

Pacific Masters Swimming
General Meeting
March 16, 2005

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

Introductions: Michael Moore, FOG, Barbara Thomas, Joanne Berven, LNM, Jennifer Zeitler, SCAM, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab, Jon Steiner, TAM, Cris Meier-Windes, TSUN, Barb Owens, USF, Joan Alexander, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, Kerry O'Brien, Leianne Crittenden, WCM

Officers' Reports

Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2005, MSP

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson – absent. The report was given by Barry Fasbender. MSP to accept the report.

Chairman – Michael Moore – Call for the Coach of the Year Award, due at the May meeting.

Vice Chairman Administration – Barbara Thomas – No Report

Vice Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender – No Report

Secretary - Joan Alexander Hawaii LMSC has voted to have non-sanctioned events listed. They feel that they are extremely important to include on the calendar of events. It only encourages folks to seek out USMS.org as a reliable source for swimming events around the country.

Executive Committee Report

At-Large – Bill Grohe – absent. No Report

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Joan Alexander – The Zone Committee will have a conference call on Sunday, 20th of March. A reminder that those who want to run for any USMS office have till April 30 to fill out all applications. These are found on USMS.org. As stated last month, all positions will be open – President, 4 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, 8 Zone Directors and 8 Zone Reps.

Registration and Records - Nancy Ridout – Pacific has registered 5,564 swimmers and 95 clubs as of 3/10/05. Top Ten/Records Report – There have been problems with the SCM top ten due in large part to a new software program that wasn't user friendly the first time around. We have been working to correct those problems. The individual Short Course Records for 2004 are available tonight for you to take. Voting for the 2004 Swimmers of the Year will take place next month.

Coaches - Brian Stack/Kerry O'Brien -

Communications/Newsletter - Joanne Berven – The deadline is the end of the month. Michael Moore – The web is doing well.

Fitness – Crittenden

Health and Safety -Zeitler

Hospitality – Rotating. March - Crittenden. April -Barbara Thomas; May – Marcia Benjamin, June – Joanne Berven, July – Nancy Ridout, August – Cris Meier-Windes - September – Jennifer Zeitler, October – Barry Fasbender, November – potluck

Equipment – Alan Cartwright – absent

Legislation Rules - Alan Levinson – absent – Report follows: Update in our PMS Administrative Handbook and By-Laws. Action Item: It is my recollection that the PMS Committee agreed that, since these were changes to the PMS Administrative Handbook (Sections 10 and/or 102) and not changes to the By-Laws (Section 103), these two items would be considered and voted on at a later meeting of the PMS Committee. Unless the Committee had otherwise ruled, I propose putting these on the Agenda for our March 15, 2005 meeting. Section 101.3 Registration of Swimmers. A. Every swimmer or club planning to compete in PMS sanctioned events must first register with USMS or a National Governing Body or National Federation registered with FINA and agree to abide. Section 102.3 Committee Policies K. Records 3. PMS records set by Pacific registered swimmers in regional, or national or international meets held in other regions of USMS sanctioned by USMS or FINA shall be recognized from USMS Top Ten listings or from an electronic heat sheet and duplicate timer's card with all information included. Responsibility for submission of record timed Rationale: These changes are proposed in anticipation and recognition of the 2006 FINA World Master Championships in Palo Alto. These modifications will accommodate our PMS-oriented rules for the international competition PMS will be hosting.

I have forwarded changes to the PMS Administrative Handbook and By-Laws that were passed by the PMS Committee at the Annual Meeting of 11/17/04. These have been incorporated into the current version of the PMS Administrative Handbook and By-Laws (rev. 11/04). The changes (regarding PMS Committees) have also been incorporated into the analogous sections (Section 101.7 and Section 102.3) of the PMS Administrative Handbook, (rev. 11/04). {This duplication is one of the arguments for the current review and possible revision of the format of the Administrative Handbook.} The following two items were on the Nov. 17, 2004 Meeting Agenda under the Legislation/Rules Report, but were not mentioned in the minutes for Nov. 17, 2004.

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

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender – Action Item 1. Change to section 205.5B1c (Meet Conduct and Procedures, Seeding) of Meet Operations Handbook: c. Seeding may be done by time without regard to age groups or by age group. All entries must include an entry time. No Time (NT) entries will be assigned an estimated time. If a swimmer enters an event with a time significantly slower than his historical times, the met director may change the entered time to a realistic time. MSP

Action Item 2. New Policy: Each Oceana Zone event that is to be listed on the USMS calendar must be approved for listing by the LMSC in which that event is to be held. MSP

Action Item 3. Request by Fresno Dolphins to have one-event registration for their meet 4/2. MSF

Action Item 4. Santa Rosa SCM meet event request: a 100M hypoxic race. MSF for health problems.

Officials – Cindy Baxter – absent

Open Water – Cindy Clements – absent Sanction packets have been sent to all individuals identified as race directors for the 2005 open water season. We will have an open water event directors meeting on April 17th at the Hilltop YMCA in Richmond, 10a.m. to 1p.m. The first sanctioned open water event of the season is the Parkside Aquatic Park mile May 14th.

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin – absent – No Report

Ad Hoc Budget – Fasbender – No report

2006 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Standard Entry times – Attached. (on separate pages)

Report on the trip to China for the FINA Bureau meeting. The FINA Bureau approved the schedule, both the dates and the events. The Bureau approved the mascot. The thermal caps seen to be approved, they have to be worn under the bright caps we will have to provide for the open water swim. The Bureau approved the qualifying times. The Bureau saw the draft of the meet book – Bill said the only thing was there was not the FINA logo. I spoke with Pedro Adrega of the communications department of FINA, he as going to hold off with a press release about the schedule and qualifying times so that we can issue a joint release. Bill Matson was originally not going to distribute the meet book to the Bureau, but after reviewing it, he said he would distribute it – I think that was due to the professional look that Beth Folkerth has given it. The FINA Masters Congress will be meeting in San Francisco on the day before or two days before the start of the championships.

Old Business –

New Business –

Team Announcements – None

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

Next Meeting – April 13, 2005 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

This meeting will be at the Heather Farm Community Center, Walnut Creek