

Pacific Masters Swimming
General Meeting
April 19, 2006

Call to order: Michael Moore, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Introductions: Michael Moore, FOG; Barry Fasbender, SMMM; Bill Grohe, USF; Leianne Crittenden, Karen Duggan, Joan Alexander, WCM; Joanna Berven, Barbara Thomas, LNM, Nancy Ridout, TAM; Alan Cartwright, RINC, Jennifer Zeitler, SCAM.

Nancy gave an update on Richard Smith reporting that he is doing well after a heart attack at PMS Champs. We will discuss AED's (that saved his life under New Business).

Officers' Reports

Approval of minutes Karen Duggan- March minutes approved as written by Joan Alexander for Karen Duggan.

Treasurer Jennifer Zeitler- Budget vs. Actual December 2005-March 2006. MSP to accept budget.

Chairman Michael Moore- Coach of the Year Award nominations due May 24th.

Michael questioned Meg Smath (USMS) as to the number of PMS delegates allowed at USMS convention. We should be allowed nineteen. The convention will be held in Dearborn, Michigan September 14-17, 2006.

Vice Chairman Administration- Barbara Thomas- no report

Vice Chairman Operations- Barry Fasbender- There are 1270 swimmers at SC Nationals in Coral Springs, FL. The sixth event will not be dropped. The distance events will be swum in two courses, NOT three. The psych sheets were posted on Monday and corrections taken until this evening (April 19th). A discussion ensued about how unfair it is that the entry deadline was extended. Because of the extension 300 more swimmers entered the meet. The championship committee needs to stick to their deadlines. Barry read a very nice letter of thanks from Clarine Anderson for the clock presented to her from PMS. Michael suggested a copy of it become part of the minutes.

Karen Duggan- The February minutes are being reconstructed due to the crashing of my laptop hard drive. I will bring them to the May meeting.

At-Large- Bill Grohe- no report.

Committee Reports

Meet Operations- Barry- The Fresno LCM meet scheduled for June 17th has been cancelled. They have several events going on and the team is concerned about the strain on their volunteers. The BMW Splash and Dash scheduled for June 12th has been cancelled. WCM reps will ask Kerry O'Brien about the possibility of WCM hosting a meet in June. Barry may be absent next month due to surgery.

Hospitality- May, Thomas; June, Alexander; July, Crittenden; August, Duggan; September, Grohe; October, Fasbender; November, potluck.

Health and Safety- Leianne- A discussion followed about AED's at sanctioned PMS events. Is OW required to have them? Ask Cindy. The consensus was that they are not that expensive and an AED saved Richard Smith's life at Pac Champs. Several questions

need to be asked and answered regarding AED's including: actual cost, legality, transport, etc. Karen, Leianne, and Nancy will look into this.

Open Water- Cindy absent- OW director's meeting will be Sunday, April 23, 2006 at Hilltop YMCA in Richmond at 10 am. The Lake Sonoma swim has been changed. It will now be held at Memorial Beach on the Russian River in Healdsburg and will be one mile. It is scheduled for July 15th and is the 2006 OW Championship. There will be awards 1st-5th place. Please pass this information on to all teams.

Alan added that the Maginnis' store the OW trailer and that it is time again for PMS to send a thank you letter and perhaps a check, as we save so much money not having to use a storage facility.

Registration- Our numbers are up from last year. Renewals have been mailed to 4,685 2005 PMS swimmers who have not yet renewed, at a cost of \$4,685. That bill has been paid by the treasurer. We should be seeing these renewals coming in soon.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Swimmers</u>	<u>Clubs</u>
4/15/06	6,492	108
2005	6,068	99
2004	6,420	99
2003	6,990	106
2002	7,620	108
2001	7,129	113
2000	6,801	108
1999	6,780	98
1998	5,194	83
1997	5,904	97
1996	5,853	100
1995	5,194	83
1994	5,112	85
1993	4,645	84
1992	4,545	75

Top 10 and Records- Nancy- Letters were sent and awards presented to the 29 PMS age group swimmers of the year at PMS SC Champs, as well as to the three service award recipients, and the three overall Swimmers of the Year. Nancy received the SC Champs meet paperwork and will start inputting the 2006 PMS SC Top Ten.

World Championships- Michael- Minutes from meeting attached. On-line registration has been up for three days. Approximately 190 have registered. Average fees are about \$130 per entrant. So far there are 122 countries represented. About 500 entrants have forgotten to pay on-line, they will be notified. There have been 304 paper entries. A reminder, that coaches will receive free polo shirts if they have 20 or more entrants. Another reminder that events and times may be changed until June 3rd. There is an edit feature to do this on-line. Michael wanted to point out that Mark Gill did a great job with USMS regarding on-line registration.

Nancy showed us the pre-production medals shown (gold, silver, bronze, pewter 4-10). Everyone agreed that the ribbons attached to the medals were terrific. Very festive and colorful ☺

Legislation and Rules- Alan Levinson- absent- There was a discussion about USMS rule changes and proposed changes, including pool measurement verification if a record is set. Measurements must be submitted if a record is set. The Top Ten committee enforces this rule. If USAS has measured the pool then USMS will accept this unless the pool's been modified since the measurement. According to Leianne, Kathy Casey (USMS rules) was wondering if LMSC's are measuring pools. Leianne will follow up. Barbara said that we need to look at PMS rule proposals (to USMS) that were never passed, and revisit them? Karen asked about PMS rule change regarding: Why can't swims out of our LMSC count for PMS Top 10? She will write up proposal to change rules.

Ad Hoc- facilities- Joan- The July meeting will be held in the classroom at Heather Farm.

Communications- Berven- May/June issue sent to publisher on March 23rd. Copies by e-mail and snail mail sent out April 10th.

Equipment- Alan- no report.

Marketing/Public Relations- Bill- no report.

Scheduling- Marcia- absent- no report.

Coaches- Kerry- absent- no report. Reminder that Kerry said swimmers could use LCM pool at Heather Farm for World Champs training.

Fitness- Leianne- no report.

Officiating- Chris- absent- no report.

Old Business- Top Ten patches need to be ordered.

New Business- Leianne reporting on USMS Championship Subcommittee: This subcommittee has been discussing a "virtual" SCM Nationals. In lieu of actual SCM championship, swimmers would choose six events at regional meets and the times would be compiled in a data base. Swimmers must choose ahead of time which swims they will use. It was suggested that we should just have a SCM National Championship. Nancy said a rule change would be needed. Nancy and Karen will look into it.

Michael USMS board meeting notes: (see report) Gill said USMS Swimmer magazine will be out late. Meg Smath and Julie Heather are working on a policy manual for USMS. There may be a USMS dues raise. On-line registration for USMS may be coming (very costly). USMS has narrowed down its search for Executive Director. They started with 100 candidates. Twelve were voted as very good candidates and now they are down to the final five that will be interviewed in Coral Springs during Nationals.

Team Announcements- none.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Duggan
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

Next meeting May 24, 2006, 7:00 dinner, 7:30 meeting
Heather Farm Community Center