

SPMA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2010

Meeting called to order 7:34 p.m.

Attendees: Nancy Reno, Julie Heather, Michael Heather, Mark Moore, Jacqueline Cole, Ahelee Sue Osborn, Rob Dumouchel, Errol Graham, Christie Ciraulo, Patrick McGinley, Susan Shore, Bill Sive, Doug Green, Paul Tse, Mike Collins, Chris Lundie

Move to approve minutes of the March meeting after revisions. Seconded and approved.

Chair's Report – Nancy Reno

No report.

Vice Chair's Report – Mark Moore

- Moving forward on buying “NO DIVING” placards to use in swim meets
- New ribbons and medals at the cost of \$889 have been ordered for championship meets in 2010.
- Discussion regarding various costs and options around a new purchase of SPMA logo awards
- Purchase of ribbons and medals is approved.

Julie Heather clarifies that the duties of the SPMA Executive Committee are to act between meetings of the SPMA Committee in matters that require swift action and are of minor overall importance. Important issues will be brought up on a conference call meeting so that the whole board can vote.

Secretary's Report – Ahelee Sue Osborn

Coming in late to call after coaching

Treasurer's Report – Jim Dougherty

- The accountant will have a report out next week with up-to-date spreadsheets.
- Financials will be distributed.

Member at Large Report – Rob Dumouchel

- Trip to Wisconsin for masters state championships. A good reminder of how fortunate we are here in the SPMA with such well run meets and large numbers of swimmers and participation.

SPMA Registrar Report - Julie Heather

Report was distributed to committee members before the meeting and will be copied to the SPMA website. Registration of clubs and members is about the same as it was this time last year.

Coaches Report Ahelee Sue Osborn:

(report in new business after Ahelee arrived to the call)

Open Water Committee – Christie Ciraulo

- The Seal Beach 1-mile and 3-mile has not complied with request to conform to insurance requirements. This creates legal liability for SPMA. Discussion ensued regarding dropping the sanction or other practical solutions. Possible separate waiver of liability distinct from SPMA waiver.
 - The sanction has already been issued. The committee recommends suspending the sanction until Seal Beach amends their waiver so that it is in compliance with SPMA's requests and the issue of insurance is resolved.
 - Removing the sanction would mean removing the listing of the event from the SPMA website.

- **MSA: To revoke the sanction**
 - **Discussion: In order to get sanctioning, Seal Beach must re-apply. The \$25 sanction fee would be waived if they re-apply.**
- Two new open water swims requested sanctioning for October 2, 2010 – a 1.2-mile and 2.4-mile swim, as well as an 8km point-to-point.

Sports Medicine Committee – Jessica Seaton

No report.

Meet Coordinator – Trisha Commons

Reported by Mark Moore.

Trisha will make sure the awards tally is given to Julie Heather so that she can bill the meet hosts.

Marketing Committee – Rob Dumouchel

- Looking for sponsors for the newsletter.
- Looking for web developers and designers to help with the website.
- Rob will write a blurb to distribute to the SPMA Committee for further distribution.
- The Grunions have volunteered to help.

Awards Committee – Rob Dumouchel

No new news

Executive Committee

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MSA: To approve the 2008 financial statements which had not yet been approved.**
- Discussion on the **Policies & Procedures** that Errol Graham has been working on. Various comments and suggestions were given to Errol and he will update the P&P accordingly.
- **SPMS name change:** Jim not on call

Selection of SPMA delegates for USAS Convention:

- Automatic Delegates for convention: USMS finance committee & rules committee, all USMS committee chairs, USMS executive committee. Nancy asked for verification of additional delegates. The number is unknown and will be checked and presented on next month's call.

Who is eligible for nomination and is also available to attend 2010 USAS Convention?

Requirements: Delegates must attend 50% or more of the monthly SPMA calls/meetings in the year prior.

Attend designated meetings at convention including new delegate orientation and wrap meeting.

Nominees for delegation:

Nancy Reno

Errol Graham

Rob Dumouchel

Patrick McKinley yes (if requirement waived)

Chris Lundie

Michael Collins

Susan Shore yes (if eligible or requirement waived)

Eligible delegates who said no: Mark Moore and Julie Heather

Will finalize delegate nominations at the May Meeting.

Ahelee suggested a short bio submitted for each delegate so the minutes reflect at least the club info for nominees/delegates who will represent the SPMA membership at convention.

LMSC Minimum Standards work group update.

New Business

Julie reviewed that results from sanctioned events must be turned in within the 60 day guideline for results to post in top 10 records. Teams should try to get the results submitted within 2 weeks so there is time to process the numbers in time for USMS 60 requirements. Recourse necessary to 'tighten up' the sanction process and ease the time constraints on the SPMA registrar.

Coaches Report Ahelee Sue Osborn:

- Message sent to all LMSC chairs from Rob Butcher/Jeff Moxie and the Coaches Committee encouraging coaches (at least one from each club) to attend **SwimFest10**. \$225 is the expected cost of a coach to attend complete weekend including travel from SPMA region.
- **ASCA World Clinic in Indiana**. Expected cost roughly \$1000 to attend. Suggestion to encourage SPMA coaches attendance for coaching continuing education. Discussed a scholarship award to the SPMA Coach of the Year. And appropriating additional funds to offset costs for smaller clubs to send a coach to ASCA.

MSA by Michael Collins to appropriate up to \$4000. to send coaches to SwimFest10 at \$200 grant each for 20 coaches. Max of one application per team, the funds can be distributed to reimburse one or more coaches at the teams' discretion.

DISCUSSION:

Michael Collins suggested a follow-up from recipient teams showing that the funds were used toward attendance.

Ahelee: Coaches should room share for networking and economical use of funds. She can organize coach connections for room mates.

Coaches who receive a stipend, as a group, conduct a local SwimFest Clinic for SPMA coaches unable to attend in San Diego.

A written synthesis of information learned at clinic submitted for SPMA Newsletter and Coaches Update emails should also be required.

Ahelee discussed increasing the SPMA coach scholarship budget to \$5000. Should especially reach out to smaller teams who cannot afford to fund coaches education among their pool rental fees and other expenses. Please consider an increase in funding scholarships as quality coaching is one of the main concerns of our membership.

Discussion by Julie and Nancy warning that our budget is near max for 2010. Nancy encouraged conservative spending since we have unsure expenditures and no known budget.

Further discussion that we have an undetermined amount of available funds that could benefit our members by offering higher quality coaching achieved by enabling coaching education with scholarship opportunities for SwimFest10 and ASCA.

Ahelee: The SPMA Coach of the Year: The award will be presented at SC Regionals in Mission Viejo on Saturday. 5 coaches were nominated for 2010.

MOTION: Michael Collins: 2 x \$1000 scholarship to coach of the year to attend ASCA. Second scholarship to go to a raffle/lottery SPMA coach.

Ahelee: Contact information could be updated when actual coaches enter the raffle with current club contact.

Nancy: If coaches have to pay part of their expenses, there is more personal. Lower dollar amount may be more fiscally responsible and have them demonstrate their earnestness.

Michael Collins: **REVISE MOTION** to reduce amount to \$500 per each of two coaches.

Discussion:

Ahelee: The COY should receive full funding or he/she may not be able to attend. Coaches are not highly compensated. The clinic is in Indianapolis. Registration alone is \$300.+

Discussion to wait for budget review. Determine then an appropriate amount that is responsible and effective.

Ahelee to investigate interest of coaches in attending ASCA.

(end of Coaches Committee Report)

Bill Sive request to update **SPMA top 10 records**. Hasn't been updated on the website since 2007. No one is assigned to do it. Open item. Are they available electronically to post on the <http://www.facebook.com/l/d8cd0;spma.net> website?

Next meeting normally would be May 20, which conflicts with USMS Nationals in Atlanta.

Agreement to reschedule the meeting to Thursday May 13, 2010 at 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn at 9:04pm.