



SPMS Meeting Minutes	
August 21, 2014	Called to Order: 7:30 PM PDT
Type of meeting	Monthly Conference Call Meeting
Facilitator	Mark Moore - Chair
Minutes	Robin Smith - Secretary
Attendees	Chair – Mark Moore (Mission Viejo Nadadores) Vice Chair – Eileen Span (Mission Viejo Nadadores) Treasurer – Bob Eberwine (South Bay Swim Team) Secretary – Robin Smith (Irvine Novaquatics) Member at Large – Jacqueline “Jax” Cole (Long Beach Grunions) Registrar – Dan Wegner (Las Vegas Masters) Newsletter Editor – Kim Thornton (Irvine Novaquatics) Top Ten Recorder – Kim Thornton (Irvine Novaquatics) Coaches Chair – Erika Stebbins (UCLA Bruin Masters) Marketing Chair – Anita Cole (Long Beach Grunions) Officials Chair – Alina de Armas (Official) Open Water Chair – Sherry Brooks (Irvine Novaquatics) Sports Medicine/Fitness Chair – Kyle Durieux (Rose Bowl Masters) Mary Hull (Southwest Aquatics) – SW Zone Chair Chad Durieux (Rose Bowl Masters) Michael “Mikey” Flaherty (Swim With Heart Masters) Errol Graham (West Hollywood Aquatics) Mike Heather (Mission Viejo Nadadores) Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno (Conejo Valley Multisport Masters) Christine Maki (Competitive Tri-Swim Masters) Mike Miranda (Long Beach Grunions) Robert Mitchell (Unattached) Jenny Richter (Mission Viejo Nadadores) Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics) Bill Sive (Shore Aquatics) Greg Walther (West Hollywood Aquatics) Karin Wegner (Las Vegas Masters) Phil Yoshida (San Luis Obispo Masters)
MSP	July 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Approved
Officer Reports:	
SPMS Chair: Mark Moore chair@SPMasterSwim.org	
<p>Mark summarized the Executive Committee (EC) meeting held on August 5th. The contractor language for the Registrar, Newsletter Editor, and Top Ten Recorder positions was finalized for the 2014 bid process. Due to ongoing changes, the Swim Meet Services Coordinator and the Open Water Services Coordinator positions were removed from the SPMS contractor list.</p> <p>Mark thanked the current contractors for their work over these past two years and let the committee know that Trisha Commons had previously notified him that she would not be renewing her Swim Meet Services Coordinator contract this year. He announced that bids had been received from the incumbents - Dan Wegner (Registrar) and Kim Thornton (Top Ten Recorder and Newsletter Editor). No</p>	



additional bids were received. The EC Subcommittee will follow-up with Dan and Kim regarding their bid proposal details.

There was a question regarding who would be responsible for the meet coordinator duties moving forward. Mark explained that due to changes in the meet set-up process, the majority of the responsibilities for the Swim Meet Services Coordinator position have been transferred to the meet directors and officials as well as the SPMS marketing committee. Other duties and requirements will be addressed during the meet sanctioning process with the event hosts on a case-by-case basis.

Mark is working with Christine Maki to place the order for the SPMS convention shirts. And he is working with Bob on the preliminary 2015 SPMS budget.

SPMS Vice Chair: Eileen Span vicechair@SPMasterSwim.org

Eileen reminded the committee that the SW Zone/SPMS Summer Championships are starting tomorrow August 22nd in Mission Viejo. There are over 270 swimmers registered. Positive check-in will be required for all events.

The swim meet calendar for the remainder of the year is set: Sep 21st – Gold Wave Say Goodbye to Summer SCY (Bakersfield); Oct 5th – Mission Viejo SCM; Oct 19th – UCLA SCM; Nov 9th – Santa Clarita SCY (not SCM); Nov 14th to 16th – Gobbler Classic SCY (San Luis Obispo); Nov 16th – Pierce College Turkey Shoot SCM (Woodland Hills); and Dec 5th to 7th – SPMS SCM Championships (Location TBD).

A swim technique clinic is also being added to the calendar. It will be run by Dr. G. (Dr. Genadijus Sokolovas / Global Sport Technology) and is currently scheduled for Sep 28th to 30th at Cal Lutheran. More details will be coming soon.

SPMS Treasurer: Bob Eberwine treasurer@SPMasterSwim.org

Reports posted on the SPMS website (see links below):

Treasurer's Report

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/20140821_Treasurer_Report.pdf

Balance Sheet

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/201407_Balance_Sheet.pdf

Income Statement

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/201407_Income_Statement.pdf

Budget versus Actuals

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/201407_Budget_vs_Actuals.pdf

Bob has now sent out the convention advance checks to all delegates. Convention expense receipts will not be required to be submitted this year. Bob has also sent in the group convention registration to USAS. If there are any changes to the delegates, please notify Bob ASAP.

Bob has started to receive the insurance surcharge payments from some of the open water swims (Seal Beach, Pier to Pier, and Santa Barbara) which will help to offset the open water sanction fee payments to USMS on the balance sheet.

Regarding the 2015 Budget, Bob will be sending out templates and instructions to all committee chairs shortly.



