



March 16, 2016; 7:30 in-person & by webinar

AGENDA *Discussion Item

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions**
- II. **Approval of February meeting minutes (separate attachment)**
- III. **Reports**
 - Executive Committee**
 - Chair**—John King, report
 - Treasurer**—Teddy Palmer, report*
 - Secretary**—Leianne Crittenden, report*
 - Office Administrator**—Charlene O’Brien, report*
 - Schedule**—Steve Cutting, report*
 - Hospitality**—Marcia Benjamin, no report
 - Pool Meet Committee**—John Morales, report
 - Meet Operations**—Barry Fasbender, report
 - Officials**—no report
 - Open Water Committee**—Phyllis Quinn, report
 - Communications and Technology**—Bob Anderson, no report
 - Update**—Charlene O’Brien, report
 - Website**—Michael Moore, Caroline Lambert, no report
 - Clubs and Coaches**—Laura Schuster, report
 - Ad Hoc Committees**—no report
 - Old Business**—no report
 - New Business**—no report
 - Club news**—no report

2016 MEETING DATES: all dates are tentative: April 20; May 18; June 15; July 20; Aug 17; Sept 22 (convention); Oct 19; Nov 13 (Annual Mtg)

Working Calendar for March: distribute Convention Delegate information; Approve Age group SOTY, Vote for overall SOTY

Working Calendar for April: Present SOTY Awards at SCY Champs, Request and accept Convention Delegates; Brainstorm USMS Rules/Legislation changes

Working Calendar for May: Elect/Register Convention Delegates and reserve accommodations; review USMS Rules/Legislation; Year-end PacMaster financial report to USMS; Form CT-2 Calif. Periodic Report; Form 990 FED; Form 199 Cal

March meeting reports – 3/16/2016

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

Coach of the year award: Our selection committee has been hard at work selecting the Coach of the Year from the nominations submitted. The selection committee will present its selection at this March meeting and the award will be presented at the Short Course Yards Championships in April at Soda Aquatic.

Ransom Arthur Award Submission: The committee to construct our nomination package have completed their work and forwarded the package to the Pacific Chair for signature and submission to USMS prior to the deadline of March 15. The committee has done an outstanding job in highlighting the achievements and contributions of our candidate to Masters swimming.

Swimmer of the year and overall swimmer of the year awards

Immediate Past Chair—Peter Guadagni, report*

Swimmer of the Year Awards

Background For at least a decade there have been occasional conversations about the calculations for our Swimmer of the Year awards and procedure for choosing the overall winners. It has been many years since the point allocations for the age group swimmer of the year have been evaluated on a comprehensive basis and it may be time to consider changing some of the rules. For example, should we start including results from USMS postal competitions? A related issue is the procedure for choosing the overall swimmer of the year. Is our current system of voting from amongst the age group swimmer of the year winners fair? Should the winners be the people with the most points? Certainly the depth of competition varies by age group and gender and perhaps there is a way of controlling for the amount of competition. Perhaps we should consider having more than two awards or having just one award.

While we might consider changing some of our swimmer of the year rules, there is no doubt that Laura Val has set a standard of competitive excellence that is unmatched in USMS history and unlikely to be repeated by anyone but her in the future. Laura sets the standard of what it means to be the Pacific Masters Overall Swimmer of the Year.

Proposal 1. Rename the Pacific Masters Overall Swimmer of the Year Award(s) to the Laura Val Award for Outstanding Performance by a Pacific Masters Swimmer (or an appropriately wordsmithed version).

Proposal 2. The Chair to name an ad hoc committee to study the current procedure for selecting age group swimmers of the year and overall swimmers of the year and, if appropriate, make recommendations for changes.

Treasurer—Teddy Palmer, report attached*

Secretary—Leianne Crittenden, report attached*

Office Administrator—Charlene O’Brien, report*

Registration: 9,299 members; 146 clubs; 386 self-identified coaches have registered for Pacific Masters as of 3/13. In 2015 we had 9,528 members; 143 clubs; 390 coaches at this time. Twenty-nine refund checks have been mailed thus far in 2016 for the 85+ age group at \$39 (the USMS registration fee).

Top Ten: The SCM Top Ten became final on February 28. I would like a vote to approve the SOTY tabulation attached. Awards and certificates for SOTY and Pacific Coach of the Year are in process.

Records: The Pacific Record Database is current as of February 15 and USF, CALM, Rinconada records have not been added as of yet.

Swim Events: Pre and Post swim meet guidelines emailed CALM and Rinconada since our previous meeting in February. Ribbon awards received for the SCY Championships in Moraga.

Schedule—Steve Cutting, report*

1. Event bids that need committee approval:

Event	Type	Location	Bid Submit Date	1st Choice Date	2nd Choice Date	Comment
Keller Cove	OW	Keller Cove, Richmond CA	2/18/16	Sat 9/24/16	-	I move to approve

Hospitality—Marcia Benjamin, no report

Pool Meet Committee—John Morales, report

- Pacific Masters Swimming continues to produce the best pool competitions in the USMS. This is due to the humble efforts of Barry Fasbender (sanction head), Charlene O' Brien administrator), Steve Cutting (scheduler), and our many meet hosts. I would like to thank them all.
- Michael Abegg has shown interest in filling the Official's chair.
- Peter Guadagni has done an incredible job organizing the Pacific Masters Short Course Championship Meet. His report to follow.

Meet Operations—Barry Fasbender, report

SCY Meets Over the past month we have had four SCY meets. Last year we had higher attendance than normal because Spring Nationals was held in our area. The USF meet ran smoothly with very few problems. There were 359 swimmers verses 374 last year. The City Mile (1650) actually increased from 40 swimmers last year to 52 swimmers. The CALM meet had 284 swimmers verses 329 last year. There were 16 swimmers on the audit list from USMS. Most of these were relay only swimmers with bad birthdates or missing registration numbers. The RINC meet occurs after this report is due but before our meeting. They have 146 online entries now plus mail and deck entries compared to 222 total entries last year.

The PacMasters SCY Championships will be on April 8 to 10 at the Soda Aquatic Center, Campolindo High School in Moraga. Entries close on Wednesday March 30. Relay-only swimmers must register online between April 1 and April 8. We are looking forward to a great meet.

Meet Results Meet results are usually posted on the PacMasters website the same day as the meet or the next day. The results are posted in two column pdf format along with the current records for each age group in each event. The split results are posted in one column pdf format without the records. The entire meet database is uploaded to the USMS website. This is used to automatically update the event rankings for each age group for the current year. The rankings are located at: <http://www.usms.org/> then select Events & Results then Event Rankings. This allows you to see how you stack up so far against all the other swimmers in your age group that have swam a particular event.

Pacific Masters Short Course Yards Championships Update (Guadagni)

- Computer ops and timing operators are under contract.
- In process of recruiting officials
- Timers: Saturday and Sunday shifts covered. The groups that have committed to timing on Friday have had to back out. I am looking for other groups. The back-up plan is to assign clubs lanes to time based on club entries and have just one timer per lane at times on Friday.
- Other volunteer positions: Check in, Marshal, Hospitality, Runners are covered for Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers needed for Friday. Also need a volunteer to organize relay cards. Help is requested for hospitality planning.
- Food and vendor services: We have arranged for t-shirt and snack bar vendors.
- Ribbons and Awards: Ribbons have been ordered. We have a plan for team and individual high point awards.
- Shade structures: Walnut Creek is loaning us their tents and shade structures in exchange for letting them reserve the room adjacent to the entrance.
- Set up and take down: We need a group of volunteers to help with set up (Thursday) and take down (Sunday).

Officials—no report

Open Water Committee—Phyllis Quinn, report

- Spring Lake and Donner Lake swims have their sanctions approved.
- The information on the requirements and training for the Independent Safety Monitor has not been received. Once this information is available, we will need to recruit people to help at each open water event. This ISM will not be allowed to swim the event, so we will need to put information in an e-blast to get volunteers. I would also like to offer these volunteers compensation for their time. But we can decide on that later.
- Please note the requirement to submit an open water safety plan that is on the USMS GTO for open water. This is not the same as uploading a previous safety plan when filling out the sanction application. I will send out a link to the other race directors next week.

Communications and Technology—Bob Anderson, no report

Update—Charlene O'Brien, report

The e-newsletter is due out on March 14, 28 and April 11. The editors are Linda Schoenberger for the March editions and Peg Flynn for April. It is currently sent to 20,990 general contacts and 12 USMS contacts with a roughly 23% open rate.

Website—Michael Moore, Caroline Lambert, no report

Clubs and Coaches—Laura Schuster, report*

- USMS Level 1 & 2 class completed on March 5 - Charlene processing 4-5 scholarships.
- Pac Masters Coach of the Year selected and asking for approval*

Ad Hoc Committees—no report

Old Business—no report

New Business—no report

Club news—no report