

Pacific Masters Swimming
General Meeting
August 24, 2005

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

Introductions: Michael Moore, FOG, Joanne Berven, LNM, Alan Levinson, MAM, Karla Rees, MVM, Jennifer Zeitler, SCAM, James Knight, SERC, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab, TAM, Cris Meier-Windes, TSUN, Marcia Benjamin, UNAT, Bill Grohe, USF, Leianne Crittenden, Kerry O'Brien, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, Joan Alexander, Karen Duggan, WCM

Approval of the minutes of – July 20, 2005 – not available

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson – absent. Report follows. A request for the 2006 budget for committees. The Treasurer's report was discussed. MSP

Chairman – Michael Moore – Receive proposals for changes in by laws. Appoint nominations committee. Alan Levinson, Leianne Crittenden and Marcia Benjamin. Patron sponsorship is available for World. Marjorie Sharp has suffered a double stroke.

Vice Chairman Administration – Barbara Thomas – absent No Report

Vice Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender – No Report

Secretary - Joan Alexander - Convention. – We have lost three delegates – Scott Williams, Jennifer Zeitler, and Bill Grohe.

At-Large – Bill Grohe – absent – no report

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Joan Alexander – No Report

Registration and Records - Nancy Ridout – We have 9,086 registered swimmers and 105 clubs as of August 29, 2005.

We Beginning Sept 1st, the late-in-the-year reduced rate registration fee is \$20. Normally refunds are not made to clubs and swimmers sending in \$30, unless requested, because it creates extra work for our (volunteer) Treasurer. Registrations for 2006 will be accepted beginning November 1, 2005. The 2006 fee will be \$35 (\$20) to USMS, \$15 to PMS) as voted at the June meeting. Additionally the club fee will increase from \$60 to \$65 and the transfer fee will be \$3 for transfer within PMS and \$18 for swimmers transferring to PMS from another LMSC. Registration material will be sent out to each currently registered club in early October. Please disseminate this information to your clubs.

After tonight's endorsements of the SCY, SCM, and LCM Championship meets, I will be able to draw up a meeting calendar for your approval at our September meeting. We should vote tonight on whether we want to request the use of this facility for 3006.

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

Communications/Newsletter - Joanne Berven – The newsletter deadline will have to be the night of the September 28 meeting, but absolutely NO later as I will have to get it together in two days. We need to think about what to do next year as the deadline will be two weeks earlier. It will probably have to be BEFORE convention. Michael Moore – No report.

Fitness – Crittenden – No Report

Health and Safety – TBA

Hospitality – Aug. Cris Meier-Windes; Sept, Jennifer Z., October Barry, and November, potluck dinner.

Equipment – Alan Cartwright - absent No Report

Legislation Rules - Alan Levinson – USMS Legislation and Rules proposals will be reviewed and discussed.

After discussion on the entire Legislation package for convention, L01, L02, L04 were pulled and discussed.

Marketing/Public Relations – Bill Grohe/Dore Schwab – No Report

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender – Correction to Event Schedule in Sept-Oct Newsletter: The wine Country SCM meet is on Fri-Sat 10/14-15/05, not Sat/Sun. The Mountain View SCM meet is on Sunday 9/25/05, not 10/23/05. The meet info documents in the newsletter are correct. The results of the Pacifica Relays were just received. Three of the relays were special relays: the 100 Free Relay, the 400 Medley Relay (4 x 100 IM) and the 400 Pace Line Relay. For the other relays, I checked out the 2004-2005 USMS Top Ten and noticed that 19 of these relays would have been in the top ten if the results had been received in a timely manner. Should any action be taken? MST sanction not be granted for 2006

Note concerning recent changes to the FINA Rules of Competition.

During the World Games held in Montreal, FINA enacted several changes to the rules of competition. Specific changes were made to the breaststroke and backstroke rules. These changes will require USMS to act on the in the near future.

1. The FINA changes take effect 60 days after the changes were passed.
2. This date is after the USA-Swimming and USMS conventions in September.
3. USA-Swimming has chosen to deal with the changes at convention. Since we generally follow USA=Swimming wording, USMS will act on this at convention also.
4. Since the rules changes allow something that is now illegal, no one will need to change their technique in order to stay legal. There permissive nature of the change means that immediate action is not required by USA-Swimming or USMS in order to maintain compliance with FINA's rules.

The changes involve:

1. Allowing a single dolphin kick during the pull out of the breaststroke after the start and each turn.
2. Allowing the toes to be above the water surface during the backstroke start. It DOES NOT allow the toes to be curled over the edge of the gutter.

If there is a need for further clarification, please contact Leo Letendre at Rules@USMS.org

Officials – Cris Meier-Windes – No report

Open Water – Cindy Clements – absent No report

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin – Bids for 2006 Championship meets are as follows, and need approval.

Short Course – Walnut Creek and Tri Valley Masters

Long Course – Santa Cruz

Short Course Meters – Walnut Creek

MSP to approve

Old Business –

New Business –

Team Announcements –

Adjournment in memory of George Cunningham - MSP at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

Next Meeting – October 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

This meeting will be at the Heather Farm Community Center, Walnut Creek