

Pacific Masters Swimming
Annual Meeting
November 28, 2001

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Doug Huestis, Chairman @ 7:00 p.m.

Introductions: George Cunningham, Carolyn Cunningham, Joel Wilson, CRUZ, Rick Powers, DAM, Clarine Anderson, LAM, Alan Levinson, MAM, Heidi Renner, MENLO, Carol Berendsen, MILL, Doug Huestis, MOBS, Cindy Baxter, RINC, Thomas Huggins, SMMM, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Rich Burns, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab, Jon Steiner, TAM, Joanne Berven, Barbara Thomas, Tina Talbot, Mary Nygren, TVM, Marcia Benjamin, UN, Joan Alexander, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, WCM

Officers' Reports

Approval of the minutes of October 24, 2001- MSP to approve the minutes.

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson – There are some problems in closing the 2001 books. We are at \$21,757.25 short and Clarine may have to draw on a CD for the final payments. The books should be in order after the first of the year. Requests will be e-mailed to the people who still need to refund PMS for the excess payment from convention.

Chairman - Doug Huestis - Call for Service Awards nominations for Pacific and the Ransom Arthur Award. They will be due the end of January. Doug also thanked everyone for their service for the past two years. Congratulations to George and Tillie Cunningham on receiving the Ransom Arthur Award at convention.

Vice Chairman Administration - Rick Windes absent - No Report

Vice Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender – Discussion was held on increasing the meet entry fees. It was voted on to increase fees from \$20 to a maximum of \$25 for all non-championship meets and \$35 for Championship meets. Clubs may charge less. The maximum to charge for deck entries would be \$40. MSP with 1 nay.

Secretary - Joan Alexander - Election of Officers – The slate was presented. Doug Huestis Chairman, Rick Windes Vice Chairman Administration, Barry Fasbender Vice Chairman Operations, Joan Alexander Secretary, Clarine Anderson Treasurer, Michael Moore At-Large. Nominations from the floor were opened, but none were given. Nominations were closed. A vote by acclamation was taken. All were in favor.

At-Large - Michael Moore – absent – There will be an Officials Clinic January 5, 2002 in Alameda. 8:30 a.m. registration, 9-12 clinic and 1-4 officiating. Contact Greg Ng at 925-829-4974.

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Richard Smith No Report – Joan Alexander

Registration and Records - Nancy Ridout – Our 2001 year-end membership totals are 9,703 swimmers (entered) 9,698 at year-end and 117 clubs. Forty clubs have renewed or joined as of 11/23/01. Last year 27 clubs had joined or renewed. We are all to be congratulated – coaches, swimmers, swim committee, meet hosts, open water hosts, postal hosts, officials, and volunteers. All of us are responsible for the success we've had this year in terms of letting people know we exist, in supplying good coaching, Masters-friendly facilities, camaraderie, in providing opportunities to compete and measure one's training benefits, and most of all for the opportunity to keep our adult population healthier and fitter than they would be otherwise. Top Time patches have been mailed out – at last. Many, many thanks to Joan Alexander for taking on this task. Additional thanks to Joan Smith who proofed the USMS Long Course Top Ten to be sure all of our swims were included. The Short Course Meters Top Ten is in the process of being compiled and will be sent shortly to USMS. Thanks to Kerry O'Brien who will design the 2001 patch.

Coaches - Brian Stack - absent - No Report

Communications/Newsletter - Joanne Berven – absent - Michael Moore absent but sent report. Web site: the web site is in its holiday finery. This year the web site increased the daily transfer about 50%. Most of the page views are in the competition section. The places to swim page is one of the most often hit pages. Some of the information has gotten a little stale so I am in the midst of updating the page. The weekly update has taken off this year. Now there are over 8,300 subscribers on the update. I think that the Update has contributed to the information flow to the members. The Coach Midnight articles have been well received. I want to thank every one who has contributed to the Update including Joan Smith – for the official's classes notification and Coach Midnight for the coaching articles.

Fitness - Dore Schwab - No Report.

Health and Safety - Carol Berendsen – No report

Hospitality - Cindy Baxter -

Equipment - Tina Talbot – Tina will be turning over her Equipment Chair to Heidi Renner.

Legislation Rules - Alan Levinson – **The Meet Operations Handbook** had one change. 200.1 Classes of Competition (From Article 102 of USMS Rules) A. PMS competitions are open to ages 19 years and up as determined by article 102.2 of the USMS Rule Book. (~~A person's age is defined as starting at 0 on the day of birth.) A swimmer cannot compete until his 19th birthday.~~ Rationale: Proposal L16 was passed at the USMS convention. This proposal lowered the age to 18 for eligibility to apply for membership in USMS.

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender -

Marketing/Public Relations - Michael Moore - no report

Officials - Joan Smith – As of November 9, 2001 FINA has decided to allow the breaststroke kick in the butterfly stroke in metered course meets and therefore national and international records can be set by the Master Swimmers. It was decided that USMS would/could set up their own verification system by having members officiate at their USMS meets. This would mean that they would be studying the various tasks that are needed by associating with whichever position they wish to train for. We, as Master Swimmers, that wish to become official will still be participating in the USA Officials Clinics. It was established, by motion, that after attendance at the USA clinic and after passing their tests and joining USA as a non-athletic member that they then may “walk the deck” with a Stroke and Turn USMS person, or be trained by the on-deck referee or starter. The number of times of training would depend upon those that would set up the verification system. Also, by working the USMS nationals, the USA officials can get their certification and/or their re-certification. Joan Smith has been named liaison to the Hawaii National meet.

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin – Problems with scheduling SCM Championship meet in October. Other problems still exist, and swims should be listed as tentative. This was tabled till January.

Open Water - Jim Wheeler - absent – Marcia presented the Open Water high points list. She is still trying to come up with a prize for 1st through 3rd and still stay within her budget.

Ad Hoc Top Ten Computer Interface - Barry Fasbender - It was decided at convention that USMS will take on the interface with HiTek SDIF to create the Top 10 list.

Ad Hoc Nominating Committee -

Old Business - Championship committee presented bids for SC and LC Nationals. 2003 Short Course will go to Tempe Arizona, and Long Course will go to Rutgers University. They also allowed that for the meet in Hawaii only, participants would be allowed to enter 4 NQT events instead of 3.

New Business - At the Oceana Zone meeting at convention, nominations for Zone Rep were taken from the floor for Richard's position. Joan Alexander was elected. Rich Burns is in charge of the USMS Planner and will only print a limited number this year.

Team Announcements -

Adjournment - MSP at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

**Next Meeting – January 16, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.
This meeting will be at the Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville**