

Pacific Masters Swimming
General Meeting
June 25, 2003

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Michael Moore, Chairman @ 7:30 p.m.

Introductions: Michael Moore, FOG, Clarine Anderson, LAM, Allan Cartwright, Joanne Berven, LNM Alan Levinson, MAM, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab, Jon Steiner. TAM, Rick Meier-Windes, Cris Meier-Windes, TSUN, Bill Grohe, USF, Joan Alexander, Kerry O'Brien, Richard Smith, Joan Smith, WCM

Officers' Reports

Approval of the minutes of May 28, 2003 – Minutes will be ready at the August meeting.

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson - The Treasurer's report had no unusual items. Convention: Clarine will make reservations for rooms. Budgets for 2004 will be needed before the next meeting. MSP to approve the report.

Chairman – Michael Moore – General Comments – Bids for Nationals, Short Course, Long Course, or Long Distance will be due August 20, 2003.

Vice Chairman Administration – Richard Smith – No Report

Vice Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender – No Report

Secretary - Joan Alexander - The convention delegate update. We have 17 delegates at present. Contact Joan and Clarine with new delegate names.

At-Large – Bill Grohe – No Report

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Joan Alexander – No Report, but the committee has voted yes to accept the changes and Lynn will forward this to the Legislation Committee.

Registration and Records - Nancy Ridout – Pacific has registered 8,529 swimmers and 109 clubs as of June 21, 2003. It is time to nominate people for the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award. Nominations will be given to Michael Moore. These are due in July. Nominations were made from the floor and voted on. They are: Joan Alexander, Nancy Ridout, Jim Wheeler and Cris Meier-Windes. MSP to accept the nominations. Top Ten and Records. This report has had problems because of the software conflicts. It will probably not make the June 30th deadline. The Hy-Tek software and conversion has not proved to be complete and the monumental task of correcting and adding new swimmers from the 3 meets not included is a daunting one. So far the progress has been extremely slow. Though not a lot can be done about it for this season, I hope that a program can be developed that will insure this situation won't happen again. USMS has been apprised of our situation.

Coaches - Brian Stack/Kerry O'Brien – Scott Williams was selected PMS 2003 Coach of the Year. A process will be developed and put on the website for a uniform nomination letter for Coach of the Year, and other Pacific nominations. Brian Stack will contact scholarship recipients for the World Coaches Clinic. On Deck Coaching for Championships will be provided. There will be 2 coaches on Friday, 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. Coaches Retreat will be after LC Nationals.

Communications/Newsletter - Joanne Berven – The newsletter is 2 pages. A picture of Laura Val is needed for this article. Other copy may be sent by e-mail to Joanne. A problem occurred in sending the Newsletter last issue. The deadline is July 15th. Michael Moore – The web is doing very well and is always at a high Mb transfer after meets.

Fitness – Barbara Thomas – absent – No report

Health and Safety - Carol Berendsen – absent No Report

Hospitality - Cindy Baxter /Ann Kay –absent – No Report

Equipment – DiCapua – absent – No report

Legislation Rules - Alan Levinson – Three proposals were presented. 1. Incorporate term limits for USMS Standing Committee Chairs.

507.3 Standing Committees (page 89) The president shall appoint the chair of each committee to a 2-year term. A USMS member may be appointed to chair a specific standing committee for two successive terms. No person so appointed to chair a specific standing committee for two successive terms is eligible to be appointed chair of the same standing committee until after the lapse of 2 years following the term of the person's last appointment as the committee chair of that standing committee. The president.....

Rationale: Changing the Committee Chairs of Standing Committees will help to develop new leadership. This will build a stronger, more vibrant organization by broadening the base of knowledgeable and experienced leaders.

Voting on Term Limits: 4 yes, 6 no, 2 abstain.

2. Provide for the amendment of the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition to be amended annually in both even and odd-numbered years (and remove the Emergency Amendment provision.) 601.4 Adoption of Proposed Amendments (page 89) 601.4.1 **Rules** ~~In even numbered years~~, Part 1 and the Glossary may be amended..... 601.4.2

Long Distance ~~In even numbered years~~, Part 3 and the Glossary may be amended.....

