

Pacific Masters Swimming
General Meeting
May 19, 2004

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Michael Moore, Chairman @ 7:30 p.m.

Introductions: Paul Wrangell, Scott Patterson, CRUZ, Michael Moore, FOG, Clarine Anderson, LAM, Joanne Berven, Alan Cartwright, Barbara Thomas, LNM, Alan Levinson, MAM, Laura Colette, MVM, Carol Macpherson, RINC, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Nancy Ridout, TAM, Cris Meier-Windes, TSUN, Bill Grohe, USF, Joan Alexander, WCM, Anne Cribbs, guest

Approval of the minutes of - April 14, 2004, MSP (March minutes next meeting)

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson – MSP to approve the Treasurer's report. The taxes have been filed. A new contract has been signed and we will continue meeting in the Danville Community Center. The rooms have been reserved for Convention. We will form a Corporation for the FINA meet, then the dollars from USMS will not affect our nonprofit status. We are still looking for a new bank that won't charge for each check.

Chairman – Michael Moore – Coach of the Year nominees: Valery Borenko, Alan Liu, Thomas Huggins and Hermine Terhorst. The Chair of the nomination committee will be Cris Meier-Windes. Kerry O'Brien or Brian Stack, and Paul Wrangell will serve on the committee. There has been a complaint sent to the National Office regarding Top Ten rankings not being out on time. Problems occur with the current format of Top Ten times is at the base of the problem. Michael will show distribution/categorization of Pacific monies in an upcoming Weekly Update.

Vice Chairman Administration – Barbara Thomas – No Report

Vice Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender – A motion was made for Officials reimbursement for their card for the current year. MSP. Cindy should sign off on requests for payment. Barry will create a form for Officials Reimbursement. Steve Scofield of SLO and Barry have decided to plan for a North/South meet next year possibly in San Luis Obispo. It will be a long course meet and will be scored the same as NCAA dual meets. A suggested date of June 1 was made, but the schedule is quite full for next year. The possibility of having a SCM Championship meet if we can find a SCM pool that will be available. Details will be worked out at Convention.

Secretary - Joan Alexander - Convention. The delegate ballot was presented with 14 delegates, and 8 automatic delegates. Since the limit of 21 was not presented, a vote of acclamation was done.

At-Large – Bill Grohe – The new Pacific Masters Swimming brochure is out. Please take some with you and spread the word. They will be put in the booth at Worlds in Italy. Volunteers are needed to help man the booth in Italy. Pacific has several new meets this next spring: North, Central, and South; Tuolumne, Sonora (25 yd X 25M) October 30. Redding will host a pool and open water weekend festival Nov 5th. Fresno and Santa Rosa will also host meets. SLO January Clambake is back. Walnut Creek SCM October 24th. Mt. View is requesting a Postal Meet in honor of Alan Liu September 15th.

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Joan Alexander – No Report

Registration and Records - Nancy Ridout – We have 7,684 registered swimmers and 106 clubs as of May 15th. Many renewals have been received as a result of the invoicing and it continues to be well worth the cost and our swimmers respond. We might consider an e-mail renewal invoicing earlier in the registration year so fewer swimmers miss issues of their Swim Magazine and newsletter. Nancy will be out of the office May 31st through June 15th and the office will be effectively closed during this period. As soon as we can get the files to Julie, she is willing to put them in a format I am able to work with. This does take considerable time and the Top Ten is due two weeks after I get back from Italy.

Coaches - Brian Stack/Kerry O'Brien Absent – No Report

Communications/Newsletter - Joanne Berven – Joanne needs Michael's front-page report for the newsletter. Also, a request for pictures, volunteers for Historian, Fitness, and Health and Safety committee chairs. Sept 26, a late request for a SCM meet by San Mateo should be included. Michael Moore – Web, 160/Mb a day of transfer. The web page is doing well.

Fitness – TBA

Health and Safety - TBA

Hospitality – April, Fasbender, May, Ridout, June, Benjamin, July, Levinson, Aug. Cris Meier-Windes, Sept, Scott Patterson, October and November, Baxter.

Equipment – Cartwright - Watches have new batteries and the inventory has been done. Budget for Alan for new/additional watches is \$200. All safety signs are ok.

Legislation Rules - Alan Levinson – This is a Rules year at convention. All possible rule changes should be sent to Alan. Several suggestions were the steadying of older swimmers on the blocks; A cap on the number of swimmers at Nationals; Time caps at Nationals (12-14 hour days). Tighter NQTs at Nationals.

Marketing/Public Relations – Bill Grohe/Dore Schwab – Sonora fall meet November 6. \$200 incentive fee (regional SCM meet). Might do a SCM meet. Redding is planning the Aquatic Weekend September 10 and 11, 2005. It will be a pool meet and an open water swim (Whiskeytown). Fresno coach would like to do a meet. San Luis Obispo may host a

North/South meet next year. Bill received a CD rom with all the pools in the area and hopes to contact them and start new clubs.

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender –

Officials – Cindy Baxter – absent

Open Water – Cindy Clements absent. Report sent as follows. History: For at least the past two years, Donner Lake swims (and possibly previous years as well) there have been overtime swimmers who refuse to be pulled from the race, by race officials and/or the sheriff's boat. This is a safety issue because after the official cutoff time for the race, powerboats are allowed onto the course. There has also been a concern that individuals in the water for that long could suffer hypothermia and need to be monitored closely. In any case, solo swimmers should not be allowed to be swimming alone on the lake after the race cut off time has passed.

Sierra Nevada Masters has been working on ways to enforce this rule, but has had difficulty with enforcement. This year they plan to send information to all swimmers who pre-entered the race that makes it clear that overtime swimmers will be disqualified. Swimmers can continue the swim if they have a personal escort boat. If they do not have an escort, they must willingly be pulled from the event and taken to the finish. While this has been the rule in the past, individuals have refused to be pulled. I would like to ask the committee to make a statement that there will be a penalty for their actions. I am hoping that individuals will be more likely to comply with the safety rules if they are aware that there will be consequences for their actions. I would like to propose the following commitment from the PMS Committee.

“Anyone who refuses to abide by event rules will not be allowed to participate in any PMS events for the rest of the current year and they will be disqualified from the open water points competition and may be banned the following year.”

I would like this to be a part of the letter that SNM is sending, and I would like it to be clear that this part is coming from the committee as opposed to SNM.

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin – absent No Report

Old Business – FINA –

New Business –

Team Announcements –

Adjournment - MSP at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

**Next Meeting – June 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
This meeting will be at the Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville**