

SPMA Conference call March 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 8:02PM

Attendees: Mary Hull, Julie Heather, Michael Heather, Mark Moore , Greg Ogorzelec, Ahelee Sue Osborn, Christy Ciraulo, Nancy Reno, Michael H (WH2O), Wayne McClusky, Bill Yoshida, Errol Graham

Jan. 22, 2009 Minutes moved to be approved by Julie.
Amend next mtg. date to March 19, 2009
Minutes approved

Chairman's Report – Mary Hull
Nothing to report

Vice Chairman's Report – Mark Moore

Upcoming SC meets - Santa Clarita, UCLA, and The SC Regional Championships in Mission Viejo

In 2009 there are now:
7 Short Course Meets
6 Long Course Meets

Online registration is now available for all upcoming SPMA meets per ClubAssistant.
Registration information is imported from ClubAssistant to Meet Manager
Robert has handled the process in the past meets at UCLA and Mission Viejo.
The system should cut down on deck entries significantly

Nancy asked if there is a charge to setup – a cost to the host?
Also, is there a 5% credit card fee
Julie will investigate

Mary asked how race directors will know the service is available.
Julie reports the information will be in the newsletter.

Secretary Report –
Minutes from last meeting submitted to Mary
Please let Ahelee know if anything is missing in the minutes or format

Worked with Michael Heather and Errol on nomination for Ransom Arthur Award

Treasurer Report – Jeff Moxie
Not present

Member at Large – Nancy Kirkpatrick Reno

Nancy reports all positive feedback at attended meets.
Continuing to work on updating the by-laws

Registrar Report /Top 10 – Julie

3,033 swimmers are currently registered (at this time in 2008, there were 2,505)
May/June issue of newsletter was sent to the printer today

Short Course Records sent to Robert for review.
Need pool measurement for the UC Irvine pool.

Awards – Trisha Commons

CAL Tech Pentathlon had a big turnout – 25 heats!
Meet numbers continue to be strong
Need to approve additional \$ for a Kinko's card for copying
Lap counters are in need of repair - \$20.

Open water report – Christie Ciraulo

Christy requested that only the open water events which are sanctioned be posted on the home page of the website.
Robert reminded that sanctioned events require a meet referee who enforces the rules
Mark M. asked if this requirement is on the sanction request form. Julie will check to make sure it is included.
Michael H. asked about the Lake Mead open water event. Christie reported it is not yet confirmed but is tentative for October.
Wayne added (OT) Henderson, NV is building a new long course pool.

Jessica Seaton –

Newsletter column will be bumped until next issue due to space required for summer events

Discussed possible solutions to newsletter space issues:

- Most member are accessing information online, but not all of the membership.
- Page listing all SPMA Clubs may be limited and suggested use of the website for referrals.
- Trisha requested to bring a list of the SPMA Clubs to all meets to assist new and unattached swimmers
- Michael H. suggested adding pages every now and then when necessary

Coaches – Ahelee Sue Osborn

Coaches Social at the SC Regional Championships will be held on Saturday after the meet concludes

No coaches column in this newsletter due to space limitations for summer events

USMS SC Nationals in Clovis coming up. May 7-11
Need to encourage attending coaches to register for Coach on Deck

SwimFest 09 – May 22-24 in Woodland, TX
1 coach from each LMSC is able to receive a grant toward travel expenses – Nancy applied for the grant
Nancy and Ahelee plan to attend and travel together

Officials – Robert Mitchell –

Officials Conference Call recently discussed the LMSCs should take a proactive stance on assigning an official to each meet.

Chris Lundie – Website

Not present

Old Business –

Delegates for Convention – 9 for the SPMA

Current nominations: Trisha, Errol, Ahelee, Nancy, Robert, Chris, Tom, Mike C.
8 Voted and approved.

1 more delegate position available. Nancy will check availability of Rob Dumouchel as a final nomination.

Automatic and candidates: Christie, Julie, Michael H., Wayne, Jessica, Lucy, Mark, Mary

SPMA Awards

SPMA Coach of the Year

Nominations to Julie by March 31st – none received to date

Selection committee – Mark, Tom, Wayne, and Nancy

To be presented at SC Regionals, Mission Viejo

Dorothy Donnelly Award Nomination - July deadline

1 nomination received by Mary

Ransom Arthur Award

Discussion that SPMA must nominate as we have good candidates

2 nominations are being submitted

New Business

Registrar/Top Ten

Julie's Contract ends September 1st

New contract bids are due August 1st to Mary

Michael H. discussed need for pool measurement tools per Robert Mitchell.

Julie moved to approve \$100. for new tools.

Voted and approved.

Wayne reported from the International Committee:

FINA has accepted IGLA times and records as an associate member of USMS.

Julie suggests that this agreement comes from the association with FINA/USMS

Nancy asked if there is any new feedback in regard to restriction of tech-suits in upcoming competition.

Discussion was had relating to awaiting announcements or news from FINA in answer to everyone's questions regarding legal swimsuits.

Next Meeting – May 14th 8:00pm scheduled to be held after USMS SC Nationals

Meeting adjourned 8:56pm