

**SPMA Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday January 21, 2010**

Meeting called to order 8:02 p.m.

**Attendees: Nancy Reno, Mary Hull, Jim Dougherty, Julie Heather, Michael Heather, Mark Moore, Ahelee Sue Osborn, Rob Dumouchel, Robert Mitchell, Chris Lundie, Errol Graham, Jessica Seaton, Christie Ciraulo, Ken Brisbin, Susan Shore, Shannon Sullivan, Jim Dougherty, Bill Roberts**

**Chairman's Report – Nancy Reno**

Have been spending quite a lot of time on Southwest Zone organization:  
SCM Zone Championships for 2010 awarded to Arizona during convention. Getting dates set with Judy Gilles.  
Setting dates for SPMA Championships – SCY, LCM, Open Water, and SCM

Policies and Procedures change:

Awards Committee responsibilities fall under the Member-At-Large's duties and responsibilities. This is now under Rob Dumouchel and his appointed committee.

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

The first meet of the year will be held in Las Vegas on Saturday January 23  
There are 22 meets set for the 2010 year, one of the largest schedules ever for SPMA.  
Reminder, it is not mandatory for clubs to use online registration for their meets.

Working with Chris Lundie to update the SPMA website with meet information sheets.  
The Short Course Regional Championships will be posted very soon.

Working with Julie Heather on an updated meet application for all meet hosting clubs.

Working with Trisha Commons on her responsibilities as Quartermaster so that she can be paid in a timely manner.

All meet results will get submitted to USMS.

Nancy Reno asked if we are ready to require online registration for our SPMA meets yet. Discussion regarding the ease of use by current meet hosts. New clubs may need encouragement to begin using online registration as they are not confident. Recommend that SPMA begin to require online registration in 2011.

Are there other companies out there that offer the same registration service?

Club Assistant has the member database and it makes sense to use them. Discount to USMS.  
Recommend reviewing any other companies that could offer online registration as well.

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

Minutes from Annual Meeting on 11/19/09 approved with changes.

Errol will review minutes and final draft needs to be filed with Tracy Grilli at the USMS National Office.

**Treasurer's Report – Jim Dougherty**

Ended the 2009 year showing a slight deficit. Treasurer's report to be posted.

Discussed process to file reports to USMS and for taxes.

Jim will set up a call with Nancy Reno to review treasurer's report in transition of offices.

**Member at Large Report – Rob Dumouchel**

Reviewed SPMA SCM Championships – very well hosted and run by the Long Beach Grunions.

Go The Distance (GTD) has started. The program has significantly upgraded for 2010. Hopeful that coaches will encourage swimmers to begin participating. SPMA is a large percentage of the participation, but relative to its size, the numbers are small. Request a GTD logo link on the SPMA homepage.

Feedback from clubs and swimmers in the far north region of the SPMA (San Luis Obispo): They are allotted dates to hold Masters meets at times on the same day as long-standing SPMA meets further south. These meets are set on these dates as they piggy-back with USA Swimming meets. They would like to be allowed to hold their meet on these dates as they draw only a small number of swimmers who are not likely to travel south to the other meet.

**SPMA Registrar Report - Julie Heather**

2,628 members for 2010 to date.

In 2009 it was 2,753 at this time of year.

Jan/Feb issue of SWIMMER Magazine was shipped late. This is a problem because the issue will arrive after the Rose Bowl SCY Meet's pre-entry deadline. The deadline is pushed earlier to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month now. An SPMA Club mailing will include a Rose Bowl Meet sheet.

Still working on finishing the SCM Top Ten submission.

Thank you for approving the Hy-Tek Meet Manager program purchase as it has helped so much!

Issues for discussion:

Swimmer registering under an unverifiable date-of-birth.

Swimmer bounced a check and has not fulfilled debt, but was able to re-register for USMS.

**Coaches Committee – Ahelee Sue Osborn**

Creating committee to work together on ideas and coaching issues in the Southwest Zone.

Coaching clinics discussed as options for SPMA to co-host with clubs:

Club Development (SPMA)

Mentor Coaching Clinic (Grunions-SPMA)

Open Water (CVMM-SPMA)

Competitive Clinic (SPMA)

-before Nationals/Worlds

SwimFest 2010 (USMS) in San Diego, June

Other 2010 Coaching/Swim Clinics:

ASCA World Clinic – August 30 to September 5, Indianapolis, IN

Walnut Creek Intensity Camp – March 5-7, 2010

**Open Water Committee – Christie Ciraulo**

Finalizing 2010 Open water competition dates.

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Still to confirm:

Naples Island – need to speak with a Grunion contact and they are in the midst of changing the go-to person.

Seal Beach – conflicting date

Santa Barbara 6 Mile – awaiting final date

Open Water Clinic – need to arrange date when calendar is completed.

Discussion regarding the conflicting dates of long-time open water races.

Approval of dates presented by Christie Ciraulo for the 2010 Open Water season tabled until February meeting when more dates are finalized.

### **Sports Medicine Committee – Jessica Seaton**

Included an article in the next newsletter which also offered services for a shoulder clinic

### **Officials Committee – Robert Mitchell**

Official evaluations are being reviewed

Mark Moore asked if there is an updated list of current officials. Yes, there is.

Julie Heather voiced concern regarding the Rose Bowl Meet publicity. She asked that we vote to waive the Rose Bowl sanction fee of \$50. All agreed and voted to waive the fee.

### **Meet Co-coordinator – Trisha Commons (N/A)**

Mark Moore reported for Trisha.

Ribbons: Will take a poll of meet hosts about their wish to use SPMA medals and ribbons vs. their club custom awards.

SCM Championships at Belmont: Lap counters were purchased; receipt needs to be located for reimbursement.

SPMA Meet Supplies: Request a deposit from hosts or ask to replenish supplies?

Motion: \$200. budget for meet operations. Motion passes.

### **Webmaster – Chris Lundie**

Southwest Zone website – trying to contact Wayne McCauley for password. Fees are all paid.

Nancy Reno assisting in contacts.

SPMA officers are being updated on the website. Please submit any corrections.

As the meeting was running late, a move was made by Chairman, Nancy Reno to resume meeting monthly. Approved by all. Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

**Next meeting is: Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.**

Move to adjourn.

**Meeting ended at 9:36 p.m.**

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# SPMA AGENDA for January 21, 2010 Meeting

Call to order 8:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Officer Reports:

Chairperson: Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno  
Vice Chairperson: Mark Moore  
Secretary: Ahelee Sue Osborn  
Treasurer: Jim Dougherty  
Member at Large: Rob Dumouchel

## Contractor Report:

Registrar/Top 10: Julie Heather  
Newsletter Editor: Julie Heather

## Committee Reports:

Coaches: Ahelee Sue Osborn  
Open Water: Christie Ciraulo  
Sports Medicine: Jessica Seaton  
Officials: Robert Mitchell  
Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster/Meet Awards: Trisha Commons  
Webmaster: Chris Lundie

## Old Business:

- **Vote on adding the following to our bylaws-** new Section X Indemnification (renumber all subsequent sections). *Each person who is or was a director, officer or employee of SPMA (including the heirs, executors, administrators or estate of such person) shall be indemnified by SPMA as a division of USMS to the full extent permitted by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of Ohio against any liability, cost or expense incurred in the capacity as director, officer or employee, or arising out of the status as a director, officer or employee (including serving at the request of SPMA as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another not-for-profit organization).*
- Vote to eliminate SPMA awards for meets. Rob Dumouchel brought up at the Nov 2009 general meeting. Awards become part of the Meet Host responsibility. Meet Hosts can give generic or special medals at the meet host's discretion. Rationale is that our members are tired of SPMA and generic awards. Stop at the end of short course yards season.
- Need a club to host Long Course Zone Championships.
- Review of Policies and Procedures updates and reformatting from 2008 General meeting.
- Discussion and selection of the Open Water Regional Championship location for 2010.
- Finalization of name change to SPMS (Jim Dougherty, Treasurer, update on his legal discussion on what we need to do to move this forward).  
Once name changes – appoint committee to review logo and make recommendations to keep or change. (Keep with an S instead of an A at end). Could hold contest with SPMS to submit new logo.

## New Business:

Vote to approve budget for Mark Moore, Vice Chair to have \$200.00 for upgrades to equipment (stop watches, forms, lap counters, batteries,) for meet operations. The Vice Chair would be accountable for expense reporting to get reimbursed for these expenses.

Vote to approve purchase of USMS Caps and Decals to be given out at swim meets to new members.

Vote to approve monthly meetings vs bi-monthly meetings.

Appoint work group to review the LMSC minimum standards and begin to identify any deficiencies to the standards.

Appoint a work group to review current website and make recommendations for changes-ask our members what they would like to see.

Discussion : Encourage meet hosts to dual sanction meets with USA Swimming to encourage USA Swimming members to attend USMS meets.

Reminder all clubs should have USMS registration links on the home page of their websites.

## Information about upcoming Zone Championships:

- 2010 SPMA LC Zone Championships
- 2010 Arizona SCM Zone Championships
- 2010 SPMA SCY Zone Championships
- SwimFest 2010 in San Diego