

Pacific Masters Swimming Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Walnut Creek, CA 7:30pm

Present In Person: John King, Chair, WCM; Teddy Palmer, Treasure, OAK; Peter Guadagni, Immediate Past Chair, WCM; Charlene O'Brien, Office Administrator, WCM; Nancy Ridout, TAM, Maggie Tevis, RHMS; Kildine Harms, WCM; Carol Nip, ALB; Marcia Benjamin, Hospitality, MEMO; Steve Cutting, Scheduling, TVM; Bob Anderson, Communications & Technology, PCCM; Jim Kennedy, CMAM; Barry Fasbender, Meet Operations, SMM; Mike Abegg, Officials, VJO; Karen Harris, RPM.

Present by Phone: Susan Dragich, SUNY; Michael Moore, Webmaster, USF; Laura Val, TAM; Clare Rudd, USF; John Morales, Pool Meets, SRM; Caroline Lambert, Webmaster, FREM; Richard Burns, TAM, Laura Schuster, Coaches, MVM.

Total – 23

The meeting was brought to order by Chairman John King at 7:30pm, following a delicious St. Patrick's Day dinner provided by Kildine Harms and Peter Guadagni. John asked for a volunteer to take minutes, as Secretary Leianne Crittenden was ill and unable to attend. Nancy Ridout volunteered. Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

John outlined several topics which would be further discussed at the appropriate times on the agenda; the Coach of the Year selection committee will report and we will vote to approve, Pacific's Ransom Arthur Award nomination was submitted on time and corrections suggested by the vice-chair of the USMS Recognition and Awards committee were made and the nomination resubmitted.

Treasurer Teddy Palmer reported she had submitted the 2015 financials to USMS and was working on the 990. She will resubmit the December, 2015 due to a misunderstanding of which month to assign a particular check. MSA to accept the revised December 2015 financial report and submit it to USMS. It was MSA to accept the 2016 January and February financial reports. Teddy has notified John King that this will be her last year as treasurer. John asked everyone to think about those who might be willing to serve as Treasurer starting in 2017.

Past Chair Peter Guadagni suggested we revisit the criteria for the age group and overall Swimmers of the Year selection. It was moved and seconded that John form a task force to review the criteria and this motion was MSA. This committee is composed of Nancy Ridout, Chair, Laura Val, Rich Burns, John Morales, and Jim Kennedy. Suggestions and proposals from the task force should be shared with the Swim Committee no later than by our convention meeting. After a comment by Barry and further discussion, he then asked that the task force include the issue of records recognition as well.

Peter's second proposal was to rename the Overall Swimmers of the Year Award to the Laura Val Award of Excellence to reflect the continuing excellence shown by Laura throughout the years and anticipated future performances. Laura's achievements in Pacific, USMS, and FINA are unparalleled in Masters swimming and acknowledging her excellence through this award is a way to recognize her contributions and motivate others. The exact wording of this award title will be determined before the award is ordered. (It was determined after the meeting that the name of the award will be called the "**Laura B. Val Award for Outstanding Swimmer of the Year**").

Office Administrator Charlene O'Brien reported that registration numbers were down from last year at this time. She is not sure why. Nancy offered that USMS registration is following the same pattern. Charlene asked for approval of the 2015 Age Group Swimmers of the Year. Nancy noted that two of the age groups were very close (6 points and 10 points) and asked whether they had been rechecked. They hadn't so the motion to approve was modified to approve the age group winners and recheck the two very close ones to be sure they were accurate. MSA. Barry asked if records broken during the season

counted as records each time they were broken and how this might affect the SOY calculations. The answer was no; the record used for the SOY calculations was the record standing at the end of the season. Bob Anderson reported that he and Caroline have discussed ways to track broken records on the website throughout the season. Nominations for the Overall Swimmers of the Year were presented and it was MSA to recognize Laura Val and Richard Burns as the 2015 Overall Pacific Masters Swimmers of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Championships in Moraga on Saturday, April 9th, after the 200 medley relay. Charlene will order the awards and send out letters of congratulations to all the winners and encourage them to be there to accept their awards.

Steve Cutting presented an event to be approved for our schedule. MSA to approve the Keller Cove OW event to be held on Saturday, September 2nd.

Hospitality Chair Marcia Benjamin asked for a volunteer to provide dinner for the May meeting. Marcia decided to be the volunteer.

John Morales, Pool Committee Chair, announced that Michael Abegg will fill the position of Officials Chair. Thank you Michael!

Meet Operations Chair Barry Fasbender reported that meet attendance has been down a bit this year.

Peter Guadagni reported on the preparations and needs for the Championships that are being hosted by Pacific Masters this year. The two groups that were to do the timing on Friday have backed out. The Rossmoor Boomer Ever group may step in to help on Friday. He will figure out compensation for the Boomers and a plan to utilize clubs if all else fails. Other Friday jobs also need to be filled – timers, runners, relay administrator, hospitality volunteers, etc. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room.

The Coach of the Year selection committee reported that five nominations had been submitted: the WCM assistant coaching staff; Donita Flecker, Sebastopol Masters AC (SMAC); Carol Nip, Albany Masters (ALB), Mike Kazek, Cal Maritime Academy Masters (CMAM), and Ahelee Sue Osborn, Streamliners (LNRS). MSA to accept the selection committee report of Mike Kazek as the 2015 Coach of the Year.

New Business

Michael Moore apprised us that the LMSC Development Committee is updating the LMSC standards. Also, there are two Peer to Peer webinars scheduled. Registrars and Top Ten in April and Coaches in May.

Peter Guadagni mentioned the hiring of the new CEO for US Masters and Nancy gave some additional background.

Team Announcements

Carol Nip announced two outstanding speakers, Suzanne Heim Bowen and Robert Schmidt, who will speak on Saturday, April 23rd. The event is free and donations will benefit youth swimming in Richmond.

Maggie Tevis asked Peter to send out a request to all coaches regarding what is needed for the Championships. He had planned to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ridout, Minutes volunteer