

Minutes
Pacific Masters Swimming Meeting (conference call)
June 17, 2009 7pm

Present: Michael Moore-USF, Nancy Ridout-TAM, Bill Grohe-USF, John King-WCM, Cokie Lepinski-RHMS, Beth Waters-EEE, Jim Clemmons-MAM, Barry Fasbender-STAN, Chris Campbell-MVM, Alan Levinson-MAM, Kristy King-WCM, Kildine Harms-WCM, Peter Guadagna-WCM, Richard Smith-WCM, Joan Smith-WCM, John Morales-SRM, Glenda Carroll-TAM, Carolyn Lambert-STAN. Excused: Joan Alexander-WCM, Jody Smith-STAN

The meeting was brought to order at 7:08pm with a welcome by Chairman Michael Moore and introductions. We welcomed Beth Waters of the Ellis Electric Eels of Tracy.

The minutes of May 20th were approved as submitted.

The report of the Treasurer was approved as submitted.

In the Chairman's report, Michael noted some discouraging news. Ken Shilling, SCSC, had a heart attack, Don Galine was diagnosed with a brain tumor, Regina Brittingham had lung surgery as a result of melanoma, the wife of Jeff Moxie, USMS Treasurer, has died, and the sister of Hugh Moore, USMS Communications Chair, was killed in an accident. He also reiterated the due dates for the various USMS awards – Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award, Dorothy Donnelly Service Award, June Krauser Communications Award, and the Club of the Year Award. Chris Campbell noted that he had submitted several nominations for Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award before the deadline.

At-Large officer Bill Grohe reported that he had mailed the new PMS brochures to each club and that this task had been completed.

Alan Levinson stated that no legislative or rules proposals had been brought forward by PMS for consideration.

Nancy Ridout reported that registration numbers continue to be higher than in previous years – about 1000 ahead of 2008 and over 500 ahead of previous highs for June. Jim Wheeler was approved as a delegate to the USMS convention in September and added to the delegate list. Nancy will determine costs and present a proposed delegate disbursement to cover expenses at the July meeting.

Nancy indicated that the short course Top Ten was being compiled for submission to USMS by the due date of June 30th. She will try to find if there is a file from the Nationals that can be easily imported in to the program for final PMS Top Ten.

Barry (Meet Operations Chair) commented that the executive committee had approved a PMS sanction for the Santa Clara Invitational Meet 6/11-6/14. This allowed Masters swimmers who met the qualifying standards to compete and have their times count for USMS top ten and records consideration. He also shared that USMS LC Nationals entries are coming in above expectations at this point.

Glenda Carroll (Open Water Chair) requested approval of a one-day registration for the Open Water 101 event. (MSC) Glenda also reported that the director of the Millerton Lake National 1 mile Championships, sanctioned by PMS, had been locked into a timing system contract that was based on the anticipation of many more swimmers than actually entered. MSC to contribute \$600, the amount we have subsidized other PMS sanctioned OW swims, to Sierra Multisport Productions to help defray this cost.

Chris Campbell (Coaches Committee Chair) informed us that his Coach of the Year Award selection committee recommended we approve Linda Gilchrist, AAM, as the PMS 2009 Coach

of the Year. Other worthy nominees were Ray Laughlin, SMMM, Mike Lynch, PCAM, Daniel Redosko and Mary Ann Nygren, TVM. He also submitted Jay Christianson, CVAS, and Dana Kirk, SPAS, for the Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award.

John King (Officials Chair) was happy to announce that Lyndsey Hendricks and Chris Stewart of WCM were new officials recruits. He had also received an invitation for PMS officials to work the LC Nationals in Indianapolis.

Barry Fasbender (Online Meet Entry Task Force) reported that Club Assistant had been selected to perform this function for PMS sanctioned events (pool and open water) and had responded to the committee's questions satisfactorily.

Nancy Ridout (New Award Proposal) explained the philosophy behind an award of excellence. Discussion ensued as to the difference between this award and the current Overall Swimmer of the Year Award. Currently our SOY award is not based solely on points and other more subjective elements are taken into consideration. This new award would recognize excellence over a period of time. The concept was well-received and a task force of John Morales, Nancy Ridout, Chris Campbell, Cokie Lepinski, and Peter Guadagni will come back to the next meeting with a proposal.

Carolyn Lambert requested feedback on what things to include on the PMS Facebook page as she is still learning how it works. She suggested that the Open Water 101 would be a good event to post and Nancy suggested the 2006 World Championships (Stanford) video. She also reported that our Facebook site now had more members than SPMA.

Team Announcements: Cokie Lepinski announced she is the new coach of the recently formed Marin Pirates Masters. The MPM will swim out of a community college, 50m pool, in Novato and will begin July 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ridout

Action Items

1. Determine costs and present a proposal for delegate funding to the USMS convention at July meeting. NR
2. Request SDIF file of PMS swimmers from SC Nationals for the final PMS Top Ten. NR
3. Award of Excellence proposal to July meeting. JM, NR, CC, CL, PG
4. Post OW 101 event on facebook site. CL, GC
5. Send Caroline Lambert World Championships video for Facebook. NR, MM