

Pacific Masters Swimming
Monthly Meeting
October 28, 1998

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Julie Paque, Chairman @ 7:35 p.m.

Introductions: Joel Wilson, George Cunningham, Carolyn Cunningham CRUZ, Donald Veress, DAM, Michael Moore, FOG, Clarine Anderson, LAM, Alan Levinson, Brian Stack, Carol Berendsen, MAM, Julie Paque, MVM, Cindy Baxter RINC, Richard Smith, Joan Smith SAC, Joanne Berven, Tina Talbot, Jim Wheeler, SANR, Cris Allen, Rick Windes SFRP, Barry Fasbender STAN, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab, Jr., TAM, Danielle Ogier, UNAT., Joan Alexander, Elfriede Rogers, WCM

Approval of Minutes of the September 23, 1998. Motion to approve minutes - **MSP**

Officers' Reports

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson

The Treasurer's Report was presented. The Receipts & Disbursements report will be presented quarterly. The COLA will be 3.3% for paid positions. Discussion on the 1999 Budget Overview followed with several line item and name changes to more fully describe categories. The Treasurer requested that any outstanding expenses be turned in so they will go on this year's budget. **MSP** to accept the Treasurer's report and to accept the 1999 budget.

Chairman - Julie Paque - No correspondence. On-line registration was discussed with our insurance company, and they must have a signed registration. On-line registration was denied. A motion was made to dissolve the ad hoc On-Line Registration Committee. **MSP** Service Awards nominations are due before the February, 1999 meeting.

Vice-Chairman Administration - Doug Huestis - Absent - No Report

Vice-Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender - No Report

Secretary - Joan Alexander - No Report

Delegate At-Large - Alan Levinson - Manatee Masters are seeking insurance coverage for its officers through Peak Insurance. It was discussed and decided that it would be prudent to look into a blanket liability insurance cost for all PMS club officers. An interest survey will be included with the next mailing of the minutes.

Committee Reports

Zone Rep - Richard Smith - Janet Renner sent an e-mail thanking PMS for all their help at convention. She learned a lot and is looking forward to getting things going in Hawaii. Nancy Ridout will be going to an international meet in Hawaii in November and will meet with club representatives from that area to help them set up committees. The Zone Committee meeting divided the duties of the Reps into optional and mandatory for seeing that the LMSCs in each zone comply with National regulations. The Annual (November) meeting minutes are to be sent to the National Office c/o Traci Grilli.

Registration/Records - Nancy Ridout - Nancy will be out of the office November 12-16 due to the International meet and meeting in Hawaii. We have 8,335 registered swimmers as of 10/23/98. For the fifth year in a row, we have set a record for membership, with a higher retention rate than ever before. The 1999 club and member renewal and registration information has been mailed to all clubs. The 1998 membership is valid through 12/31/98. As of 1/1/99, everyone getting into the pool must be registered for 1999. Those clubs who have returned their form and fee by Tuesday, December 1, will be eligible to win valuable prizes (last year prizes included a pace clock, zoomers, team caps, paddles, kickboards, stretch cords, etc.) at the raffle to be held at the January PMS meeting. No member may register for 1999 until the club they wish to represent has registered. Michael Moore has set up a new e-mail address for Nancy: registrar@pacificmasters.org. Nancy will be requesting that all meet directors cooperate in identifying and documenting records set in their meets (short course yards as well as meter meets). All the paperwork necessary will be included, as is now done for all meter meets. These rules may be found in the Rule Book in Appendix B. Our Annual Meeting will be next month, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. This is also our annual potluck. A suggested format for food will be by age: *up to 45 - main dish; 46-59: dessert; 60+ - salad*. These dishes should serve 12. The Hospitality Committee will furnish drinks, plates, cups, utensils.

Coaches - Brian Stack - The Nor Cal scholarship forms for the coaching clinic will be out next week and will be included in the minutes mailing. Due date is November 25th and only 20 spaces are available. Coaches Mentor clinic (Thank you to Tina Talbot for all the help) had 15 swimmers and the clinic received good feedback. Ideas are welcome for future clinics. Contact Brian.

Communications -

Newsletter - Joanne Berven - Deadline will be November 18th. Meet information and sanction schedule for 1999 available.

WWW - Michael Moore -. Michael is setting up a system where a person may direct e-mail to an officer and that mail gets forwarded to the officer's mail box. Aliases have been set up for: registrar@pacificmasters.org (Nancy); chairman@pacificmasters.org (Julie); treasurer@pacificmasters.org (Clarine); secretary@pacificmasters.org (Joan); newsletter@pacificmasters.org (Joanne). Coaches will be added to stackb@aol.com (Brian). Michael is working on putting the *Guide to Operations* on the web along with the Meet Director's Handbook. Alan and Michael will work on the meet reporting requirements conformity and will report next month.

Fitness - Tina Talbot - Coaches and Fitness clinic and thank you to Carol Berendsen for the use of Mills new swim facility. There will be 4-6 clinics in 1999 plus the USMS Mentor clinic.

Health & Safety - Carol Berendsen - A reminder to all clubs that December 5th is the next Health and Safety training clinic and the deadline is one week earlier November 28th.

Hospitality & Equipment -

Hospitality - Elfriede Rogers - No Report

Equipment - Tina Talbot - New stop watches need to be purchased and should cost between \$30-\$40. Tina is checking for the best prices.

Legislation/Rules - Rick Windes - (1) The deadline for Top 10 Times has been moved forward. (2) As of January 1, 1999, USMS will comply with FINA age group rule of December 31 birth date. (3) Rule change in 105.2.2b states that you must notify the Meet Director or Referee in writing, before your swim for a split record. (4) USA Swimming is the new title for USS.

Marketing/Public Relations - Jim Wheeler - East Bay Regional Park District sent a card of thanks for sending a San Ramon representative to the fair. The magnets will be available next week, and will be distributed at the November Pool Operators meeting. There are about 40 people running pools and this will be good way to reach the fitness swimmer. Some will go in the Short Course Nationals packet. A letter to all preferred vendors will be sent out for donations for the early team registration raffle. Last year donations were about \$3300.

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender - A few things to think about on the pool meet evaluation form: The false start rope is up at meets, but not manned. This should have points deducted, but it may be a safety hazard for older swimmers. The false start rope is moving from 11 meters to 15 meters. There are no deck holes at the 15 meter mark in most pools. A possibility is to use portable stands for the poles, but transportation would be a problem. Cost to drill new holes would be between \$300-\$350. A motion was made to remove the requirement of a false start rope rule from the meet evaluation sheet. **MSP** Lane numbers should be numbered from right to left for consistency in order to help the officials. Short Course Championships next year was set for multi-line timing readout (8 & 10 or 9 & 9) but a conflict in meets has left this meet with the possibility of only a one-line readout. A possible solution is to change our meet date from the 16-18 to the 23-25. A motion was made to change the dates from April 16-18 to April 23-25. **MSF** Automatic timing is a must for Championships. A motion was made that if we cannot get multi-line readouts for the first weekend then we will change the meet to the second weekend. **MSP**

Officiating - Joan Smith - It has been suggested that PMS provide John Duncan and Bud Meyer with jackets in appreciation for all the meets they do for us. A motion was made to order the jackets. **MSP**

Open Water - Alan Levinson - Marsha Benjamin has agreed to put the Open Water Handbook on the computer. It was discussed that there is a possibility of increasing the fee for open water swims to the maximum allowed; that PMS reimburse the evaluators; the performance bond date moved; these suggestions will be written up and presented at our next meeting. Any other suggestions should be e-mailed to Alan. Problems at some of the open water swims need to be addressed concerning results, organization, etc. Sanctions will be discussed next meeting and Spring Lake will address this issue. It was requested that the trailer have a logo imprinted, and that it needs a new home.

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin - absent - A schedule request from Santa Cruz for the Long Course Championships, July 23-25, MSP. A request for FOG City Quadrathlon January 17, 1999. **MSP**

OLD BUSINESS - Convention review, and kudos to Nancy Ridout and Jim Wheeler. Convention in 1999 will be in San Diego, CA and in 2000 Orlando, FL.

NEW BUSINESS - In the year 2000, Short Course Nationals will be in Phoenix, AZ and Long Course Nationals will be in Baltimore, MD. A new name is needed for the "News You Can Use" by Traci Grilli. Contact Richard or Tracy at USMS@USMS.org. We decided to give a plaque to Jeannine Meyers who has been our contact and liaison for the San Ramon meeting place in appreciation for all of her help, she is moving on to a new job.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT - **MSP** @ 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting - November 18, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander,
Secretary