

SPMA Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2011
El Torito Restaurant, Long Beach

Attending:

Chair Errol Graham (West Hollywood Aquatics),
Vice-Chair Mark Moore (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Treasurer Bob Eberwine (South Bay Swim Club),
Secretary Mary Hull ((Southwest Aquatics),
Member-at-Large Jacquie Cole (Long Beach Grunions),
Registrar Dan Wegner (Club Assistant),
Newsletter Editor Kim Thornton (Irvine Novaquatics),
Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics),
Susan Shore (West Hollywood Aquatics),
Trisha Commons (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Michael Collins (Irvine Novaquatics),
Michael Heather (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Connie Barrett (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Christine Maki (Covina Masters),
Chris Lundie (Santa Clarita),
Lucy Johnson (Long Beach Swim Club),
Tom Trapp (Long Beach Swim Club),
Steve Hyde (South Bay Swim Club),
Robert Mitchell (Unattached),
Merritt Morris (Mission Viejo),
Barton Parnes (Long Beach Grunions),
Anita Cole (Long Beach Grunions),
John Mackinson (Long Beach Grunions),
Krista Zaloudek (Long Beach Grunions),
Gustavo Penilla (Unattached).

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes from the October meeting were approved with the request to include a notification that many participants were unable to attend due to attending the ASCA clinic in San Diego and the power outage in San Diego County and parts of Orange County.

Officer Reports

Chair: Errol Graham

- Errol reported on the outcome of the hearing in regards to the appeal filed by Ahelee Sue Osborn in relation to the grievance filed by Julie Heather, and the NBR's conclusion that the "Southern Pacific LMSC had reasonable grounds on which to base its decision and impose sanctions on Ahelee Osborn, and finds no grounds to overturn the LMSC's decision.

- Errol mentioned that Mike Collins has a proposal to have a video camera stream the SPMS SCM Championships at Belmont this year. A discussion followed about the cost of the video recording, how long the stream would be available online, surveying the swimmers about it. **MSP:** SPMS will pay TakeItLive.com \$1,000 to do live streaming at the SPMS SCM Championships at Belmont Plaza on December 2 - 4, 2011 using 1-2 camera angles and post heats for later review. Further discussion was held in regards to the possibility of having this service available at all SPMS Championship meets. This topic will be reviewed after the Championships at Belmont.

Vice Chair: Mark Moore

- The meet schedule for 2012 has been set. MSP to leave Santa Clarita as is as a two day meet on April 14-15, 2012.

Treasurer: Bob Eberwine

- Bob submitted his report in writing and it is posted on the website. Thank you to Lucy, Dan, Michael Heather, and Trisha for helping with the 2012 budget.
- There was a move to approve the budget, it was seconded. It was noted that if the motion passes the budget will be approved unless an item is pulled for discussion. It was also noted that just because an item may be in the budget does not mean that we have to spend the money.
- Discussions that followed were: (i) Dan commented that some of the other LMSCs host an open water meeting that event hosts are required to attend so that the event hosts are familiar with all the requirements for hosting open water events. Dan also thought this might be a good thing to do for swim meet hosts; (ii) Christine would like to see member donations earmarked for the coaches clinics; (iii) SPMS to have a paid open water referee; (iv) Dan talked about new club grants and SPMS logo items; (v) Connie discussed marketing in regards to logo items etc., and wanted everyone to distinguish the difference between marketing and logo merchandise and that we should discuss further how SPMS would best be marketed. **MSP:** for the budget to be approved with the exception of the two items that were pulled (\$5,000.00 for SPMS logo items and \$4,000.00 for new club grants). A motion was made to reconsider. **MSP:** to reconsider. **MSP:** to add \$1,000.00 to the coaches clinic budget. Connie pulled the logo budget because it was non-specific, and thought that it should be more specific. Mike Collins suggested possibly purchasing bag tags or a canopy for meets. Robert Mitchell said it was important to have the item in the budget since we will purchase convention shirts. **MSP:** for \$1,000.00 for SPMS logo merchandise.

Secretary: Mary Hull

Members who are eligible (based on meeting attendance) for reimbursement of 2012 SPMS registration fees and reimbursement of entry fees to the three 2011 SPMS Championship meets and two 2011 USMS National Championship meets were announced:

Errol Graham, Mark Moore, Bob Eberwine, Mary Hull, Jacquie Cole, Jessica Seaton, Michael Heather, Dan Wegner, Karin Wegner, Lucy Johnson, Trisha Commons, Rebekah Olsen, Phil Yoshida, Michael Collins, Robert Mitchell, Kim

Thornton, Chris Lundie, Christine Maki, Susan Shore, Connie Barrett, and Mike Miranda

Member at Large: Jacquie Cole

- Jacquie reported that the Awards Committee has selected the recipients of the four awards that will be presented at the SCM Championships at Belmont.
- Regarding Club Development, there is an opportunity for SPMS to host one USMS-sponsored swim clinic in 2012, with 2 to 4 hour sessions covering similar material to ASCA Level I certification. Additional elective topics can be tailored to our collective interests and a professional swim coach with knowledge of that field will be selected accordingly. Our USMS regional director is encouraging us to host one of these clinics. All that is needed is a quiet work area to discuss theory and a pool to put it in practice. USMS bears the cost of the clinic instructor(s) and offsets facility costs. This service is now available to all LMSCs, and is popular. If anyone wants to host, please email Jacquie with three potential weekend dates that would be amenable to your facility schedule.

Contractor Reports

Registrar: Dan Wegner

Dan submitted his report in writing and it is posted on the website.
[See separate report]

Newsletter Editor: Kim Thornton

Kim thanked Karin Wegner for her article on the convention in the November/December issue of the newsletter. Kim is also interested in finding ways to increase our members' reading of the newsletter, maybe using more pictures and making it more user-friendly. Anyone who has any ideas about this should please let her know.

Top Ten Recorder: Mary Beth Windrath

Mary Beth submitted her report in writing.

Committee Reports

Coaches Committee: Christine Maki

Christine submitted her report in writing. Christine commented that the coaches clinic was very popular, and there were six presenters on different topics. She already has volunteers lined up to host the upcoming year's clinics.

Marketing Committee: Connie Barrett

No report. Connie asked people to let her know their ideas about marketing, or if they are interested in helping on the committee. She would like to see a more defined direction SPMS would like to take in regards to marketing.

Officials Committee: Robert Mitchell

In 20 months Mission Viejo will be hosting USMS Nationals. We will want to try and have the officials be familiar with working Masters meets.

Open Water Committee: Rebekah Olsen

No report.

Sports Medicine Committee: Jessica Seaton

Jessica has written an article on nutrition for the newsletter, and will possibly write an article on hypertension.

Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster/Meet Awards: Trisha Commons

- There were some problems at the UCLA meet in October.
- We had bad weather and only a few deck entries at the Mission Viejo meet in November.
- Trisha attended the SCPPOA meeting in November at which the Red Cross came and spoke about their organization.
- The four awards that are going to be presented at the SCM Championships are ready and Trisha has collected them from the trophy/awards company.
- The ribbons that were ordered recently have been sent to Trisha's home.
- Trisha is going to help set up for the upcoming swim meet at Pierce College. They will have a moment of silence there for a swimmer on one of the Masters teams who died.
- Trisha has spoken to the meet director for the SCM Championships, and he reported that the Grunions are well-prepared for the meet.
- Trisha will order more medals for next year's swim meets after the Championship meet.

Webmaster: Chris Lundie

Chris reported that he is stepping down from this position and that Dan Wegner will be taking over for him. He has done a great job getting the new website up and Chris acknowledged the countless hours that Dan spent doing this. Anyone who has comments about the website or notices corrections that need to be made should please contact Dan.

MSP: Officer, contractor, and committee reports approved and accepted.

Old Business:

- Dan updated us on the meet administration guidelines document and the open water guidelines. **MSP:** to adopt the open water guidelines. **MSP:** to adopt the meet administration guidelines.

New Business:

- USMS has grants available for new clubs to help them get started. Errol will set up a task force (Dan, Michael Heather, Kim, and Connie) to look into this.
- A discussion on sanction fees was tabled until next month.

- Errol mentioned that we don't have a policy to address voting by absentee ballot. A discussion was held about various ideas like voting by mail, must be present at the meeting, email votes, etc... It was also mentioned that the election procedures should really be in the policies and procedures and not the bylaws. **MSP:** to reconstitute the finance committee.

SPMS elections for the 2012-2013 officers: Currently nominated are Chair: Errol Graham; Vice Chair: Mark Moore; Treasurer: Bob Eberwine; Secretary: Connie Barrett; and Member-at-Large: Jacquie Cole and Lucy Johnson. Mary Hull announced that she would not vote as she was the elections chair. There were no nominations from the floor. Mary allowed both Lucy and Jacquie to make brief statements about themselves and why they wanted to be Member-at-Large. Ballots were handed out and collected. Mary counted the ballots with the help of Susan Shore. The results are as follows: Chair: Errol Graham; Vice Chair: Mark Moore; Treasurer: Bob Eberwine; Secretary: Connie Barrett; and Member-at-Large: Jacquie Cole. **MSP:** to destroy the ballots.

Next meeting date: Thursday, January 19th, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.