

Pacific Masters Monthly Meeting

September 18, 2014

Meeting was in person at USMS Convention, Jacksonville Florida

Attendees:

Michael Moore, Nancy Ridout, Barry Fasbender, John King, Peter Guadagni, Linda Schoenberger, Kerry O'Brien, Alan Bernard, Cokie Lepinski, Laura Schuster, Susan Dragich, Tina Whiteside, Chris Campbell, Jeremy Cohen, Jim Wheeler, Bill McCracken, Craig Zais, Mary Kahn, Stu Kahn, Lisa Ward, Benicia Rivera, Teddy Palmer, Laura Val, Rich Burns, Phyllis Quinn, Susie Powell, Charlene O'Brien, Leianne Crittenden

Call to Order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Peter Guadagni, Chairman at 10:35 am.

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 20, 2014 (separate attachment)

Approved as amended

II OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRMAN - PETER GUADAGNI, report attached.

Discussion of Committee coverage, already took place in zone Meeting.

Discussion of Peggy Lucchesi Memorial Award, for the joy you bring to Masters Swimming. Nancy remembers and told us how very special an honor it was and that George Cunningham (who originally gave the award) and Peggy are not known to most Pacific members. She loved swimming, and at a meet she swam her best time, then collapsed and passed away from an aneurism. Then they named the award after her. It would need to have some less subjective requirements for the award. Phyllis agrees that the award should be revised, and volunteers to be on a subcommittee. Peter also added Laura, Kerry, Nancy and Benicia. Nancy suggests adding one former award winner on the subcommittee. Phyllis will chair the subcommittee.

Nominations for Service Award. Peter has received one for Dave Wordsman (sp??). Peter wants a sense of the group about the difference between distinguished service and appreciation. He suggests that the Ridout Service Award be given to those who have given to Pacific Masters over the long term and have made an impact. Appreciation Award is for people who are honored for the good things they have done. Peter also suggests awarding the Ridout Award to Michael and Barry to reflect their long term set of contributions to the organization. Phyllis nominates Jim Wheeler also. We will vote at our next meeting.

Achievement award reflects personal achievement and overcoming impediments or difficulties. It reflects reaching a milestone. It covers all participants (not just committee or administration work). Nancy and Chris will propose a rewritten description. Michael suggests a better way to communicate and publicize the request for nominations. Barry agrees, we need to reach out to find out about more personal achievements. Coaches have a good idea of what is happening with their swimmers, and we need to reach out to them.

Meetings: Discussion about changing the mix between calls and in person meetings. Peter wants to get a sense of whether to change the mix of meetings. Chris talked about the value of face to face meetings, when we do conference calls, could we use skype? Jim suggests we could use goto meeting technology also. Phyllis also agrees that using technology would be helpful and notes again how horrible traffic is in the Bay Area. Nancy reminds us of the value face to face meetings, does not want to lose the sense of teamwork and bonding—Michael had also agreed with that. Bill advocates using technology also with occasional face to face meetings. Rich notes that the time for in person attendance may lead to less participation, since it is difficult to get to them. He thinks we would have more participation if the meetings are easy to attend in whatever format. Michael notes that in person meetings cover other issues than those on the agenda. He notes that phone attendance is not that much different from the in person meetings. Quarterly in person meetings is preferred by the group over more frequent in person meetings.

Peter wants to amend by laws so that any significant decisions made by participants during the year be ratified at annual meeting. Concept is that if they are not ratified at annual meeting, then going forward those decisions will

not apply. Nancy is concerned that we will spend time educating members at the annual meeting for people who are not aware of the issues.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER – TEDDY PALMER, reports attached.
Reports accepted MSR.

Later today, Peter, Teddy and Charlene will work on budget, let them know comments

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zone Chair – MICHAEL MOORE, no report

Registration/Top Ten and Records -- CHARLENE O'BRIEN, report attached.

Hospitality--MARCIA BENJAMIN, not present, no report.

Vice Chairman Administration – JIM CLEMMONS, not present, no report.

Communications/Website—MICHAEL MOORE, no report.

Marketing/Public Relations—RICH BURNS. no report.

Vice Chairman Operations—PHYLLIS QUINN, no report.

Open Water —PHYLLIS QUINN, report attached.

Equipment—ROB HEATH, not present, no report.

At Large—JOHN MORALES, not present, no report.

Scheduling—JOHN MORALES, not present, report attached.

Meet Operations—BARRY FASBENDER, report attached.

Officials—JOHN KING, no report.

Coaches—STU AND MARY KAHN, report attached.

III. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Nancy thanks Peter for leadership on behalf of Pacific Masters—everyone also agreed, by giving their applause.

2015 Walnut Creek Training Camp dates will be March 6, 7, and 8.

V. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 11:13 am

Respectfully submitted,
Leianne Crittenden, Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS: 2014 meetings: Oct. 15cc, Nov. 2/9/16 available for Annual Meeting.