

Pacific Masters Swimming  
General Meeting  
September 25, 2002

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Rick Windes, Interim Chairman @ 7:30 p.m.

Introductions: Joel Wilson, George Cunningham, Carolyn Cunningham, CRUZ, Rick Powers, DAM, Michael Moore, FOG, Clarine Anderson, LAM, Alan Levinson, MAM, Ann Kay, MENLO, Cindy Baxter, RINC, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab, Cindy Clements, TAM, Cris Meier-Windes, Rick Meier-Windes, TSUN, Barb Thomas, Joanne Berven, TVM, Jim Wheeler, Carol Berendsen, Marcia Benjamin, UNAT, Bill Grohe, USF, Joan Alexander, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, Kerry O'Brien, WCM

### Officers' Reports

**Approval of the minutes of August 28, 2002** - MSP to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer** - Clarine Anderson – The 2002 convention budget was questioned regarding those delegates that went a day early. Line items were looked at regarding over-spent or under spent and some adjustments will be made to the preliminary budget. Line items where moneys were not spent may be allocated to another line item, or discontinued. MSP to accept the Treasurer's report. The 2003 preliminary budget was presented. USMS has raised their portion of the dues by \$5, from \$15 to \$20. A new line item 2012, Championship Awards, was added under the Open Water budget. We will be running approximately a \$30,000 deficit for 2003. Further adjustments may be made as all committee chairs will be asked to look over their budgets. The 2003 budget will be voted on at the October meeting. MSP to accept the 2003 preliminary budget.

**Interim Chairman** - Rick Windes presided. There was a MSP to not increase 2003 Pacific dues. Alan Levinson gave this Proposal to change by-laws for the November meeting, Section 103 PMS By-Laws  
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1. Committee Membership and Voting Privileges

2. All members of the Committee in good standing have voting privileges at meetings. **except that a member who is receiving compensation from the organization must recuse himself or herself from deliberation and voting on his or her compensation.** No ballot or action shall include votes by proxy. MSP to accept the change and present it at the Annual meeting in November.

The Retreat will be to discuss the challenges and set a schedule for Pacific Masters Swimming in 2003. There was a MSP to accept the Marin Academy for the retreat. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Nancy Ridout or Dore Schwab.

Bay Area Corporate Challenge to benefit needy children has requested our help and a representative will attend our next meeting.

**Vice Chairman Administration** - Rick Windes - No Report

**Vice Chairman Operations** - Barry Fasbender – Barry discussed the Rules changes for pool length at Convention for 2003. In order to set a USMS record or make Top Ten, all swims must be in a certified pool. Length measurements must be registered and pools with a bulkhead must be measured before and after the event. This rule change will affect all pool meets. Sanctioned pool meets may still be held in pools that are not the proper length or have not been certified but it must be noted in the information for that meet that the times swum will not be used for records or top ten times. All measurements must be done with a steel tape, and must meet all minimum requirements. There will be no negative tolerance. This rule goes into effect January 1, 2003. The January and February pool meets must be measured ASAP. MSP that all pools be measured for the 2003 meets. Web site will host the rule and all certified pools.

**Secretary** - Joan Alexander - Executive Meeting – The Executive Committee met and discussed the USMS dues increase for 2003. It will be \$30. There was a MSP to not increase 2003 Pacific dues. The 2003 meeting schedule was presented, keeping the meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, with several exceptions: Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 28, Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 19, and no meeting in December. It was MSP to recommend the schedule. There was a MSP to recommend a PMS Retreat. The date will be November 23, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Marin Academy. A discussion on the addition of e-mail address to the Consolidated Entry Form was met with some opposition. The Bay Area Corporate Challenge information will be handed out at the regular meeting and will be discussed. Nominating Committee Search – The Search Committee for PMS Chair has ended. There were five people who came forward saying they would be willing to serve. Michael Moore was selected, MSP, to fill out the remaining year of the last term.

**At-Large** - Michael Moore - No Report

### Committee Reports

**Zone Rep** – Joan Alexander – It has been requested by the Zone Committee that the 2003 Zone meetings not be held during the lunch hour. After introductions, Oceana Zone Rep welcomed all new delegates. Janet Renner, Hawaii Chair, suggested that we have a “cyber Zone meet”. Joan and Janet will explore the possibilities. Dore Schwab offered to help. Carolyn Boak led the discussion on Rules. After the discussion, Tom and Carolyn said their farewell to Pacific. They will now be affiliated with Texas. Pacific will miss them, and we wish them the very best.

