SPMS Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023

In-person meeting, hosted at
Pinocchio's Pizza
1449 N Lake Ave
Pasadena, CA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER     Kenny Brisbin
FACILITATOR                  7:35 PM Pacific Time
RECORDER                     Lucila Davies

Attendance

Executive Committee, Contractors, and Committee Chair Attendees

1. Kenny Brisbin (LBG), Chair
2. Robin Smith (NOVA), Vice Chair
3. Bob Eberwine (SOBA), Treasurer
4. Lucila Davies (LBG), Secretary
5. Becky Cleavenger (CVMM), Member-At-Large
6. Stephen Ingram (LBG), Webmaster
7. Christie Ciraulo (WH2O), Open Water
8. Anita Cole (LBG), Marketing
9. Alina de Armas (MVN), Officials
10. Virgil Chancy (UC33), Diversity & Inclusion Chair
11. Mary Jurey (WH2O), Fitness Chair

SPMS Member Attendees

12. Bart Parnes (LBG)
13. Ralph Porrazzo (ROSE)
14. Errol Graham (WH20)
15. Mina Manchester (ROSE)
16. Deanna de Armas (CCAM)
17. Fiona Duncan (ROSE)
18. Beata Konopka (CVMM)
19. Chad McRae, (UC33)
20. Pat Luangetakrakul (LBG)
21. Julie Malley (MVN)
22. Mary Hull (UC33)
23. Omar de Armas (MVN)
24. Francesca Giannoni (SPP)

Total                                    24

Executive Committee, Contractors, and Committee Chair Absentees

1. Jorge Ferrero (UC33), Newsletter Editor
2. Cory Nguyen (RIPT), Coaches Chair
3. Arlette Godges (SBM), Sports Medicine
4. Robert Mitchell (MVN), History & Archives
5. Judi Divan (MVN), TopTen & Membership Coord.
Move that November 16, 2023, SPMS Annual Meeting Agenda is approved as posted. MSP

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introduction, & SPMS Year in Review: Members (as of the end of October): Ken Brisbin, Chair
   - 2023 Membership: 4,670 members
     - Compared to the previous year: 4,887 members by the end of the year.
     - Slightly under last year's membership numbers.
   - Club Growth
     - 2022: 77 registered clubs.
     - 2023: Currently, 83 registered clubs.
     - Showing an increase in the number of clubs.
   - Events
     - By the end of the year, SPMS will have sanctioned, supported, and funded 23 pool events.
     - Includes dual-sanctioned Senior Games and Nationals in Irvine.
     - 3 Open Water Events.
   - Appreciation to Sanction Chair Robin and Open Water Chair Christie for their efforts in organizing these events.
   - Multiple Clinics hosted this year
   - Financial Support:
     - Financial support for Pool events totaling over $21,000.
     - Financial support for Open Water events totaling over $10,000
     - Clinics financially support over $4,000.
     - Granted a new team $3,000, and USMS has granted them funds to start a new team in South Central
   - Looking Forward to 2024:
     - Commitment to continue supporting Club Development, Growth, and events.

2. SPMS Website and Email - Stephen Ingram, Webmaster
   - The website is a bit out of date and needs to be updated and reduced.
   - Currently, website is under ClubAssistant
     - It’s best to stay with ClubAssistant since the software is well adverse with the USMS meet/events guidelines and policy.
     - Moreover, ClubAssistant has a smooth, streamlined system for swimmers to register for a swim meet and connects with the behind-the-scenes meet operations and administrative work.
     - To reproduce the website another sight will be a big overhaul, and so much proactive, productive work done on the website is already in place. Best to stay put with ClubAssistant.
   - Overall issue is: forwarding emails to personal emails of the elected chairs.
     - Forwarding is no longer available in ClubAssistant, and even so, it was a clunking system.
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- Because prevention of spamming has evolved positively, and spamming has increased in the current culture, forwarding is no longer viable through ClubAssistant.
  - Goal: first manage the site and software we have first before any major shifts.
  - More to discuss and to vote on in the upcoming 2024 SPMS monthly meetings.

3. Approve minutes from Thursday, October 26, 2023, meeting
   - Mary Jurey - motions for approval
   - Virgil Chancy - seconds for approval
   - MSP. minutes are approved

4. SPMS Proposed Meet Schedule and Championship Meet Bids - Robin Smith, Vice-Chair
   - Meets are tentative
   - NOTE - This year is Olympian year, thus, numerous pool facilities that were used years before are unavailable this year to coordinate with the Olympics. Moreover, pool availability is limited due to USA swimming and the increase in collegiate swim meets.
   - Meets that need approval:
     i. 2024 SPMS SCY Championships (April 5th to 7th) hosted by CCAM at Crespi HS, Encino
     ii. There will be no 2024 SPMS LCM Championships as MVN Masters is hosting USMS 2024 Summer Nationals
     iii. 2024 SPMS/Southwest Zone SCM Championships (Dec 6th to 8th) hosted by LBG in Long Beach TBD
        1. Anita Cole - motions for approval
        2. Alina de Armas - seconds for approval
        3. MSP. three swim meets are approved

5. Presentation of the proposed 2023 Budget - Bob Eberwine, Treasurer
   - Reminder - budget is considered a projection.
     i. Keep the budgeting the same as we can spend from the reserves.
   - Adoption of 2024 budget
     i. Mary Hull - motions for approval
     ii. Christie Circulo - seconds for approval.
     iii. MSP. 2024 budget is approved.

6. Recognitions and Awards - Becky Cleavenger, Member-At-Large
   - Contributor of the Year: Lynn Fahey
     - Recognizes member who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, program development, and promotion of Masters Swimming at the club, local or national level(s) during the year under consideration.
   - Open Water Contributor of the Year: Christie Ciraulo
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○ Recognizes member who contributes to open water notably or demonstrates extraordinary measurable service achievement and impact.

● Jim Marcus Award: Robin Smith
  ○ This award recognizes individuals or groups who have made significant contribution or efforts toward the conduct, leadership, or support of Southern Pacific Masters Swimming

● Steve Schofield Award: Diana Dolan Lamar
  ○ Recognizes member who has consistently demonstrated outstanding service to Masters Swimming, such as support and leadership, recruitment of members, program development, and promotion of Masters Swimming at the club, local and national level

7. SPMS Elections - Mary Hull, Elections
   There were no floor nominations
   ● Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Member-at-Large
   ● Nominees for each positions:
     i. Chair - Kenny Brisbin
     ii. Vice Chair - Robin Smith
     iii. Treasurer - Bob Eberwine
     iv. Secretary - Luci Davies
     v. Member At Large - Fiona Duncan
   ● All elected by acclamation

MSP TO ADJOURN AT 8:16 PM Pacific Time

NEXT MEETING January 18, 2024, at 7:30 pm via Zoom