

Pacific Masters Swimming
July 23, 2008
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman, Michael Moore.

Introductions: Barry Fasbender, Jody Smith, Joan Alexander, Michael Moore, John King, Tillie Cunningham, Ken Burr, Marcia Benjamin, Chris Campbell, Richard Smith, Joan Smith Karen Duggan.

Approval of the minutes: The June 18, 2008 minutes, submitted by Joan Alexander, were tabled until the August meeting pending corrections. Lines 880 and 970 in the Treasurer's Report need to be corrected.

Report of the treasurer: no report available.

Officers' Reports

Chairman, Michael Moore: If you use your PMS card at Sports Basement you will receive 10% your purchase. USMS Championships (pool and OW) for the West Coast 2010 need to be determined. It was suggested that perhaps Lake Berryessa could be an OW possibility. At the PMS Championships Bud Meyer was honored and that went well. Doug Huestis and Scott Williams have been nominated for the Dorothy Donnelly Award. Nancy will send in forms for that. Bob Strand will be inducted to the ISHOF. It is \$50/person if anyone wants to attend the ceremony. Russell Havercamp (water polo) is also being inducted. USMS Swimmer magazine was delayed due to the PMS newsletter being turned in late, when in fact that was not the case. There was an issue with differing deadline schedules and that has now been resolved. Nancy has volunteered for the best practices for LMSC's task force.

Vice-chair, Administration, Joan Alexander: no report

Vice-chair, Operations, Barry Fasbender: The timeline for the 2008 LC Championships shows very long days with late ending times. The sixth event has been dropped, all events 200 meters and longer will be deck seeded, and the starting time has been changed from 8am to 7:30am. The ending times and durations for each day are:

Thursday: ends at 9:20pm (13h, 50m)

Friday: ends at 6:40pm (11h, 10m)

Saturday: ends at 8:40pm (13h, 10m)

Sunday: ends at 5:50pm (10h, 20m)

Secretary, Karen Duggan: no report

At-Large, Bill Grohe: no report

Committees

Legislation/Rules, Alan Levinson: no report

Coaches, Chris Campbell: The presentation went well for coach of the year

Registration, Nancy Ridout: MSP to grant USMS Convention over budget request. MSP to grant lifetime membership for PMS to Bud Meyer. Dorothy Donnelly award nominations due.

Top Ten and Records, Nancy Ridout: Many thanks to Richard and Joan Smith who proofread the PMS file for the PMS Short Course Yards Top Times. This report was submitted on time to USMS. There were still problems with relays at PMS Championships. Still no way to verify ages yet, but better than SAMMS

Scheduling, Marcia Benjamin: no report

The bids for 2009 OW events have been sent out. Championship bids and Jan/Feb meet bids are due August 10th.

Meet Operations, Barry Fasbender: The use of Hy-Tek at the LC Championships was very successful. Pacific, National, and World Records were automatically flagged saving much volunteer time for the host. All of the records have been posted on the PMS site. On Saturday we were able to start posting real-time results on the website including 100 split times. A Hy-Tek Meet Manager order has been placed for the MAAC SCM on Saturday, August 23, 2008. They have experience running the program and will run it themselves.

There was discussion about swimmers handling meet entries. It was decided that swimmers having access to championship entries need to submit their entries to Barry 30 days before the meet.

Open Water, Glenda Carroll: The Open Water Championship Lake Mendocino swim is replacing the Russian River swim July 26th. Dave Robinson, event chair for the Mendocino swim said they have blue skies. The Lake Natoma swim was cancelled. Another event literally kicked the swim off the course. The Redding Swim Club (Whiskeytown 1 and 2 mile swim) said that the air is finally clearing in their area and it should be okay for next month's swims.

I'm thinking of doing a survey of OW swimmers after the season to find out what works (and doesn't) for them, and if they have suggestions for attracting new swimmers. Cindy Clements put excellent systems in place to organize and keep track of the swims. I'd like to expand that base.

Communications (newsletter/web page) Joanne Berven, Michael Moore:

The newsletter is a work in progress.

The weekly web update has been getting out each week on time. At the PMS LC Championships I spoke with Franz Mortensen and there will be a way to get results up immediately on the site.

The results will be in an SDIF file and sent to the USMS website and those results will be part of the USMS database. Here swimmers can review their times, splits, and results.

Over the past month the website has an average of 130 MB of traffica/day with the most on July 14th, the day after the LC Championships.

Fitness, Leianne Crittenden: no report

Marketing/Publications: Bill Grohe, no report A comment was made that the brochures are great for PMS.

Officials, John King: no report

Trailer, Allan Cartwright: no report

Ad Hoc Facilities, Joan Alexander: I received a call from Maria, the WC room booking person, and we have a choice this year of either the large Lakeside Room at \$75/hour or the Community Center at \$40/hour. The prices have gone down this year. She will hold the room until after our meeting on Wednesday. MSP to change the meeting time of our September 19th meeting to 6:30 pm.

Hospitality: John King will bring dinner to the August meeting. Thanks John!

Equipment: TBD

Health and Safety: TBD

Old Business: none

New Business: Member retention in PMS is great. We are wondering why do people leave? Ten-year increments show that people born between 1980-1989 have less retention. Let's conduct a survey to find out why. Get help from Tom Boyd.

Swim Across America is here!

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Karen Duggan
Pacific Masters Swimming, Secretary