneleise and Walt Eggert may be nominated by Oregon. Joan said that Anneleise had been Chairman of Officials (USS). Nancy noted that Anneleise received the USS Swimmers Award last year.

George Cunningham said that he thought there were people in this room who were deserving of this award.

Joan called for Ransom Arthur Award nominations. They are due at the January meeting. Joan also called for Service Award nominations; they are due by the February meeting.

**Vice Chairman Operations Alan Levinson**

Alan noted that there were new faces at the meeting and said that if there is anything that they don't understand or if the committee starts talking in short hand or it is confusing, to please ask for an explanation.

Alan said he had a packet of information from 1985 and he would pass it around for committee members to look at.

**Secretary Michael Moore**

There was an article in today's San Jose Mercury News about coaching on line. Michael Collins and the Davis Aquatic Masters were mentioned.

Dan Frost of PNA notified Michael that Danielle Ogier of TOC broke a short course meters record.

Carl House wants to put on line all of the Masters All Americans from 1972. He will need help in sorting out names.

**Delegate at Large Doug Huestis NR**

Nancy said that he called her and said that his wife was going to a conference and that he would be helping her sort her reports then driving her to the airport.

## Election of Corporate Officers and changes in corporate bylaws

A slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee. The Committee nominates:

Julie Paque for Chairman  
Doug Huestis for Vice Chairman Administration  
Michael Moore for Vice Chairman Administration  
Barry Fasbender for Vice Chairman Operations  
Joan Alexander for Secretary  
Greg Spire for Treasurer  
Alan Levinson for Delegate at Large

The Chairman called for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

George Cunningham said that Nancy gave him and Tillie Cunningham ballots and they were not eligible to vote.

Nancy Ridout asked how many think that the Cunninghams should be allowed to vote.

Ballots were passed out and collected.

Motion to change 103.3.H.4.i

“Communications: The committee shall be responsible for production of the web page and newsletters of the LMSC. The Newsletter Editor and the Web Master shall be co-chairmen of this committee.”

Motion to change the bylaws MSP

Motion to change the Guide to Operations to reflect the change in the bylaws.

Change the wording of 101.7.I in the Administrative Handbook to match the new working of the Bylaw Add the following language to the policies section 102.3.I.

"1 The PMS newsletter position shall be awarded by bid for a minimum of one year contract.

2. The PMS Web Master position shall be awarded by bid for a minimum one-year contract." MSP

## Report of the Committee Chairs

### Zone Chair Richard Smith

Richard has been trying to contact people in the Hawaii LMSC. He is looking to build a closer relationship with the other LMSC in our zone.

Julie noted that PNA has a surcharge on some of their meets so that a smaller LMSC can send a delegate to convention.

Joan Smith announced results of the election: Doug Huestis has been elected Vice Chairman of Administration. The other positions were unopposed.

Julie Paque asked if she could hand out cards asking committee members which jobs committee members would be interested in.

## Registrar and Records Nancy Ridout

Nancy said that everyone could be proud in the increase in the number of members. We can probably foresee this happening again next year.

For those clubs that register by December 1st, they will participate in a raffle

Nancy tried to get the fourth Wednesday of January but it will be unavailable. Only the 7th of January was available. Motion to accept January 7th meeting date with February through October on the fourth Wednesday of Month and November on the 3rd Wednesday of Month (July's meeting is also scheduled for the third week-end of the month. Whether to have a July meeting will be decided at a later date.) MSP

Q: When is the Aquatics Convention

A: Sept 30- October 4 1998 in Cincinnati

The "1997 Short Course Top Ten" is ready. The long course and short records and "Long Course Top Ten" will be ready at the January meeting.

Nancy received from Carl House via Rick Windes a list of all American Masters Swimmers. Carl produced a list of swimmers who have been named all American by either USMS or AAU for swimming or long distance since 1972. The list may be incomplete.

Nancy passed around a list of Pacific Masters swimmers who have been named an all American at least 13 times.

Nancy is looking for volunteers to be a tabulator for "Swimmer of the year."

## Coaches- Polly Upshaw

There is a coaches meeting/clinic January 2, 3, 4 in Napa. Brian Stack is one of the speakers.

## Fitness Brian Stack

There are two fitness events on the books for 1998. Pablo Morales will give butterfly clinic. There are two open dates. If anyone knows of club to host one, let Brian know. The Monterey area may be good area in which to have a clinic.

