



January 18, 2017; 7:30 in-person & by webinar

**AGENDA** \*Discussion Item

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions**
- II. **Approval of December meeting minutes (separate attachment)**
- III. **Reports**

**Executive Committee**

**Chair**—John King, report\*

**Treasurer**—Teddy Palmer, report attached

**Secretary**—Leianne Crittenden, report attached

**Office Administrator**—Charlene O'Brien, report

**Schedule**—Steve Cutting, report\*

**Hospitality**—Marcia Benjamin, no report

**Pool Meet Committee**—John Morales, report

**Meet Operations**—Peter Guadagni, report

**Officials**—Mike Abegg, no report

**Open Water Committee**—Phyllis Quinn, report

**Communications and Technology**—Bob Anderson, report

**Update**—Charlene O'Brien, report

**Website**—Caroline Lambert, no report

**Clubs and Coaches**—Laura Schuster, no report

**Ad Hoc Committees**—no report

**Old Business**—no report

**New Business**—no report

**Club news**—no report

**2017 MEETING DATES:** all dates are tentative: February 15(cc); March 15; April 19(cc); May 17; June 21(cc); July 19; Aug 16(cc); Sept 14 (convention); Oct 18(cc); Nov 12 (Annual Mtg)

*Working Calendar for January: Set and approve committee goals and objectives; nominate recipient of Ransom Arthur Award; Call for Coach of the Year nominations; CA State Nonprofit Statement due; 1099 Misc. due to individuals by 1/31;*

*Working Calendar for February: Forward PacMasters Ransom Arthur Award nomination to USMS;; 1096/1099 reporting to IRS due 2/28; tabulate PacMasters Age Group Swimmers of the Year; approve PacMasters Age Group Swimmers of the Year; vote for overall male & female SOTY; order SOTY awards*

*Working Calendar for March: distribute Convention Delegate information;*

## January meeting reports – 1/18/2017

### Officer and Committee Reports

**Meeting policy:** Please provide text to Charlene, prior to the meeting, of any items on which you would like the Committee to vote. Re-established 1/18/2012.

### Executive Committee

**Chair**—John King, report\*

Ransom Arthur Award nominations. This month we nominate a candidate for the Ransom Arthur award that will be endorsed by Pacific Masters. The deadline is March 15 to submit to USMS, there is a two page nomination form to be completed and submitted.

Coach of the Year. This is a call for nominations for Coach of the Year. Presentation of the Coach of the Year will be made at the Pacific Masters Short Course Yards meet in April.

Pacific Masters Championship Point Scoring. We have had a full year of Championship meets at the higher point assignment for places. We agreed to review the impact on our Championship meets after a full year. We have re-scored a couple of the meets to show the results in scoring. Will vote to continue the point model or go back to the scoring recommended by USMS.

Strategic Planning Action Items. At the USMS Convention late last year a group of the delegates met to lay out action items to help grow involvement in our growing organization as well as utilize, help, and involve our over 150 clubs. The initiatives were defined and will be organized into actionable items by next meeting, and will appear on our agenda with progress each month through the coming year.

**Treasurer**—Teddy Palmer, report

**Secretary**—Leianne Crittenden, report

**Office Administrator**—Charlene O'Brien, report

Registration: 7,884 members; 145 clubs; 373 self-identified coaches have registered for Pacific Masters as of 1/13. Of the 7,884 renewals and new members, approximately 1/3 requested a registration card mailed to their home equating to approximately 2,628 registration cards mailed since November 1<sup>st</sup>. In 2016 we had 7,781 members; 143 clubs; 327 coaches at this time in January.

Thirty 85+ registrations have been processed and given a refund of \$41 from Pacific Masters. Sixty-six 80-84 registrations have been registered through USMS and had the PacMaster fee waived. Two hundred and seventy-eight 18-24 registrations have been registered through USMS and had the PacMaster fee waived.

Three new clubs have registered for 2017 as of mid January:  
Petaluma Salty Krakens (Petaluma)-Karen O'Brien

North State Masters (Chico)-Jill Hernandez  
 Swimstitute Masters-(Rancho Cordova)-Todd Sleizer

Top Ten: Top Ten for SCM was submitted and has been processed by USMS. With a couple of minor corrections they will be approved by the time of this meeting.

Records: all records for all courses are up to date on the Pacific Masters website, let me know of any corrections.

Swim Events: the pre-pool event email outlining the procedures for bonds, records, and paperwork were given to Santa Rosa Resolution and the TOC mile meet directors; our two swim events for January.