601.4.3 – **Legislation** ~~In odd numbered years~~ + The Preamble, Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives, Glossary, Part 2, Part 4, Part 5, Part 6 and Appendix D may be amended.....

601.4.4 – **Proposed Amendments Requiring Action of More Than One Committee** In any year, p Proposed amendments to the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition that fall within more than one jurisdiction.

~~601.4.5 – **Emergency Amendments** Emergency amendments (amendments not submitted in conformity with articles 601.4.1, 601.4.2, and 601.4.3 may be passed by a three fourths – nine tenths vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if they are properly submitted to, deemed an emergency by, and recommended by the appropriate governing committee as defined in article 601.1. MSP to the three-fourths majority.~~

~~**Delete “Summary of Amendment Procedures” chart on bottom half of page 97.**~~

~~**Rationale:** USMS has developed and matured as an organization. USMS should now be able to consider all proposed amendments to the Rule Book and on annual basis. The structure of USMS allows for the effective review and consideration of all proposals that may be submitted to the House of Delegates. MSP to the ‘hearing impaired’ statement.~~

3. Emergency Amendment to PART 1: Swimming Rules – Article 101: **Starts, Strokes, and Relays**

101.1 **Starts** 101.1.1 **Forward Start** The forward start may be taken from the starting block the pool. ... “Take your mark. The starter shall simultaneously provide a visual starting signal, using the standard starter’s arm signals developed for hearing impaired swimmers. Those starting in the water. ... This concept should be sent to the Officials Committee. MSP

101.1.2 – **Backstroke Start** B. All Courses – The swimmers shall line up in the water the swimmers’ feet including the toes shall be placed under the surface of the water. The starter shall simultaneously provide a visual starting signal, using the standard starter’s arm signals developed for deaf and hard of hearing swimmers. Standing in or on the gutter or curling the toes

Rationale: Masters meets are large and often involve a fair amount of commotion and noise. Making the use of hand signals mandatory will be of assistance to hearing-impaired and non-hearing impaired swimmers. MSP to forward this concept to the Officials Committee and to contact Meg Smath, Committee Chair of Publications Committee, regarding choice of terms in Article 108.3 Deaf and Hard of Hearing, suggest using the phrase “hearing impaired” in place of “deaf and hard of hearing”.

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender – No Report

Marketing/Public Relations – Bill Grohe/Dore Schwab - No Report

Officials – Cindy Baxter – absent

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin – No Report – August 20 deadline for SC, LC, and SCM Championship meet bids. SC will be March 20 due to the early Nationals in April.

Open Water – Cindy Clements – absent – Problem at Berryessa – Nancy presented the information on the swimmer who swam illegally under the name of another swimmer. Discussion followed siting unsportsman-like conduct, complicating the results, insurance problem possibilities, time and energy spent to rectify the problem. Part IV will be re-written in committee at convention, and will be posted on the USMS website. Perhaps PMS could adapt a limited version of this.

Old Business – Review Privacy Statement – Moore – “Reserve the right” must be in the privacy statement. MSP SCAM is looking for a new coach.

New Business – FINA World Championships 2006 – Barry Fasbender – Mel Goldstein will do a presentation at Stanford University with the Assistant Athletic Director in July regarding hosting the 2006 World Championships. Masters H2O Polo, Masters Diving, Masters Synchronized Swimming, and the LMSC Officials of Nancy Ridout, Barry Fasbender and Michael Moore will all be invited to attend. A motion of Pacific Masters Swimming support the concept of having the 2006 World Championships at Stanford. MSP.

Team Announcements – Dinner/BBQ at PMS Championships will cost \$8.50/person. Cost to PMS is \$12.95/person. The Exec Board felt that this is a great way to get to know other swimmers. The committee will look at hosting this again next year. Additional delegates are still needed.

Adjournment - MSP at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

Next Meeting – August 27, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
This meeting will be at the Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville