

Pacific Masters Swimming
Conference Call
June 15, 2011

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Michael Moore at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions: Barry Fasbender, Joan Alexander, Rich Burns, John Morales, Nancy Ridout, Laura Colette, Jim Clemmons, Scott Patterson, Jody Smith, Kristy King, Michael Moore, Richard Smith, Joan Smith, Lianne Crittenden, Glenda Carroll, Kildine Harms, Laura Val,

Officers' Reports

Approval of the minutes of 5/18/2011 - MSA

Treasurer Report - Kildine Harms - Approval of report - MSA Report attached separately.

Chairman - Michael Moore - MSA to attach complete report to minutes till end of the year. The Excel weekend was great. Rowdy Gaines was guest speaker. Congratulations to Cokie Lepiski and her team for putting this together. Awards Nominations to be submitted by July 10. Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award, Dorothy Donnelley Award (we will submit those from last year - Paul Wrangell, Lianne Crittenden, Joanne Berven, Linda Schoenberger. Coach of the Year - Marin Pirates.

Appeal grievance - (see 104) Committee of John King, Jody Smith and Barry Fasbender to handle.

Vice Chairman Administration - Lianne Crittenden - No Report,

Vice Chairman Operations - Jim Clemmons - No Report

Secretary - Joan Alexander - No Report

At-Large - Jody Smith - No Report

Committee Reports

Registration - Nancy Ridout - As of 6/14/2011, we have registered 9,255 swimmers and 123 clubs. Past history at this point shows: **9,502 swimmers and 122 clubs as of 6/15/10, 9,316 swimmers & 125 clubs as of 6/16/09**; 2010 totals were probably high as a result of the USMS OW Championship event held at Del Valle in early June and in both years our paper renewal invoices being mailed out in May.

Our paper renewal invoices were mailed last week and are on their way to northern California.

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14. Michael Moore
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21. Barry Fasbender*

22. Peter Guadagni*

23. Kildine Harms*

** USMS delegate with convention travel, lodging, and convention fee reimbursed by USMS

24. Joan Alexander**

25. Jim Clemmons**

26. Nancy Ridout**

BJ Henry and Chris Campbell were approved, making a total of 22 delegates. It was suggested that we select 25 total as cancellations usually occur closer to convention. These would be alternates.

I've received correspondence and a request from Scott Patterson regarding the Cruz Cruise OW event who feels an ambulance is an essential safety component for this swim. His request is below.

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We believe the CC2M fills an important niche in the PMS Open Water lineup each year, and have enjoyed doing it now for 15 years or so. It continues on as a race that isn't for everyone...the cold water, variable conditions, and two mile length excludes us from expanding the # of participants by allowing youngsters and we've never wanted to consider "one-day-memberships", but always encouraged the wearing of wetsuits (especially the first time attempting the race). We historically rode the coat-tails of the Pier to Pier Swim ambulance-wise, when we ran our race simultaneously, shared the finish line, and volunteer staff, etc. More recently, we have relied on our lifeguards to supply EMT staff, but after the Whiskeytown tragedy, if at all possible, we want to make sure we can cover every conceivable safety concern.

We are requesting that PMS subsidize the cost of a dedicated ambulance, which should be about \$375 (8:30 AM to 11:30 AM). Please include this request in the June 15th meeting's agenda...and let me know if there is more I can do, to answer any questions, field comments, etc. (831) 706-7950

Best regards,

Scott Patterson/ Cruz Masters/ CC2M race director

A motion was made and passed to subsidize the swim.

Top Ten and Records - Ridout - Top Ten is being submitted.

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender - No Report

Coaches - Cokie Lepinski - No Report

Open Water - Glenda Carroll - Report and pictures are attached.

Scheduling - John Morales - No Report

Communications - Newsletter, Joanne Berven - Report attached.

Web Master - No report

Officials - John King - No Report

Legislation/rules - TBD - See full report. Two items presented: 202.1.1.D **MSF**. Change the Liability

Release form - **MSA**.

Equipment - Peter Guadagni - report attached

Hospitality - July, John King, September, Glenda Carroll

Ad Hoc Facilities - Joan Alexander - July meeting has been booked at the Club Room (our regular place)

Marketing/Public Relations - Rich Burns - See full report.

Health and Safety - TBD

Old Business -

A. Pacific Masters Hall of Fame - Ridout - tabled indefinitely.

B. Annual Meeting proposal - Guadagni - Report attached.

New Business -

Team Announcements -

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Alexander
Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

**PLEASE NOTE
NEXT MEETING WILL BE
JULY 20, 2011
AT 7:00 P.M.
CLUB ROOM**

JUNE MEETING REPORTS – 06/15/2011

Officer and Committee Reports - 06/15/2011

Chairman – Michael Moore

Vice Chair Administration – Leianne Crittenden, no report

Vice Chair Operations – Jim Clemmons, no report

Secretary – Joan Alexander, no report, minutes attached

At-Large – Jody Smith, no report

Treasurer – Kildine Harms, report attached separately

Registration – Nancy Ridout

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Top Ten and Records – Nancy Ridout

The Pacific Masters SC Top Ten is in the process of being compiled.

Meet Operations – Barry Fasbender, no report

Coaches – Cokie Lepinski

Open Water – Glenda Carroll

Here are the photos of the trailer.

Also for my report: The first meeting of the Open Water Committee had a conference call last month. Topics included developing longer swims, subsidizing swims where needed and safety. We meet again this month.

Scheduling – John Morales

I have contacted all parties who have put on a Pacific Masters Swimming event in the past 3 years and announced the change in Chairpersons. In the message I thanked Marcia for her service over the years and announced bidding for championship events would be upcoming. I also wanted to say how much I enjoyed Cokie's Excel Weekend.

Communications – Newsletter – Joanne Berven, Webmaster – Michael Moore

Newsletter – The newsletter was sent the end of May. I will send it out when I get back. The next newsletter deadline is July 6 for September/October. There are at most 5 meets for this issue, so I would appreciate pictures and text to fill the spaces (2 pages worth).

Web Master – no report

Officials – John King, no report

Ad Hoc New Identity – Glenda Carroll, no report

Legislation/Rules – TBD

Proposals by Michael Moore from May meeting

To Strike

202.1.1.D d No sanction may be issued to any organization whose interest in sports and games is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived therefrom. Any income derived from sanctioned events must be used for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

Recommend that this section be stricken from the Rule Book. We should encourage people and organizations to organize meets for swimmers. More events would benefit the swimmers. Currently we hire professionals to run certain part of the meets, but they do not take the risk and are assured of their money. If we allow professionals to organize some meets we would have these professionals running the meet and taking the risks.

Change the Liability Release from

“I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.”

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program or any activities incident thereto, I hereby waive any and all rights to claims for loss or damages, including all claims for loss or damages caused by the negligence, active or passive, of the following: United States Masters Swimming Inc., the local masters swimming committees, the clubs, host facilities, meet sponsors, meet committees or any individuals officiating at the meets or supervising such activities. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS.”

The only change is that we change all capitals to bold face. It has been shown in tests that All Capitals are more difficult to read than upper and lower case. By changing to upper and lower case we make it easier to read and we bold face to indicate its importance.

Equipment – Peter Guadagni

New shipping cases for meet equipment have arrived. They can be viewed at the Pacific Masters Facebook page. I am investigating whether it makes sense to get FedEx Ground or UPS account so that shipping costs can be direct billed. All watches are working and a supply of spare batteries is available in the case.

Ad Hoc Facilities – Joan Alexander

The July meeting has been booked and will be held at the Community Room (our regular place)

Fitness – Linda Shoenberger, no report

Marketing/Publications – Rich Burns

We produced a banner acknowledging Q Swimwear's support of our Open Water Points Competition. Roque was very appreciative.

Health & Safety – TBD, no report

Old Business

A. Annual Meeting Proposal, Peter Guadagni:

I have not had a chance to have a conference call to discuss the annual meeting with the committee as yet. An agenda for a first meeting has been distributed and hopefully it will be conducted by the end of the month. I would like to request the Board to approve a preliminary budget of \$7,750 for the meeting (\$750 for facilities, \$4,000 for food and \$3,000 for outside speaker).

B. **Pacific Masters Hall of Fame** – Nancy Ridout, tabled indefinitely