

**Pacific Masters Monthly Meeting
May 20, 2020 (Conference Call)**

Attendees: Phyllis Quinn, Sally Guthrie, Chris Ottati, Carol Nip, Bob Upshaw, John King, Chris Campbell, Michael Moore, Bob Anderson, Rich Burns, Matt Roper, Donita Flecker, Steve Cutting, Eric Hektner, Joel Wilson, Marcia Benjamin, Teddy Palmer, Greg Stoner, Linda Hepworth, Nancy Ridout, Lorena Sims, Ian King, Dan Wegner, Maggie Tevis, Mike Abegg, Matt Roper, Karen Harris, Dean Atchinson, Cindy Hertzner

Call to Order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Quinn, Chairman, at 7:01 pm

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April Meeting Minutes - Approved.

II OFFICERS' REPORTS

CHAIRMAN – PHYLLIS QUINN – see meeting agenda for report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER –Chris Ottati for LAURA SHOPE, see meeting agenda for report.
Approved.

- Discussion about projections for overhead expenses
- Chris will send out

PAST CHAIRMAN – JOHN KING, no report.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – IAN KING, see meeting agenda for report.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Office Administrator/Registration/Top Ten and Records – CHRIS OTTATI, see meeting agenda for report.

- Motion to accept Pacific Masters Administrative Handbook changes as presented. See attached. Approved.
- Open Water Handbook – comments/additional changes submitted by Michael Moore and Mike Abegg to be considered and distributed to group. Topic to carry over to June agenda

Schedule – STEVE CUTTING, no report.

Hospitality--MARCIA BENJAMIN, no report.

Pool Meet Committee Chair – MATT ROPER, no report

Meet Operations—BOB ANDERSON, no report

Officials—MIKE ABEGG, no report.

Open Water Committee Chair—DEAN ATCHISON, see meeting agenda for report

- Phyllis and Chris will work with Marcia to determine a solution for OW awards that are unclaimed

Communications and Technology—CLARE KUBIAK, see meeting agenda for report

Update - CHRIS OTTATI, see meeting agenda for report.

Website – DAN WEGNER, see meeting agenda for report.

Clubs and Coaches - CAROL NIP, see meeting agenda for report

Ad Hoc Committees –

- Zone Chair – SALLY GUTHRIE, see meeting agenda for report. Updated report attached
- Annual Celebration Committee – NANCY RIDOUT, see meeting agenda for report

III. OLD BUSINESS – no report

IV. NEW BUSINESS – no report

- Question asked about the posting of 2019 Swimmers of the Year awards. Dan Wegner will Caroline Lambert about this for posting on the website.

V. CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS – no report

- Karen Harris announced that Richmond Plunge may be closing. Looking for ideas.

VI. POLICY UPDATES

October – possibility of adding the results of the postal swims to the OW points system. This has been referred to the Pool Committee and OW committee chairs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ian King

2020 MEETING DATES (all dates are tentative):

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November annual meeting-not set

UPDATED - Summary of May 11, 2020 meeting with Zone Chairs & Dawson Hughes

Intro: Peter Guadagni was also on the call and indicated that at the recent Board meeting there was discussion regarding bridging the gap between National plans/activities and Local implementation - as well as interchange between the two. One plan is to include the Zone chairs in the bi-annual LMSC Summit meetings.

The rest of the meeting was led by Dawson Hughes:

- 1) Year-plus membership: in an effort to improve the number of USMS memberships there is a National proposal to offer new/returning members (those who are not currently registered with USMS for 2020) a year-plus membership starting 'now' (if approved by LMSCs) for \$60 to run from the time of registration in 2020 through 2021. Before this is implemented it must be approved by the LMSCs. While there is not currently a mechanism to ensure that those who have already registered for 2020 do not feel that they are being shortchanged - the National Office is exploring possibilities - for example - ?maybe a reduced fee for 2021 for those who paid full fee for 2020??
- 2) Coach and Clubs support: National is looking at possibly setting up a 'relief' fund to help needy clubs get up and running during and after the COVID-19 times. For instance - some clubs may be able to run workouts but they might need more lanes to maintain social distancing, or they may need to rent more pool time to accommodate swimmers in shifts; some groups may not have access to a pool until fall if they normally swim in a school pool. These issues are currently first priority.

Dawson distributed a memo regarding USMS Coach Support. An effort is being made to integrate the national training and development of coaches with the LMSC programs. Although there has been a national centralized program to certify and train coaches in an effort to develop coaches on the local level, evaluation of the program has shown that it has not always accomplished this goal. Many of those taking the certification courses have not become coaches and did not really ever intend to become coaches and it is thought that this goal might be better realized if it was more of a localized program involving especially the LMSC Coaches Chairs. There have been well received mentoring programs on the local level, such as Pacific LMSC, but this may be more difficult to achieve in smaller LMSCs with a lower density of swimmers and swimming groups.

- 3) Adult Learn to Swim/SSL Foundation: ALTS is on pause right now due to COVID-19. Also, the Foundation is on pause - it's not a good time to ask for money with so many other charitable organizations asking right now.
- 4) Unified Fee: 31 LMSCs have opted for Unified Fee with 9 additional LMSCs voicing support but not yet willing to adopt. In comparison to last year - on March 1st USMS had a 1% decrease in membership but we were expecting a good increase later in the spring due to the Olympic year 'bump' we normally get. It appears that the 31 LMSCs who opted for the Unified Fee didn't experience a major decrease in membership due to using the Unified Fee structure. The Board is planning to put together a proposal to go to Legislation Committee on adopting the Unified Fee as our overall fee structure, to be voted on by the HOD at Convention.
- 5) Virtual Convention: Since USAS cancelled the in-person Convention we will host a USMS Convention but it will be in a virtual format. USMS is currently exploring options for which format to use - there will be visuals.