**Schedule**—Steve Cutting, report\*

- the following event bids have been requested since the November meeting (through Friday 1/13/2017 1pm):

Event Bid (type)	Bid Received Date	Host	Location	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Dates	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Dates	Comment
44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Roughwater Swim	Nov. 28,2016	Santa Cruz Surf Lifesaving Assn and Santa Cruz Masters	Santa Cruz Beach	Sat Jul 29, 2017	Sat Aug. 5, 2017	
Cruz Cruise Swim	Jan. 11, 2017	Santa Cruz Surf Lifesaving Assn and Santa Cruz Masters	Santa Cruz Beach	Sun Jul 30, 2017	Sun Aug. 6, 2017	
STAS Spring Meet (SCY)	Jan. 12, 2017	Spare Time Aquatics Sharks/Spare Time American River Masters	Rio Del Oro Racquet Club Sacramento	Sun Mar 5, 2017	Sat Mar 11, 2017	WCM ITC weekend
STAS Fall Time Trial Meet (SCY)	Jan. 12, 2017	Spare Time Aquatics Sharks/Spare Time American River Masters	Rio Del Oro Racquet Club Sacramento	Sat Sep 16, 2017	Sat Sep 23, 2017	USMS convention weekend
STAS Distance Meet (SCY)	Jan. 12, 2017	Spare Time Aquatics Sharks/Spare Time American River Masters	Rio Del Oro Racquet Club Sacramento	Sat Oct 21, 2017	Sat Oct 28, 2017	

- After review and potential discussion, if there are no exceptions to specific events or their proposed "1st choice" dates, I would recommend a motion to approve all of the above events.

**Hospitality**—Marcia Benjamin, no report

**Pool Meet Committee**—John Morales, report

A pool meet evaluation team consisting of Steve Cutting(TVM), Markus Daene(TVM), Ericka Richards(WCM), Jennifer Phalen(DAM), Karen Boyer(PCCM), and Matt Roper(DAM) has been formed to evaluate all Pacific Masters Meets to insure they comply with and are run at the standard that Pacific Masters Swimming requires. This team is an attempt to replace the irreplaceable recently retired Barry Fasbender. Each evaluator has been given swim meet's to attend and evaluate in the 2017 season. I would like to thank them for their participation. The first two meets on the schedule are the Jan. 21st, Santa Rosa Masters Resolution Meet and Jan.28th TOC 1500.

**Meet Operations**—Peter Guadagni, report

Humbled by the big shoes I need to fill in this volunteer job. I am coming up to speed on meet sanctions. My next challenge will be uploading results from the Santa Rosa meet.

**Officials**—Mike Abegg, no report

**Open Water Committee**—Phyllis Quinn, report

An email was sent to all the 2016 Open Water Race Directors. This email included information on the new rule changes for 2017, the new required training for the Safety Directors that is currently available on line and the one event registration forms.

Spring Lake, Lake Berryessa, Del Valle and Donner Lake have submitted requests and are currently on the Pacific Master Schedule page.

I would like to ask the committee to discuss and possibly vote on a clear policy on what events are placed on the Pacific Master Schedule page. I receive several requests a year via the USMS Event or Calendar request that ask that an event be recognized by Pacific Masters. (I have one event pending already this year) It has been my position (and that of the committee in the past) that the Pacific Masters calendar is for **Sanctioned** events only, so I have denied these requests. There was some discussion last year that may be this unofficial policy should be made official or be reconsidered.

I have two reasons that I believe that this should become an official policy. The first is that the Sanctioned events have to meet several standards and reviews and we should promote **only** those events that have a good safety record.

The second reason is that the Pacific Masters "stamp of approval" should mean something. Some of the events I have turned down, do not meet our standards, claim to be "for a charity" with no oversight, may not require USMS membership to participate, or may conflict with current Sanctioned

events. (Maybe a straw poll could be taken to give me an idea of what the committee majority wants to do.)

I have one final conflict that will prevent me from attending this meeting. But I will be calling in or attend the rest of this year. I may try to call in during the latter part of the meeting.

**Communications and Technology**—Bob Anderson, report

"In December we launched the Age Group Standings

Webpage: <http://www.pacificmasters.org/points/standings/> with near-final 2016 standings. The 2017 version of this page will launch at the end of January. Not only will participation in the January 21st [Resolution Meet](#) and January 28 [TOC 1500](#) be included, but points from participation in 2016 Short Course Yards meets after last June 1st will be reflected. (The Short Course Yards competitive year is June 1 - May 31.) We hope the introduction of this page will encourage swimmers to participate in more pool meets, pool meet events and open water swims."

**Update**—Charlene O'Brien, report

We have a schedule put together of Editors for January 1-June 30. Our Editor for January is Linda Shoenberger. An "Update Editors" link was added to our Governance page of [pacificmasters.org](http://www.pacificmasters.org) for people to use when they would like to communicate news/corrections for the Update.

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