



June 21, 2017; 7:00 by conference call

**AGENDA** \*Discussion Item

- I. **Call to Order & Introductions**
- II. **Approval of May 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, no report
    - Meet Operations**—Peter Guadagni, no report
    - Officials**—Mike Abegg, no report
  - Open Water Committee**—Phyllis Quinn, report
  - Communications and Technology**—Bob Anderson, report
    - Update**—Bob Anderson, no report
    - Website**—Caroline Lambert, no report
  - Clubs and Coaches**—Laura Schuster, no report
  - Ad Hoc Committees**—no report
  - Old Business**—no report
  - New Business**—Bob Upshaw, report\*
  - Club news**—no report

**2017 MEETING DATES:** all dates are tentative: July 19; Aug 16; Sept 14 (convention); Oct 18; Nov 12 (tent. Annual Mtg)

*Working Calendar for June: SCY TT report due to USMS; Adopt and forward USMS Rules and Legislation proposals; Prepare Bid packet for next year's Events Calendar; Donnelly Service, Krauser Communication, Fitness, Open Water Service, Kerry O'Brien and USMS Coach of the Year Award nominations be submitted to appropriate committee by July 1.*

*Working Calendar for July: Distribute bid packet for 2018 events calendar; call for 2018 budget requests; call for proposals to change PacMasters by-laws.*

*Working Calendar for August: Approve bids for 2018 Championship meets and January & February meets, due August 10<sup>th</sup>; receive budget request; preliminary review of USMS convention issues.*

## June meeting reports – 6/21/2017

### 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

- -2017 Convention Delegates; A number of members have come forward requesting to become a delegate at Convention in Dallas in September. At the June meeting we will review the list and vote on the list. The new delegates have been asked to submit a short statement about themselves and why they wish to attend. We have had a few openings in our entitled number of delegates and a good response from the members who wish to fill the spots.
- Administrator Position; At this point we have four candidates who have stepped up and applied for the Administrator position. The applications are being reviewed by the selection committee who will then recommend one candidate.
- Pacific Board Positions; The Annual Meeting (Pacific) held in November will include elections for Board positions. This is a good time to give some thought as to who may want to run. If you have not held a position before I encourage you to step up as a candidate for a position that interests you. Reach out to any board member for more information.
- USMS Award Nominations are due July 1!; Nominations for several USMS awards are due July 1. If you have someone in mind, now is the time to submit the application which can be found on-line. These include:

Coach of the Year

Dorothy Donnelly

Open Water Service Award

Krauser Communication Award

Fitness Award

### New Delegate paragraphs:

1. Jennifer Phalen:

I am a competitive member of Davis Aquatic Masters where I am also an ASCA Level 3 coach, I compete in all categories – yards, meters and open water, and have participated in most events for several decades including Nationals. I participated in five Pacific Masters Annual meetings. My current profession is a job coach in Vocation, Technology and Education training, documenting case notes on a daily basis for 32 clients. I want to contribute my knowledge and experience to help improve the sport of swimming. Sincerely, Jennifer Phalen

2. Ken Halbrecht:

I've been WCM masters swimmer for 18 years (!). Previously a Ridgewood NJ Y Masters Swimmer and started and coached a Masters team in Wyckoff, NJ: that is still in operation. As a Walnut Creek Parks Commissioner I made sure Aquatics programs remained as one of the top priorities competing for City Resources. As a member of the team working to replace the aging 50x25 pool in WC, I am leveraging the 1600 hrs invested in my prior role to help achieve the goal of a new pool.

Twenty-five years after becoming University of Pennsylvania 4 year letterman, I become chair of Penn's Alumni Swimming board. I have focused on delivering the resources needed to compete in the Ivy League, and I have helped raise over \$1.5m over 8 years and tripled the number of givers to the program. The coach has made good use of these additional funds: taking the team from 8th to 2nd at Ivies, and unranked to top 25 in D-1 swimming. I'm hoping these experiences, as well as my MBA in Finance, BSE in Marketing and Analytics, and my 30 years a Technology Sales Leader within IBM, will help the general USMS organization.

3. Karen LeFebre:

I love swimming! Swimming has saved my life and improved my health beyond what most doctors in the 70s though possible. Coaching swimming and helping others achieve what they thought impossible is one of my passions. I have over 25 years of experience coaching children and adults. Most of my time spent coaching adults is in a private lesson format. In 2002, I started the Bobcat Swim and Fitness Club at Montana State University that I maintained for three years. After the second year, we had over 35 students and a couple of faculty attending workouts, the annual Montana state swim meet, and parties. I did not register the team with USMS, because I worked out and coached at the same time and many students (who just wanted a workout) could not afford the USMS fee. My current affiliations with Pacific Masters Swimming is my participation in swim meets as a slightly above average swimmer, attendance at the annual meeting, and timing the open water events. I do have a vision of one day coaching my own swim team; however, I have way too much on my plate right now.

