SPMA Meeting Minutes
Conference call
Thursday, August 19, 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 (Grunions), Errol Graham (West Hollywood), Connie Barrett (Mission Viejo), Susan Shore (West Hollywood), Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood), Mike Shaffer (Ventura), Tony Austin (SCAQ), Phil Yoshida (San Luis Obispo), Robert Mitchell (Unattached), Robin Smith (Mission Viejo), Paula James (Las Vegas), Rob Dumouchel (CVMM), Dan Frost (bidder), Kim Thornton (bidder), and Dan Wegner (bidder)

Meeting called to order: 8:07pm

The results of the votes from the last meeting in regards to the removal of the Secretary were in favor of removing the current secretary Ahelee Sue Osborn from office. The results of the votes for a new Chair were for Errol Graham to be the new Chair.

MSP to approve the July minutes as amended to remove the paragraph stating that Ahelee was asked to step down as Secretary for the July meeting.

Chair: No report as of yet but thanked Mark for handling things while he was out of town.

Vice Chair: The tentative 2011 meet schedule has been sent out to the meet directors for their approval of meet dates. The meet hosts will let Mark know if the dates of their meets are still good and if they wish to use SPMA ribbons or their own ribbons at their meets. This will allow us to place an order in November to cover next year’s meets. A vote to approve next year’s schedule will take place at the November meeting. All the Short Course Meters meets are listed on our website.

Treasurer: Bill is catching up on past due items such as a bill from Kast-A-Way Swimwear & Supplies, and other small items.

Member At Large: Naples Island was run very well. Fullerton high point awards were not presented at the meet, they will be mailed out. Update on the SPMS logo contest: will put it on the website, open to the entire SPMA membership; SPMA committee will have the final vote. MSP: for the winner of the logo contest to have their 2011 SPMA membership fee reimbursed.

Contractor’s report: There are 4,400 SPMA members as of today. Julie has seven USMS Rulebooks available for those people going to convention who need a copy. MSP: to suspend SPMA’s DVD lending library until September 30th so that Julie can get the library ready for the next Registrar. MSP: to reimburse Julie for the cost of keeping the phone number thru the December billing period. MSP: for Julie to do the Nov/Dec
newsletter since the deadline for that newsletter is September 20th. The January/February swim meets should be included in this issue.

**Sports Medicine/Fitness:** Jessica is working on an article about heart problems and swimming. She will write it more generally rather than focusing on any one person.

**Officials:** Robert reported that there will be an official’s clinic at El Camino College on October 2 and 3. It will include a coaching class and club leadership/management class. Officials need to take a course once a year to keep their certification current.

**Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster:** We are set for awards to the end of the year. Trisha had some donations of some stop watches.

**Awards/Marketing:** The logo contest will be marketed, we have Facebook and Twitter accounts already set up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There will be a hearing on the grievance filed by Nancy Reno against SPMA. USMS’s National Board of Review will contact Errol within the next few weeks regarding resolution of this matter.

Julie’s grievance against Ahelee: The committee will give a report at the next meeting. The committee members are Bill Sive, Robin Smith, Bob Eberwine, Shari Twidwell, and Errol Graham.

A committee/taskforce was formed to review the current bylaws. Committee members are Connie Barrett, Michael Heather, Rob Dumouchel, and Errol Graham.

The policies and procedures have now been posted on the SPMA website. Last month the committee reviewed them and approval is pending. Policies and procedures are up for change at any time and this does not need to be voted on like changing the bylaws do.

**SPMA name change:**
Jacqueline Cole reported that changing the name from SPMA to SPMS would require filing a DBA and paying the requisite fee. A notice also needs to be published four times, the bank account needs to be changed, and the process would likely take about four months from start to finish. MSP: to not go forward with the change until we have a new Registrar. MSP: to hire signaturefiling.com to handle the name change.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
Nominations for Secretary: Mary Hull was nominated by Julie Heather and her nomination was seconded by Jessica Seaton. MSP: to close the nominations for Secretary. MSP: to elect Mary Hull as the new Secretary by acclamation.

SPMA delegates to convention:
There is a motion to remove Ahelee Sue Osborn as a delegate for SPMA to this year’s USMS convention. The motion has been seconded. A discussion was held on the motion. MSP: to have a secret ballot and vote on whether or not to remove Ahelee as a delegate. Ed Tsuzuki (USMS VP of Local Operations) has agreed to accept the votes and tally them. All the eligible voters from tonight’s conference call will receive an email with voting instructions tomorrow afternoon sometime and will need to vote by Saturday afternoon. MSP: If Ahelee is removed as a delegate to convention, she should be reimbursed for any non-refundable, non-transferrable airfare that she may have already purchased to attend the convention.

MSP: to send Christine Maki as a delegate to convention in place of Patrick McGinley who can’t make it to convention.

MSP: to approve Connie Barrett as an At Large delegate to the convention with funding from SPMA.

Bids for Registrar, Top Ten, and Newsletter editor:
Bids were submitted by several people. Some bids were for only one job while others were for a combination thereof. MSP: to have Ed Tsuzuki handle the voting if he is willing. When voting, people should vote on each position individually. Those eligible to vote will be the people on the call this evening with each club getting one vote, committee members who have attended and participated in more than half of the last year’s meetings, officers, and committee chairs. In the event that there is no outright winner, there will be a run-off vote between the top two in a given category. Dan Frost, Kim Thornton, and Dan Wegner, were on the call and each had a few moments to say a few words as to why they wish to serve SPMA. Mary Beth Windrath and Clay Evans were not on the call. Tony Austin said a few words on Clay’s behalf.

Next meeting date: September 9, 2010 at 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm