Meeting called to order 7:32 p.m.

**Attendees:** Nancy Reno, Jim Dougherty, Julie Heather, Michael Heather, Mark Moore, Ahelee Sue Osborn, Rob Dumouchel, Chris Lundie, Errol Graham, Jessica Seaton, Christie Ciraulo, Jackie Cole, Patrick McGuinley, Phil Yoshida, Robert Mitchell, Mike Collins, Susan Shore, Bill Sive

Move to approve minutes of the February meeting by Julie
Second and approved.

**Chairman’s Report – Nancy Reno**

**Vice Chairman’s Report – Mark Moore**

All the long course meets are up on the SPMA website. Some meet info is coming soon.

New SPMA Awards Poll: 11 meet hosts were polled. Result is just about 50/50 in favor and not for meet host taking on responsibility for their own awards.
Recommend:
Offer newly designed SPMA awards to meet hosts for 2011.
Use generic SPMA awards through 2010

The SPMA meet co-coordinator is always available to meet hosts regardless of type of awards.

**Secretary’s Report – Ahelee Sue Osborn**

Confirmed attendance on conference call

**Treasurer’s Report – Jim Dougherty**

Reported numbers to date

Working with Nancy to submit reports by email - digitally

**Member at Large Report – Rob Dumouchel**

Caltech Pentathlon was very large and well run
On-line registration closed earlier than expected by a day

Beginning an aggressive travel schedule next month, which will include all the Open Water Championships across the USA.

Suggest posting swim etiquette signs at meets and better announcing of basic rules such as “no diving” during warm-ups.
Submit a semi-regular article to the newsletter about lane swim and swim meet etiquette.
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**SPMA Registrar Report - Julie Heather**

Report Distributed – copy to the SPMA website

Newsletter deadline: April 15

Top Ten – Palm Desert Senior Meet did not submit results in time for deadline.
Julie made a motion to void results not submitted for 2 years in a row.
Discussion: Nancy says it should be 1 year past
To be in time for Top Ten, results must be submitted within 60 days
(no resolution – unfinished business??)
Also noted that no list of officials was submitted at the Palm Desert Meet

**Coaches Committee – Ahelee Sue Osborn**

Deadline for USMS Coaches to apply for FINA World Championship Coaches team from the USMS is now April 10.

SPMA Coach of the Year Selection Committee:
Nancy Reno (2009 Recipient) Tony Austin, Jeff Mitchell, Tord Benner, Keith Ryan, Robin Sickles, Patrick Mc Guinness
Nominations are due March 31st.
The award will be presented at the Short Course Regional Championships in Mission Viejo.

SwimFest10 will be held June 4-6 at UC San Diego.
The event will sell out and so interested coaches should RSVP asap.
http://www.usms.org/swimfest/
Suggested SPMA support any SPMA coaches who are able to attend with a stipend to help cover travel, hotel and meals. This is in line with a discussion at the annual meeting regarding the use of SPMA surplus funds for education of coaches.
Since this is a relatively close location for our coaches to attend, many should try to come for at least Saturday which is the main pool swim day. Sunday is open-water swim focused.
Julie discussed the fact that most of our SPMA coaches are not full time and unable to attend a full weekend clinic. Nor do these coaches or clubs have the money to fund a trip like this. The big clubs with full time coaches, who can afford it, are not the clubs most in need of this assistance.

Next meeting samples of other LMSC support packages will be presented to make the SPMA decision.

**Open Water Committee – Christie Ciraulo**

**New Event: Slam the Dam, October 2**
8K, 1 Mile, 2.4 Mile

Corona Del Mar on Saturday, August 28th will be the Southwest Zone Open Water Championships.
Directors agreed to two waves of swimmers if the event gets too large.
Discussion was that it is already large enough to split into two waves.

Naples Island Open Water Swim was saved for 2010 thanks to Merrit and Lucy Johnson.
Considering an open water clinic in conjunction with this event.
Sports Medicine Committee – Jessica Seaton

Article about Stretching is ready to be submitted for the newsletter.

Open to submission of any sports medicine questions.

It was suggested that Jessica links her new website address to her articles since it has so much useful and relative information.
http://www.drjessicaseaton.com/Chiropractic_in_West_Los_Angeles/Wellness_Articles_by_Dr._Seaton.html

Officials Committee – Robert Mitchell

An SPMA observer paid to be at “recognized events” – we might consider this option. It is appropriate to spend up to $75.
Nancy asked why “recognized” and not only “sanctioned”.
Robert explained, if a swimmer is USMS Registered, they can qualify for USMS Top Ten at a recognized meet and therefore it should require an observer.

Michael H. offered from USMS Rulebook – page 52 Article 202 for wording on recognized.
Sanction/Recognition begins on page 51.

Meet Co-coordinator – Trisha Commons

Reported by Mark Moore:
Trisha is tallying all awards and a new order will process in another week.

Webmaster – Chris Lundie

Appreciate everyone’s submissions

SPMA committee chairs, please look at their pages and update.

Need to look for another web-person / swimmer to volunteer to help with SPMA graphics and website beautification.

Awards Chair – Rob Dumouchel

Ransom Arthur Award nomination was submitted in time

Awards page on SPMA website is being updated with more current information and deadlines

OLD BUSINESS:

Marketing Committee – Rob Dumouchel is the new chair… appointed by Nancy

Sponsors:
SPMA needs an appropriate vendor to sponsor the SPMA Newsletter which is printed in SWIMMER Magazine. The cost is approximately $1,300.00 per month.
Discussion regarding the SPMA sponsorship of it’s coaches to attend SwimFest10. Following, those coaches create a team to present a mini-SwimFest Clinic for SPMA coaches who could not attend.

Policies and Procedures – Errol and Rob continue to update and revise this document. Most current copy has been emailed to the EC.

Name Change of SPMA to SPMS report update by Treasurer Jim Dougherty.
Tasks to be completed to go forward as SPMS:
Re-state our articles of incorporation
Notify California Secretary of State
Notify IRS
Amend By-Laws
(Julie has a version of the By-Laws with SPMS already changed)

What are the various costs?

The name SPMS incorporates “Swimming” into the name so the organization’s purpose is understood.

Jackie Cole asked if teams have been consulted about the name change and how it might impact them.

Nancy asked Jim if he would be willing to continue to help with the transition of the name and Jim agreed he would.

Minimum Standards Update
Michael Heather (USMS VP of Administration) reported.

Plan for an orderly succession
Realistic annual goals and plans
Term limits for SPMA Chair

LMSC Swim Records on website
Have not been updated since the ‘90s

Financial
Paul Shain could help file/reconcile accounts
Need to establish an SPMA Budget – has not been done in nearly 20 years

Coaches & Clubs – Please identify potential skilled member to volunteer on SPMA Committees

Motion made to discontinue charging a Sanctioning Fee for Clinics.
Discussion: Julie, who handles sanctions, had left the call and so was not involved in discussion
Charge fee for “Recognized Events” but not “Sanctioned Events”
Revised motion accepted and motion passes. No fee for SPMA Event Sanction
NEW BUSINESS

SPMA Delegates for 2010 USAS Convention will be discussed at the April Meeting

Next meeting is: Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Move to adjourn.
Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.