4. Other interested people: Peg Flynn, Sally Guthrie, Linda Hepworth, Kathleen McNamara, Ann Peters.

**Treasurer**—Teddy Palmer, report attached

**Secretary**—Leianne Crittenden, report attached

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

Registration: 10,627 members; 152 clubs; 459 self-identified coaches have registered for Pacific Masters as of 6/19. In 2016 we had 10,656 members; 148 clubs; 417 coaches at this time.

Top Ten: SCY report submitted and awaiting approval.

Records: all records are up to date on the PacMaster website. Three world records were submitted to the USMS Records Administrator.

Swim Events: Received paperwork from Sonoma Wind Country Senior Games, OEVT paperwork from Berryessa OW and waiting on OEVT paperwork from Del Valle OW Festival.

**Schedule**—Steve Cutting, report

- the following event bids are up for approval since the May 17th meeting:

Event Bid (type)	Bid Received Date	Host	Location	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Dates	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Dates	Comment
Whiskeytown Lake (OW)	Jun. 7, 2017	Redding Swim Team	Whiskeytown Lake, Brandy Creek Beach, Redding CA	Sun Sep 10, 2017	none	The event was posted on ClubAssistant June 12 (no USMS sanction# is visible)

**Hospitality**—Marcia Benjamin, no report

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Spring Lake had 176 swimmers this year. Lake Berryessa had 501 swimmers. The Del Valle water festival had 554 swimmers.

All three Open water events were well run and successful. The high water level at Lake Berryessa was a welcome site after the last few draught years. The wind at Del Valle made for interesting swims on both days. Thank you to Redwood Coast Masters, Davis Aquatic Masters and Tri-Valley Masters for all the hard work it takes to put on these events.

Thank you to Bob Upshaw for his work on the results and the Open Water Points page.

Keller Cove and Whiskeytown are working on the sanction application process.

If any club is interested in hosting a National Championship for either an ePostal or Open Water event in 2019, please contact Phyllis or check out the information on the USMS web site.

The Donner Lake swim reached the 400 swimmer limit in just over one hour.

The race director for Del Valle asked and received approval to wave the Pacific Masters portion of the fee charged for the One Event registration.

The equipment in the Pacific Masters trailer used for Open Water events is showing its' age and may need to be replaced or repaired. I will try to get estimates on the cost to replace some of the buoys and to get a new finishing arc.

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

1. The Update Team and I are looking at the process of putting together our Updates. It is our intention to have a final version complete the Friday before publication. Consequently there will be an article submission deadline of the Wednesday before publication. Exceptions can be made for late breaking news. Also, we have just added VP of Pool Competition and VP of Open Water to our draft distribution list. Should anyone else be added?

2. A few meetings ago we voted to forbid non-Pacific Masters sanctioned open water events being added to our schedule. During the discussion it was clarified that that vote was not about mentioning such events in our Update or elsewhere on our website. I have been approached recently by three

people, asking me to announce two non-Pacific Masters sanctioned open water events in our Update. Who would like to discuss guidelines with me?

**Update**—Bob Anderson, no report

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

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1. I'd like to propose that, for the purposes of computing everyone's placement in the new Age Group Standings, that we declare everyone's Age Determining Date to be December 31st of the season year. The basic reason is that every year approximately one-fifth of our swimmers have their Age Group Standings points split across two age groups, making it difficult for them to compete with others in their age group. This affects every one of us every 5 years. For example: consider PAC member Anna Senko: Her birthdate was May 4, 1992. For the 2017 season she's in the 18-24 age group up until May 3rd of 2017, after which time she's in the 25-29 age group. She has already scored points in both age groups. However, if we considered her age for the entire 2017 season to be her age on December 31, 2017 then she'd be in the 25-29 age group for the entire 2017 season. Thus all of her points would be applied to that one age group.

2. I'd like to propose that for the purposes of determining the Swimmer of the Year and final Age Group Standings for a season we establish the cutoff date of the first Monday following March 1 of the following calendar year. For example, the cutoff date for the 2017 season will be March 5th, 2018. This cutoff date is used for the following:

- On this date we will get a final set of all PAC and USMS top 10 results and records for the season. (It's assumed that the season's open water results were finalized prior to this date.)
- On this date we will get a final copy of the PAC membership database for the calendar year for the season.

**Club news**—no report