## Safety Julie Paque NR

## Hospitality Tina Talbot NR

## Legislation Carolyn Boak NR

## Marketing Jim Wheeler NR

## Meet Operations Barry Fasbender

Motion to approve Monday January 12 postmark due date as due date for the TOC Mile February 1st. MSP

There was a discussion about when *Swim Magazine* is mailed and delivered.

Motion to approve a 200 yard Mixed special relay for the USF February 7th meet with the proviso that the meet operations chair may cancel it if it is not safe. MSP

The San Ramon Spring Fling scheduled for March 21 has been canceled due to a pool conflict. San Ramon hopes to put on a fitness event in February. The Rinconada fun spring meet is in jeopardy. Due to construction, the city cannot guarantee the pool will be available.

There was a discussion about unattached swimmers getting together to swim as a relay team.

## Newsletter Joanne Bervan

Joanne met with Mo Chambers and has a first draft of the January February newsletter.

Nancy Ridout suggested that all the USMS national championship be mentioned on the Pacific Masters Calendar.

There was a discussion of how best to publicize events and which events to put in the newsletter and on the web.

## Officials Joan Alexander

Michael Moore reported that there will be an Officials Clinic at Coast Guard Island the first Saturday in January. This Clinic is for experienced officials.

## Open Water Alan Levinson

The awards for the Open Water point competition are ready to be distributed. Alan asked members to take the awards for their friends and team mates. There is only a tiny bit of paperwork that needs to be done regarding the first swim of the year, then the 1997 Open Water year is finished.

Alan had a concern about some open water swims having a cadre of family and friends who are manning the canoes and paddle boards. Alan was concerned about emergency training for volunteers.

DAM is concerned about where they would be getting the volunteers for working in the meets.

This was a discussion concerning the volunteer who are on the paddle boards and or in the canoes at open water meets. Motion to send to subcommittee to investigate. MSP

An ad hoc subcommittee was appointed: Julie Paque, Alan Levinson, Joel Wilson, Brian Stack, Don Veress and Gary Emich.

The San Francisco Bay Swimmers wanted to have a relay swim from the Golden Gate Bridge Swim to Emeryville. Alan's concern is how there can be some emergency person (i.e. an EMT) close by. Alan thinks that an EMT should be on the boat. He is also concerned about the number of Masters swimmers who would be participating.

Gary Emich said that he has 20 years experience in safety and accident prevention. He looks at meet safety with a rigid set of filters on. With respect to have an EMT on boat, he has been in contact with ambulance services and based on

preliminary information, it does not look unreasonable to have two emergency medical technicians on board. However, this is all very preliminary.

There was a discussion regarding the safety of the San Francisco Bay Swim and open water swimming in general. There is a greater degree of risk in Open Water Swimming than in pool swimming. The San Francisco Bay Swimmers wants to work with the PMS Committee in forming safety guidelines for the swim.

## Scheduling Marcia Benjamin

San Ramon Masters want to have team 24 hours swim from Feb 27-28 This would be a great way to add up yardage. First place team will be awarded a pace clock, second place team would get fins, third place team would get kick boards and buoys

Motion to schedule the Short Course Championships in Walnut Creek October 17, 18 1998. MSP

Motion to Schedule the Aquatic Cove Swim July 18, 1998. MSP

Motion to schedule the Fog City Masters meet Jan 18, 1998. MSP

Motion to schedule San Ramon 24 Hour Swim February 27-28. MSP

Motion to schedule the Trans Bay Swim September 6th 1998. MSP

## World Wide Web Michael Moore

Michael passed out a page showing how the page had been accessed during three sets of dates over the past 9 months. He also passed out two sets of comprehensive statistics of web access for the past four weeks.

Today the web counter hit 23,140. Michael reported has the data transmission had increased from 2MB per day in March to over 5 MB/day during the last seven day period.

Nancy Ridout received a call where a person said that the places to swim was not on the home page. Michael said that places to swim link is on two places in the Home Page. The first is the left hand banner and the second is at the bottom of the page.

## Old Business

Retreat: Nancy that this is always good to do it, if we have a couple or three agenda items. There was a discussion of when to have a retreat.

## Team announcements

Greg Spire reported Fog City Masters implemented a Masters Water Polo. Fog City has had great success with Masters water polo.

Nancy Ridout said that Pacific Masters did man a booth at the Women's Sports and Fitness Fair at Oshmans over the weekend of Nov 15,16. TAM and Rolling hills had volunteers in the booth.

As Christine Winn has moved to Hawaii, there was a motion that Julie Paque assume the chair of Pacific Masters effective immediately. MSP

## Motion to adjourn MSP

## Respectfully submitted

Michael W. Moore,  
Recording Secretary 1996-97