

SPMA conference call May 8, 2008

Call to order: 8:05pm

Attending: Mike Collins, Errol Graham, Julie Heather, Michael Heather, Mary Hull, Tom Boyd, Chris Lundie, Wayne McCauley, Mark Moore, Jeff Moxie, Jessica Seaton, Allen Highnote, Nancy Reno, Christie Ciraulo, Trisha Commons, and Ahelee Sue Osborn.

MSP the meeting minutes from the March 27, 2008 meeting.

Chair's report: Mary Hull, reported tentative delegate assignments to convention.

Vice Chair's report: Mark Moore reported the current meet schedule. UCLA meet small turnout after schedule change. All meets are on web site and newsletter. Mission Viejo has online registration for meet. LCM Regional Championships will be at Conejo Simi Aquatics. Cal Lutheran University, Friday to Sunday, August 1 - 3, 2008. Short course meters meets also posted.

Treasurer's report: Allen Highnote: Report posted on web sites. **MSP** treasurer's report.

Member at Large: Nancy Reno.
Nancy will also work on updating SPMA Policy manual.

Secretary: Wayne McCauley: Wrote nomination letter of Allen Highnote for Dorothy Donnelly Service Award.

Registrar/Top 10 and Records: Julie reported working on July/August newsletter. Reported over 300 members greater than at same month in past. Over 2884 as of May 8, 2008. Acquired seven new swim DVD videos. Report posted on web site.

Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster: UCLA same time as bookfair, close to 90 attending.

Open Water: Christie Ciraulo: The schedule is pretty much set for 2008 and everything will be posted on the web and the newsletter. Awards for 2007 up to \$250 and additional \$250 for 2008. Ahelee Sue Osborn will help Christie with awards procurement for last years' results and this year's result.

Sports Medicine: Jessica will write another for the September /October newsletter, due July 15th.

Awards: Trisha coming up with pool swimmers of the year.

Officials: Robert Mitchell reported compiling list of officials who understand masters' rules for use by meet directors. Officials' clinic October 4 and 5th.

Coaches: Ahelee Sue Osborn, report attached at end of this document.

Old business:

Delegates to 2008 convention, results Trisha Commons, Errol Graham, Allen Highnote, Wayne McCauley, Tom Boyd, Ahelee Osborn, Nancy Reno, and alternates Michael Collins and Chris Lundie. **MSP** to submit alternates Michael Collins, Robert Mitchell and Chris Lundie for at large delegates.

Wayne McCauley will investigate costs of new awards for Steve Schofield. Steve Schofield SPMA award criteria to be completed by Ahelee Osborn, Errol Graham and Trisha Commons. Looking at bronze plaque to be located at former Pierce College Pool. Security issues being looked at.

Coach of the Year (for SPMA) committee consisting of Mark Moore, Wayne McCauley, and Tom Boyd evaluated nominations. Congratulations to Vanessa Mesia of the Los Angeles Meridian Club.

New business:

Assignments will be posted for all delegates to this years USMS convention.

SPMA payments for USMS convention approximately \$800 per delegate. MSP to allow executive committee to finalize convention payment.

Next Meeting: July 10th.

Future meetings: August 21, 2008 and annual meeting November 20, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

SPMA Coaches Chair Report May 2008
Ahelee Sue Osborn, Nova Masters

Congratulations to SPMA Coach of the Year,
Vanessa Mesia of the Los Angeles Meridian Club!

ASCA Convention – American Swim Coaches Association
September 3-7, 2008 in Las Vegas
Riviera Hotel
Contact Ahelee if you need a room mate to share expenses.

There is Grant availability to help coaches attend ASCA
Funds go unused, so please apply!
USMS Grant: \$150. toward the registration fee
Application due to Mel Goldstein at IndyFit by May 15

<http://www.usms.org/coach/ascagrants.pdf>

The SPMA offers \$50. reimbursement to their coaches after completing ASCA education:

<http://www.spma.net/coaching.php>

SPMA Coaches Meeting & Reception at LC Regionals Saturday evening, August 2
Location TBA but on CAL Lutheran campus
Invited guest to address the coaches:
Mo Chambers – or other ideas? Vanessa - SPMA coach of the year?

NEWSLETTER –

Request Ahelee Sue Osborn and email address to be noted below the list of SPMA officers

Coaches column – due May 10th to Julie – OK?

To announce coaches meeting at LC Regionals

Allen H. to approve copy

2008 LC National Championships in Gresham, OR. Space still available in host hotel – Holiday inn

Representation of SPMA Teams at World's and Nationals

20 SPMA Teams competed at The USMS Short Course Nationals in Austin last week.

Largest appear to be Las Vegas and LAPS!

I will work on ideas to build more SPMA camaraderie in the future national meets.

Discussion on ways to improve service for swimmers by Team USA Coaches at The World Championships was had at the Nationals. There is interest in providing more of a team coordinator rather than actual coaches. USMS wanted daily reports from Perth and didn't receive any news updates.

UPCOMING!

5 Long Course meets to come this summer in the SPMA:

Santa Clarita May 18, Mission Viejo June 1, Las Vegas June 14, Santa Barbara July 12, and LC Regionals in Thousand Oaks August 1-3.

USMS Postal Championships:

5 and 10 Km Postal National Championships - May 15 to September 15, 2008