

SPMA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 17, 2010

Meeting called to order 7:33 p.m.

Attendees: Mark Moore, Ahelee Sue Osborn, Rob Dumouchel, Bill Sive, Lucy Johnson, Robert Mitchell, Mary Hull, Susan Shore, Patrick McGinley, Trisha Commons, Mike Heather, Errol Graham, Jessica Seaton, Rebekah Olsen, Ed Tsuzuki, Jacqueline Cole, Chris Lundie, Jinxi Caddell, Gardner Howland, Shari Twidwell, Bob Eberwine, Christine Maki, Ken Brisbin, Julie Heather, Mike Collins, Randy Eickhoff, Gregg Ogorzelec, Shannon Sullivan, Connie Barrett, Christie Ciraulo

Mark Moore, Vice Chair opened the meeting.

Mark informed the committee that Nancy Reno resigned her position just prior to the start of the meeting. Nominations for the Chair position will be open. According to our bylaws the Vice Chair will act as SPMA Chair until the new Chair is elected. Vote will be held at July SPMA meeting.

Errol Graham read the resignation statement, emailed to the SPMA Committee by Nancy Reno shortly before the conference call began.

MSA to approve minutes of the May SPMA meeting

Motion to strike minutes of the June 2 emergency meeting of the SPMA Executive Committee was withdrawn.

Discussion to accept minutes of the Executive Meeting as an accurate representation of what happened.

Motion to reject the actions of paragraphs 2 through 4 of the EC meeting minutes, MSP.

Chair's Report – N/A

Vice Chair's Report – Mark Moore

- MVN LC Meet – MVN Swimmer, Bonnie Kotzbach suffered a heart attack during the 1500 swim event
SPMA Committee member, Trisha Commons was one of the first responders along with Pat from The Grunions. They handled CPR until paramedics arrived. Bonnie regained consciousness, but soon declined and passed 2 days later.

- June 20 Las Vegas LC Meet is next. Using online registration for the first time
- July 3 Patrick Moore Relay Meet @ MVN
- July 10 Santa Barbara LC Meet

Secretary's Report – Ahelee Sue Osborn

Verified attendance on call

Treasurer's Report – Bill Sive, Interim

- Will be updating the treasurer reports that were sent earlier today. The report presented does not reflect deposits made by the registrar and checks received by SPMA from USMS for online registrations.
- Strongly recommends an independent audit approximately every 3 years.
- Julie Heather stated she has requested from Doug Church (USMS legal) that USMS perform an audit of SPMA's books.

MSA by Lucy Johnson to accept the Treasurer's report with the knowledge that numbers will be corrected when updated deposit reports are received.

Member at Large Report – Rob Dumouchel

- Just returned from more USMS Open Water National Championship travel.
- Suggests working to promote more participation from SPMA athletes in these events as there was little presence from Southern California. Acknowledged the travel cost and distance involved, but we should make sure that the membership is aware of the open water competition opportunities.

SPMA Registrar Report - Julie Heather

Report distributed

- If someone would like to take over the SPMA Newsletter which is published in SWIMMER Magazine, she would turn it over before her scheduled resignation.
- The final issue before Julie's resignation is the Sept/Oct issue – deadline July 17th.
- Currently the production involves Microsoft Publisher, updating last year's meet info sheets, filling available space with editorial content, etc...
- Connie Barrett offered to help Julie with final issue.

MSA by Shannon Sullivan to increase Julie's \$100.00 newsletter compensation to \$300 for the final issue.

Coaches Chair Report - Ahelee Sue Osborn:

SwimFest10 event in San Diego June 4-6, 2010.

Clubs sending coaches: Grunions, South Coast, Las Vegas (SLV), Conejo Valley, Long Beach, and Nova.

Coaches: Andrea Thresh, Jeannette Bauer, Doug Green, Kara Robertson, Nancy Reno, Ahelee Osborn, Lucy Johnson, Dickie Fernandez, and Kim Thornton,

\$200.00 Travel Stipends went to each club except Conejo Valley (Ahelee & Nancy).

\$1,000.00 used out of the \$4,000.00 allotted.

ASCA World Clinic

Revisit discussion to award a grant to the SPMA Coach of the Year Award winner (Chad Durieux) in the amount of \$1,000.00 to attend the ASCA World Clinic and USMS Coaches Certification. There should be available funds since \$3,000.00 of the SwimFest10 money was not used.

Submitting USMS Coach of the Year and Kerry O'Brien Award SPMA nominations in time for the July 1st deadline.

Rose Bowl Masters SuperSession Clinic – July 18

Competitive swim clinic featuring Rich Abrahams. Bob Strand, the organizer is approaching SPMA for funding support. Suggestion that funds, if allotted, be used to send coaches to attend instead of individual swimmers.

Open Water Committee – Christie Ciraulo

Julie Heather stated that she consulted USMS (Doug Church) regarding open water event waiver problems. She was advised that an event can use whatever format they choose for their waiver because they will ultimately be responsible for any problems resulting from the use of an incorrect waiver.

Sports Medicine Committee – Jessica Seaton

Stretching article submitted and will be published in the July/August newsletter.

Discussion regarding Jessica writing an article for the next newsletter in light of concern generated from several recent incidents of SPMA members having heart attacks while swimming.

Officials – Robert Mitchell

Open water season is coming up and the SPMA is doing a much better job of covering the events with officials.

Meet Coordinator – Trisha Commons

MVN LC meet finished later than expected due to the medical emergency early in the meet. The Las Vegas and Santa Barbara LC Meets will both have a moment of silence for Bonnie Kotzbach.

SPMA Committee thanked Trisha again for her prompt and proficient first responder actions which helped Bonnie until the paramedics arrived to take over at the MVN pool.

Webmaster – Chris Lundie

The Southwest Zone website is still not up and running.

Jim Matysek from USMS is assisting and the new site will offer improved support and access.

Holding some submitted changes for the SPMA website and will get it posted to the website in the next few weeks.

Marketing Committee – Rob Dumouchel

Request to membership - anyone interested in marketing and willing to volunteer time to this committee, which is in need of more help to move forward on projects.

SPMA logo contest will ~~go~~ be put on hold until name change process is complete.

Awards Committee – Rob Dumouchel

National award deadlines are approaching on July 1st.

Rob requested committee members review award information previously distributed and posted, and make any nomination requests ASAP.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Sive (The Grunions) supported for nomination as SPMA Treasurer by the SPMA EC. Bill would finish out the term of office left recently by Jim Dougherty through December 31, 2011. **MSA** by Lucy Johnson to approve **Bill Sive as the new SPMA Treasurer.**

USAS Convention September 15-18 – SPMA Delegates

MSA by Lucy Johnson to approve 10 SPMA delegates: Mark Moore, Ahelee Osborn, Rob Dumouchel, Errol Graham, Chris Lundie, Robert Mitchell, Trisha Commons, Rebekah Olsen, Patrick McGuinley, Mike Collins

Automatic convention delegates (members of the USMS Legislation, and Rules Committees) subsidized by the SPMA: Mary Hull, Lucy Johnson, Jessica Seaton

USMS subsidized delegates from the SPMA: Jeff Moxie, Mike Heather, and Nancy Reno

MSA by Julie Heather to approve \$850.00 grant to each SPMA-funded convention delegate and \$100.00 meal stipend only to Jeff Moxie, Mike Heather, and Nancy Reno.

MSA by Lucy Johnson to approve that the SPMA Treasurer submit registration fees (\$150.00 each) for those SPMA delegates who are not reimbursed by USMS.

MSA by Lucy Johnson that Bill Sive be authorized and take the steps necessary to set up the SPMA Banking Resolution with two other members of the EC in the next 45 days.

SPMA name change to SPMS feasibility discussion. Many pros and cons on the subject as to the necessity. Jacqueline Cole (Grunions) offered to assist in the research and suggested again that SPMA clubs be notified of the possible change in the association's name for their feedback.

MSA by Lucy Johnson to table finalizing the draft of SPMA Policies & Procedures until the next scheduled meeting

New Business

MSA by Lucy Johnson to accept Julie Heather's contractor functions on an interim basis through Sept. 30th while debriefing the registrar and formulating a transition plan.

Review Subcommittee named to debrief the Registrar and draft up the SPMA specific job requirements for the Registrar, Top Ten Recorder and Newsletter Editor: Lucy Johnson, Bill Sive, Errol Graham, Jessica Seaton, and Jacqueline Cole

All voting SPMA Committee members must hold current USMS registration

Mark Moore will accept nominations for SPMA Chair until the July Meeting at which time candidates will be presented to the membership, and the voting time and method will be announced.

Patrick McGinley brought forward a request from a group of SPMA members in regard to the position of SPMA/USMS on the tech-suit for the short course yards season.

Jessica Seaton gave an explanation of the process in the tech-suit recommendation at the 2009 USMS Convention. Any further action would require an amendment to the rule and someone to write the changes. It was suggested that Patrick contact Michael Moore in the Pacific LMSC as they are working on this project.

MSA by Julie Heather that Patrick McGinley draft a rule change and that the committee will vote by email as to whether to submit it as a proposed Rules change.

Next meeting is Thursday. July 15 at 8:00pm

MSA to adjourn - 9:50 p.m.