**Registration and Records** - Nancy Ridout –As of September 25, 2002, we have 9,835 registered swimmers and 119 clubs. We have now surpassed our total 2001 registration with six weeks remaining in the 2002 registration year. Beginning September 1, the late-in-the-year reduced rate registration fee is \$15. Normally refunds are not made to clubs and swimmers sending in \$25 unless requested, because it would create a great deal of extra work for our (volunteer) Treasurer. Registrations for 2003 will be accepted beginning November 1, 2002. The 2003 fee (see USMS Convention Review) will be determined tonight. Registration materials will be sent out to each currently registered club in mid-October. The PMS Long Course Top Ten is nearly finished and will be

submitted in a timely fashion. All records flagged by the meets have been submitted on time. The 2003 meeting schedule was presented, keeping the meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, with several exceptions: Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 28, Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22, Nov 19, and no meeting in December. MSP to accept the schedule. Nancy put together a Convention Highlights report. 1. This was about the dues increase and how USMS cut several budget items and worked together for a balanced budget. 2. Beginning with the 2003 registration year, each swimmer will be assigned a permanent ID number which will stay with them throughout their Masters swimming career or until it must change due to moving or name change. 3. 2004 USMS SC Nationals will be held at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, April 22-25, and the LC Nationals will be held at the Chatham County Aquatic Center in Savannah, Georgia August 12-15. A 5-day format was approved for the 2003 LC National Championships. 4. Our liability coverage will be increased approximately 150% due to the current climate of the insurance industry. Quotes will not be submitted until 30 days prior to expiration of our current policy. 5. The long distance 2004 bids were awarded. Tamalpais was awarded the One Hour Postal Event. 6. USMS has been approached by FINA to consider submitting a bid for the 2006 FINA World Championships. The International Committee is also studying the possibility of hosting the Pan Pacific Championships in 2005 as a warm-up for the FINA World Championships. Paul Wrangell reported on the Database committee. Nancy handed out a proposal, The Bay Area Corporate Challenge. It would have 14 sports and would be a great recruitment opportunity for USMS. They have all sights selected except swimming and will pay all expenses. This will be considered at the October meeting.

**Coaches** – Kerry O'Brien and Brian Stack, absent – Kerry reported on the Las Vegas Coaches convention. Kerry and several other coaches will work with ASCA on evaluating the level 4 and 5 coaches. He is also writing a proposal with John Leonard and a letter to ASCA to see if he could incorporate some of the mentoring ideas into the Intensive Training Camp in March, where the coaches could shadow the other coaches with the on-deck workouts and sit through the 3 hour video reviews to upgrade their certification to a new level. If this is approved by ASCA, Kerry would like to use some of the Coaches money as stipend for the coaches wishing to upgrade.

**Communications/Newsletter** - Michael Moore – We are using 50Mb this year compared to 30Mb last year.

Joanne Berven – The newsletter is in progress and she is requesting photos.

**Fitness** – Bill Grohe – The Fitness Committee will assist the Coaches in promoting the Mentor Clinics, will help develop postal swims especially the virtual postal swims, and to promote fitness through the Marketing committee to develop a unified program.

**Health and Safety** - Carol Berendsen – No Report

**Hospitality** - Cindy Baxter and Ann Kay – No Report

**Equipment** – Dale Finch – absent – No Report

**Legislation Rules** - Alan Levinson – Alan presented his report under the Chair report. Other By-Laws or housekeeping will be looked into and presented. Committee descriptions will be needed soon. A checklist will be made up so that new committee chairs will have a list of what to do and when.

**Marketing/Public Relations** - Michael Moore/Dore Schwab – Dore said that he will be working with Bill Grohe.

**Meet Operations** - Barry Fasbender - No Report

**Officials** – Cindy Baxter – There will be an Official's Clinic October 9, 2002, at Daly City Parks and Rec at 111 Lake Merced Blvd, Daly City, Wed 7-10 pm. Cindy reports that certification will be easier this coming year.

**Scheduling** - Marcia Benjamin – MSP to accept the preliminary 2003 Calendar of Events through August 31, subject to the certification of pools. A list of contacts for meets/swims was handed out. Two proposals for Open Water point competition tabulation were presented. It was MSP that Pacific would adopt the same tabulation as USMS. The second was to also adopt the USMS LD Committee recommendation that they would not limit the number of swims. MST.

**Open Water** - Jim Wheeler – This is Jim's last meeting as Open Water Chair. He thanked everyone and applauded the committee for their work. He will turn over the trailer to the new trailer committee. Pacific Masters Swimming owes Jim a debt of gratitude. Thanks to Jim for a job well done.

**Ad Hoc Top Ten Computer Interface** - Barry Fasbender - Barry reported that he and Michael Moore had viewed a Top Ten program developed by Julie Paque which looked promising with some modifications and upgrades. Barry has also talked with a Hy-Tek representative concerning our needs.

**Ad Hoc Nominating Committee** – Joan Alexander will head this committee for a replacement of the At Large Committee Chair. Clarine Anderson, Joel Wilson and Alan Levinson will be on the committee.

**Old Business** – It was decided that the word 'optional' would be added regarding the e-mail address request on the Consolidated Entry Form.

**New Business** - None

**Team Announcements** – TAM was awarded the 2004 USMS One Hour Postal Swim.

**Adjournment** - MSP at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander  
Secretary  
Pacific Masters Swimming

**Next Meeting - October 23, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**The next meeting will be at the Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville**