

SPMA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2011, 2011

Attending:

Chair Errol Graham (West Hollywood Aquatics),
Vice-Chair Mark Moore (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Treasurer Bob Eberwine (South Bay Swim Club),
Secretary Mary Hull ((Southwest Aquatics),
Member-at-Large Jacquie Cole (Long Beach Grunions),
Registrar Dan Wegner (Club Assistant),
Newsletter Editor Kim Thornton (Irvine Novaquatics),
Mary Beth Windrath (Top Ten & Records),
Robert Mitchell (Unattached),
Rebekah Olsen (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics),
Trisha Commons (Unattached),
Paula James (Las Vegas Masters),
Michael Jorgensen (West Hollywood Aquatics)
Karin Wegner (Club Assistant),
Lucy Johnson (Long Beach Swim Club),
Michael Collins (Novaquatics),
Michael Heather (Mission Viejo Nadadores),
Phil Yoshida (San Luis Obispo).

Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved with the request to include a notification that many participants were unable to attend due to attending the ASCA clinic in San Diego and the power outage in San Diego County and parts of Orange County.

Officer Reports

Chair: Errol Graham

- The USMS Convention was very successful and SPMS had a high profile with an award for USMS Coach of the Year (Chad Durieux), Michael Heather's re-election as Vice-President of Administration, and Mission Viejo awarded the 2013 Summer Long Course Championships and Swim Las Vegas award the 2013 Open Water 10K.
- The USMS National Board of Review's hearing regarding Ahelee Osborn's appeal of the decision of SPMA and the sanctions imposed on her in regards to the grievance filed against her by Julie Heather took place on October 10th, and the resolution will be forwarded to all parties within a few days.

Vice Chair: Mark Moore

- The 2012 meet schedule is completed and will be voted on at the annual meeting in November.
- Mark has been working with Dan Wegner and Kim Thornton to get the meet forms in the next newsletter.
- Mark is also working with Rebekah Olsen and Dan on putting together something more uniform for open water events like sanction, rules, and results.

Treasurer: Bob Eberwine

- Bob submitted his report in writing and it is posted on the website.
- Bob will be working on a budget for next year. The committee will include Bob, Michael Heather, Lucy Johnson, Dan Wegner, and Trisha.

Secretary: Mary Hull

No report.

Member at Large: Jacquie Cole

- Jacquie reported that the location for our annual meeting is the El Torito in Long Beach. We will have a private room and the food cost will be approximately \$15.00 per person. The annual meeting is open to all SPMS members. The meeting time will be from 7:30 to 10:00 pm on Thursday November 17. A discussion was held in regards to food and having a meeting that requires payment to attend. **MSP** to pay for food for active committee members. **MSP** that food will be available at the annual meeting at a cost of \$15.00 per person. RSVP will be required and people will need to indicate whether or not they want dinner, and a payment for the food will need to be made in advance.
- The Awards Committee has made their selection for SPMS's annual awards from a wide range of eligible candidates. The four awards will be presented at the SCM Championships at Belmont in December.

Contractor Reports

Registrar: Dan Wegner

Dan's report is posted on the website.

- The new registration year is coming up, and swimmers who have requested a paper copy of the newsletter will receive a paper copy of the 2012 registration. Email reminders about renewing registration will go to all other active members.
- Dan attended the Slam-the-Dam open water swim and feels we need to look into having a referee or evaluator at our open water events to better serve our members and make sure that the event hosts are fulfilling their responsibilities and the terms of the sanction for their event.
- Replacement T-shirts have been sent to the people who requested them. Anyone who has not received their shirt should let Dan know.

[See separate report]

Newsletter Editor: Kim Thornton

Kim is working on the last newsletter for the year. Jessica will be submitting an article to Kim within the next couple of weeks. Karin Wegner has written an article about the convention and thanks all those who contributed. Kim would like to include photos from the convention if anyone has any.

Top Ten Recorder: Mary Beth Windrath

Mary Beth submitted Top Ten, and there were four records set at last weekend's Santa Clarita meet.

Committee Reports**Coaches Committee: Christine Maki**

Christine was not on call. Jacquie, Errol, Trisha, Michael Collins, Lucy, and Mary Hull attended the coaches clinic that Christine put together on October 1st. The clinic went very well and covered a wide range of topics, such as nutrition, ASCA, and membership. Michael Collins offered to host another clinic. Robert Mitchell said he has a contact with Power bar. USMS offers clinics now as well. It is the equivalent of ASCA coaching basics tailored more towards USMS swimmers.

Marketing Committee: Connie Barrett

Not on the call. No report.

Officials Committee: Robert Mitchell

No report.

Open Water Committee: Rebekah Olsen

- Rebekah reported that the open water series is over for this year. She is working on the scores for 2011.
- The race directors are not getting the results to her within 48 hours and they are being sent in different formats, as well as having inconsistencies from what is listed online. In addition, some of the results are not printable, and Rebekah still has to check whether or not the swimmers were members of USMS. She has prepared a spreadsheet, and recorded swimmers' swims even if they did not place.
- Slam the Dam had two DQs for swimmers missing the buoys.
- A discussion was held in regards to open water swims and the inconsistencies in the swims. The discussion included possibly including a bond to sanctions for open water events to ensure that all the requirements of the sanction and USMS rules are followed. Some other points brought up were that some event organizers have only been using our sanction for extra publicity for their events. We need to make sure that race directors get all the information on our requirements as part of the sanction process. **MSP** for open water race directors to have \$100.00 bond to be returned when all the requirements of the sanction are followed. This was amended to a \$175.00 bond with a \$25.00 sanction fee. A discussion was held on possibly paying

someone from SPMS to be an observer at the open water events to ensure we have a good SPMS experience. We have to start somewhere, and we need to follow through with our requirements and what we expect of our event hosts. If an event director does not follow the rules what are the consequences? A discussion on a motion for all SPMS-sanctioned open water events to be included in the series was tabled until the next meeting.

Sports Medicine Committee: Jessica Seaton

Jessica will be taking a nutrition seminar and will write an article on the seminar for a future issue of the newsletter.

Meet Coordinator/Quartermaster/Meet Awards: Trisha Commons

- There were a couple of problems at the Santa Clarita meet this past weekend. The backstroke flags broke on the fastest heat of the mile. All swimmers were offered the opportunity to swim again but nobody wanted to. A watering pipe which was in front of the blocks broke. The meet director for Santa Clarita had to leave early, and the meet results were posted late.
- Trisha will need to order more 1st place ribbons soon.
- Trisha attended the October SCPPOA luncheon and the topic was national drowning prevention.

New Club Coordinator: Jacquie Cole

No report.

Webmaster: Chris Lundie

Not on the call, but Dan said he is working on freshening up the website and he is currently asking for comments. Dan is also looking at possible domain names to go with our new name SPMS. A discussion was held about keeping spma.net and getting a new domain name. Robert Mitchell, Michael Collins, Lucy Johnson, Michael Heather, and Dan Wegner will work on it.

MSP: Officer, contractor, and committee reports approved and accepted.

Old Business:

- Michael Heather said we don't need a meet cancellation policy because it is already in the USMS Rulebook.
- Dan updated us on the meet administration guidelines document and the open water guidelines document and said he has received some suggestions that he will be putting into the document. He will be working with Rebekah and Mark on the open water guidelines.

New Business:

- USMS has increased their fees by \$2.00 for individual memberships for next year. **MSP:** to increase the SPMS registration fee to \$46.00 for 2012 to incorporate the \$2.00 increase. A discussion was held to not raise the fee. A move to reconsider was

accepted and a new motion was made. **MSP:** to keep the registration fee at \$44.00 for 2012.

- USMS has grants available for new clubs to help them get started. Errol will set up a task force to look in to this and make it happen.
- SPMS elections for the 2012-2013 officers will be held at the annual meeting on November 17, 2011. Nominations were announced for Chair (Errol Graham), Vice Chair (Mark Moore), Treasurer (Bob Eberwine), Secretary (Connie Barrett), and Member at Large (Jacquie Cole and Lucy Johnson). Nominations will be posted on the website on Monday. Anyone wishing to nominate additional candidates should contact Mary Hull at secretary@spma.net.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.