

SPMA Meeting Minutes
Conference call
Thursday, July 15, 2010

Attending: Julie Heather (Rose Bowl), Michael Heather (Mission Viejo), Mary Hull (South West Aquatics), Trisha Commons (CVMM), Mark Moore (Mission Viejo), Jacqueline Cole (Long Beach Grunions), Bill Sive (Long Beach Grunions), Bob Eberwine (South Bay), Errol Graham (West Hollywood), Wayne McCauley (Las Vegas), Connie Barrett (Mission Viejo), Susan Shore (West Hollywood), Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood), Shari Twidwell (Venus Aquatics), Christie Ciraulo (UCLA), Gardner Howland (CSA), Chris Lundie (Santa Clarita), Patrick McGinley (Rose Bowl), Mike Shaffer (Ventura), Mike Collins (NOVA), Christine Maki (Covina), Tony Austin (SCAQ), Lucy Johnson (Long Beach Swim Club), Phil Yoshida (San Luis Obispo), Robert Mitchell (unattached), Robin Smith (Mission Viejo), Hubie Kerns (Ventura), and Ed Tsuzuki (USMS V.P. of Local Operations)

Meeting called to order: 8:15 p.m.

Acting Chair Mark Moore appointed Mike Heather parliamentarian for this conference call. Mike explained the rules that will apply for the call.

MSP: In lieu of the SPMA Secretary not being present on the conference call that Mary Hull be appointed Secretary for this conference call only.

MSP: To approve the amended minutes of the June 17, 2010 conference call.

Action item: Connie Barrett's call for a vote to remove the Secretary from office. A discussion was held on how the actual vote will be handled. The planned process of the actual vote will be for the votes to be sent by email to Ed Tsuzuki (USMS V.P. of Local Operations). Mark will send to Ed the list of eligible voters from the attendees of this conference call. The eligible voters will have 24 hours to vote from the time the email for the vote is sent to cast their vote. A discussion was held in regard to the removal of the Secretary. The discussion ended, but was reopened by a motion. **MSP:** to reopen the discussion of the removal of the Secretary due to the conference call phone problems. **MSP:** to have a secret ballot set up to have an email vote on whether or not to remove the Secretary from office. **MSP:** to allow Ed Tsuzuki (USMS V.P. of Local Operations) to be the person to whom the votes are sent.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Chair: Mark Moore has asked for an At-Large delegate spot (for the USMS Convention) for Connie Barrett and is waiting for a response. He is also looking at possible candidates to fill the vacancy of the SPMA Coaches Chair. [Ahelee Sue Osborn had been dismissed from the position since the last SPMA meeting]

Vice Chair: Mark Moore is looking at the 2011 extended calendar and will be contacting all the current meet hosts to see if they want their meet dates for next year. If they no longer wish to have their meet or no longer wish to have their set date then the date will be opened up to other

possible meet hosts. The only meets that are bid on are the SCY, LCM, SCM Championships meets. These meet dates should be set by September so that they can also bid to be a Southwest Zone Championship meet at convention. Mark will also be contacting meet hosts to see if they will be using the SPMA ribbons or if they will be using their own. Meet hosts will need to let him know so that we may plan ahead with the awards order for 2011.

Treasurer: Bill Sive stated that Jim Dougherty and Lucy Johnson have been helping him with the documents to get everything in order in regard to the checking account. Bill will have a full report next month. The convention registration fee and the convention stipends for SPMA delegates should be sent out on Monday.

Member At Large: Rob Dumouchel was not available to participate in the conference call. Patrick McGinley said that Rob was off doing some open water swims in the Midwest, and reported for him. Rob said that the San Luis Obispo meet ran well. Rob had no report for the Awards Committee and for the Marketing Committee, although they are planning on having an SPMA logo contest.

Contractor's report: Registrar/Top 10 and Newsletter editor: Julie Heather sent out her report in an email and she commented that we had 32 registrations at the Newport Pier-to-Pier swim and of those 15 were new, 9 had been registered before but not for last year and 8 were renewals.

Open Water: Christie Ciraulo reported that there were three swims this past weekend at two venues. The Newport Pier-to-Pier swim had 217 men and 94 women and the swim was run like a tight ship with the results already being posted. Seal Beach had a 1-mile and a 3-mile swim. The 3-mile swim had 13 women and 30 men and the 1-mile swim had 45 women and 88 men. There were also tons of age group swimmers.

Sports Medicine: Jessica Seaton reported that she is working on the article on heart problems and swimming.

Officials: Robert Mitchell said the officials clinic will be held on October 2 & 3 at El Camino College.

Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster/Meet Awards: Trisha Commons said that the Mission Viejo and Santa Barbara meets had very low attendance. The LCM Championships in Fullerton will have an EMT available and there will be a social on Friday night.

Webmaster: Chris Lundie is working on updating the postings on the SPMA website. The Southwest Zone website has been redesigned. Mark Moore has asked Connie Barrett to help Chris.

OLD BUSINESS:

NBR Grievance hearing notice is here for us to review and to let us know that a hearing is going to take place.

Update on the name change from SPMA to SPMS has been tabled until next month. The reason for the name change is because we do not currently have the word “swimming” in the name of our organization.

The results of the tech suit proposal vote was a no (not to submit the proposal to the Rules Committee at the USMS Convention). A discussion was held in regard to the results, the numbers and representation, and the communication means to let the membership know about swimming related issues.

Policies and Procedures have been updated and need to be reviewed. (Bylaws were attached to the Policies & Procedures but are not a part of them). Mark asks people to please send comments and changes to him. We will be looking at this at the next meeting and possibly voting on them as well.

Job Specifications for Registrar, Top Ten, Newsletter Editor: A discussion was held in regard to how a bidder will be paid and the need for clarity on how the bidder gets paid. **MSP:** to accept the specifications as submitted with the exception of item #1, with item # 1 being changed to a base of 4200 swimmers annually. **MSP:** to have bids by August 1. **MSP:** to reconsider the due date for the bids. **MSP:** to change the date for bids to be in by August 10.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Acting Chair created a task force to review and recommend changes to the SPMA Bylaws. The task force consists of Michael Heather, Errol Graham, Rob Dumouchel, and Connie Barrett. Mark will be putting together a committee to address the grievance filed by Julie Heather against Ahelee Sue Osborn.

MSP: to accept Nancy Reno’s letter resigning as SPMA Chair. **MSP:** to have the vote for a new Chair handled in the same manner in which the removal vote of the SPMA Secretary is being handled. Eligible voters will have 24 hours to cast their vote for either Errol Graham or Christine Maki. **MSP:** to open the floor for nominations. **MSP:** to close the nominations (there were no nominations from the floor). The votes will be going to Ed Tsuzuki.

Naples Island open water swim is requesting a one-day event registration availability. A discussion was held in regard to whether or not we should allow a one-day event registration. **MSP:** (1 abstention to the vote from Christie Ciraulo) to allow the Naples Island Swim a one-day event registration for \$30.00 and they have to do all the appropriate paperwork that goes with a one-day registrant.

Next meeting: conference call Thursday August 19, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm