

Pacific Masters Swimming
Monthly Meeting
March 25, 1998

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

Introductions: Marcia Benjamin BOV, Joel Wilson, George Cunningham, Carolyn Cunningham CRUZ, Donald Veress, Tom Brown DAM, Michael Moore, Gregory Spire FOG, Clarine Anderson, Carolyn Boak LAM, Alan Levinson, Brian Stack, MAM, Julie Paque MVM, Richard Smith, Joan Smith SAC, Joanne Berven, Tina Talbot SANR, Tom McCall SCAM, Cris Allen, Rick Windes SFRP, Barry Fasbender STAN, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab TAM, Doug Huestis UNAT, Joan Alexander, Elfriede Rogers, Kerry O'Brien WCM

Approval of Minutes of February 25, 1998. Corrections were noted, and changes made: In Scheduling, change "There is still "time to swim" to "Time to put on the schedule." Motion to approve minutes - **MSP**

Officers' Reports

Treasurer Greg Spire

Card Sales line needs to be moved to Refunds - USMS. This will not change the total. There is a short term (120 day) C.D. (\$50,000) coming due in July. One suggestion is to put \$25,000 in a liquid account and \$25,000 in a longer term account. **MSP** to accept the treasurer's report.

Chairman Julie Paque -

Special presentation to Carolyn Boak presented by Nancy Ridout. This will be Carolyn's last official meeting and a framed copy of her **Ransom J. Arthur Award** nomination with all signatures was presented to her, along with a gift certificate of appreciation of all her work from Pacific Masters.

Correspondence: Julie has sent a letter to clubs that did not send copies of swimmers registrations with Hour Swim entries, stating it is their responsibility to include this information with the entry. In the future Nancy will not respond to the Hours Swim organizers about registrations and will refer them back to the teams.

E-mail correspondence that was sent to Newsletter editor was forwarded to Julie, and she will respond.

Call for 1998 Coach of the Year due May 27th or earlier to be sent to Julie.

The quarterly Executive Committee meeting will be held before the next regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Marie Callender's in San Ramon. All members are welcome, but will need a reservation if they are not an executive committee member.

Contracts for independent contractors - Contract for the Web Master was presented to all executive committee members and they responded: The contract is presented tonight for approval: \$3,000/year to be paid at \$250 per month, **MSP**. A contract will be written for the newsletter editor.

USMS convention delegate information form - To be filled out by the next meeting if you are not an automatic delegate. Form to be given to the secretary.

Vice-Chairman Administration - Doug Huestis - No Report

Vice-Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender - Report will be given in Meet Operations report.

Secretary - Joan Alexander - No Report

Delegate At-Large - Alan Levinson - No Report

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Richard Smith - 1998 is the first year that the zone committee chairperson will be an officer and will be elected by the house of delegates at convention. Hugh Moore will be running again and has asked Richard to run his election. Richard will poll all zone reps for a nomination. Nominations must be on one sheet or may be E-mailed by July 1, 1998 and must have LMSC approval. Richard will send all nominees to Zone reps and they will vote for two to be presented at convention. Nominations will be on even years.

Registration/Records - Nancy Ridout - PMS has registered 5,211 swimmers and 92 clubs as of March 20th. The invoices have been mailed out in batches and registrations are coming back in 100+/day amounts. Swimmer of the Year for male and female are listed on a summary sheet and a vote will be taken. (Names are deleted by web master until after announcement at Short Course Championships.) Nancy Ridout has requested a Pitney-Bowes stamp machine. **MSP**

Coaches - Brian Stack - Call for Coach of the Year.

Communications -

Newsletter - Joanne Berven - Newsletter deadline is this week.

WWW - Michael Moore - The counter on Pacific Masters web page was 28,200 which was 3,000 more than January. During February, approximately 8.2 MB transfer a day which is a 28% increase over December, and 3X more than the 2.7 MG last April. Michael encourages everyone with E-mail to use the list serve.

Fitness - Tina Talbot - The Butterfly Clinic April 4 at Stanford has about 20 entries. April 26 at Walnut Creek and May in Monterey have no entries at present.

Health & Safety - Carol Berendsen - The Safety Training for Swim Coaches will be held in May. The schedule will be put on the Web page.

Hospitality & Equipment -

Hospitality.- Elfriede Rogers - No Report

Equipment - Tina Talbot - Watches were transferred from Strawberry Canyon meet to Santa Clara.

Legislation/Rules - Rick Windes - A call for proposed changes to the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition (Rule Book) must be in by July 10 to the appropriate USMS committee in order to be considered at the USMS convention September 30-October 4. If you have suggestions contact Rick Windes at e-mail address: wrwtsunami@msn.com or write to Rick at 1577 Florida St. San Francisco, CA 94110-4851.

Marketing/Public Relations - Jim Wheeler - absent. A Championship Meets and Preferred Vendors proposal was presented. The following question will be added to the PMS bid form for both open water and pool championships events: Will PMS preferred vendors be able to gain access to your championship meet site to sell their produces (assuming they will pay the standard fee and comply with all rules of the host and site)? We will strongly consider this in voting on your bids. If you do not want preferred vendors at your meet, why not? **MSP**

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender - Sacramento Pentathlon encourages all swimmers to pre-enter the meet so deck entries are held to a minimum and the meet will be able to start on time. Pacific Master Swim Committee will vote on new championship event formats at the May 27 meeting. There are 5 formats presented. Additional formats may be submitted to Barry before the April 22 meeting at his e-mail address, fasbenderb@aol.com or Barry Fasbender, Meet Operations VP, 845 Talisman Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303-4449.

Officiating - Joan Smith - Officials clinic area 3, Novato April 18, call 707-534-7009.

Open Water - Alan Levinson - Evaluators are needed for the open water swims, a sign-up sheet will be passed around. The new trailer will be purchased. We discussed an option to have our logo on the new buoys. It was agreed that this should be done. An exception to the rule concerning open water hosts that allows that if a check off box on the entry form states that if checked allows the participant the option to not receive a mailed copy of the results because they will be published on the Web. **MSP**

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin - Almaden Postal Swim will be the "Scary Distance Swim" October 1-31..**MSP** to put this event on the schedule. The remaining Open Water awards have been mailed.

Ad Hoc Automatic Timing - Rick Windes - Automatic Timing proposal - Word change in the 4th paragraph "PMS will reimburse reasonable and customary expenses for automatic timing and computer services that exceed \$4.00 times the number of swimmers." **MSP**. Carolyn Boak will discuss options for the distribution of the \$4,000 that was donated for automatic timing with the person who donated the money. A thank you letter will be sent and a proposal for 1999 use of the money will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie Paque announced that it is time to fill out convention requests.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - MSP @ 9:45 p.m.

Next Meeting - April 22, 1998

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander,
Secretary