SPMS Secretary: Robin Smith secretary@SPMasterSwim.org

Robin submitted the list of SPMS Delegates attending the upcoming USAS Convention to USMS. She congratulated Eileen Span and Sherry Brooks for receiving Delegate-at-Large appointments.

The full list of SPMS delegates attending the 2014 USAS Convention includes:

Automatic Delegates (3) – Mary Hull, Lucy Johnson, and Jessica Seaton

LMSC Entitled Delegates (11) – Mike Ankeny, Alina de Armas, Jax Cole, Trisha Commons, Mike Heather, Christine Maki, Robert Mitchell, Mark Moore, Kim Thornton, Dan Wegner, and Karin Wegner

Delegate-at-Large (2) – Sherry Brooks and Eileen Span

Robin worked with Mark and the EC on the 2014 contractor bid information. She received the bid proposals and created a summary review sheet.

Robin re-reviewed the revised Bylaws that have now been posted on the website for 30 days and requested that the Bylaws be approved.

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/SPMS_Bylaws_201407.pdf

MSP – to approve the revised SPMS Bylaws as presented. Robin will forward the final document to Dan for posting on the website and to USMS as required.

SPMS Member at Large: Jacqueline “Jax” Cole memberatlarge@SPMasterSwim.org

Jax thanked Dan for her business cards.

She let the committee know about an upcoming open water relay on October 4, 2014 (Catalina to Long Beach) benefiting the Long Beach Miller Children’s Hospital Jonathan Jaques Children’s Cancer Center. She will be participating on the relay along with the Long Beach Fire Department and local public safety agencies (i.e., lifeguard, police). Each person on the relay will swim for 30 minutes.

Links to the relay website information:

<http://www.millerchildrenshospitallb.org/giving/fundraising-events>

<http://www.millerchildrenshospitallb.org/giving/event/support-the-catalina-swim-challenge-and-extinguish-pediatric-cancer-one-str>

-MSP – Approved all Officer Reports.

Contractor Reports

SPMS Registrar: Dan Wegner registrar@SPMasterSwim.org

Report posted on the SPMS website (see link below):

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/20140821_Registrar_Report.pdf

Dan reported that we are at 4844 members so far this year.

He announced that USMS is considering adding a “new” registration level. This option is called the “year plus” membership and would cover someone who joins USMS toward the end of a calendar year – for both the partial membership fee for the remainder of that year AND the full membership fee for the following year. Currently, a swimmer in this situation needs to register twice – first for the partial year, and then again when registration opens for the following full year. This proposal will be discussed at convention.



There was a question regarding payment of the LMSC fees under this proposed registration level. It appears that USMS plans to initially pay the partial year fee back to the LMSC, and then would follow-up with the full year amount later after the LMSC had set the new year fees.

Dan mentioned that he and Karin had recently attended the Gay Games in Cleveland and said that it was nice to see SPMS well represented at the event.

SPMS Newsletter Editor: Kim Thornton newsletter@SPMasterSwim.org

Kim is working on the September/October Newsletter. The lead story will feature the SW Zones/SPMS Summer Championships meet with photos. She continues to seek more human interest articles for upcoming newsletters. And she is waiting to hear from Kyle regarding his fitness/sports medicine article for the September/October Newsletter.

Kim requested that the committee and committee chairs send her notices of upcoming events and updates on local interest stories (i.e., Open Water Relay, Belmont Pool status updates) – the earlier the better – for placement in the newsletter. This will assist with publicizing and marketing well in advance of any event dates.

SPMS Top Ten Recorder: Kim Thornton topten@SPMasterSwim.org

Report posted on the SPMS website (see link below):

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/20140821_Top_Ten_Recorder_Report.pdf

Kim reported that the SCY Top Ten is now posted on the USMS website.

She also mentioned that the USMS Records and Tabulations Committee has been discussing the possibility of adding 25 yard and 25 meter events to the official list of USMS Records. She requested that people send her an email (topten@spmasterswim.org) with any comments/feedback on this topic as she will bring these up at convention. Jessica mentioned that the addition of touch pads on both ends of the pool might potentially affect the official pool measurements for these shorter events.

SPMS Swim Meet Services Coordinator: Trisha Commons swimmeets@SPMasterSwim.org

On behalf of Trisha, Eileen reported that there are 43 teams entered in the upcoming SW Zones/SPMS Championships – including swimmers from Canada, Utah, Arizona, New York, and more. According to the current timelines, the meet is tentatively scheduled to end early each day (except for Friday) and good weather is in the forecast for this weekend.

-MSP – Approved all Contractor Reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

Coaches Committee: Erika Stebbins coaches@SPMasterSwim.org

Erika reminded the committee about the upcoming coach certification courses coming up on Sep 6th (Levels 1 & 2) and Sep 7th (Level 3) at Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in Pasadena.

She also reported that USMS Club and Coach Services will be changing their name to USMS Education Services and they are currently putting together an Adult Learn To Swim Course.

Erika requested that if anyone has ideas for topics for future coaches' clinic(s) to please let her know. She is also looking for potential clinic locations as UCLA charges for parking on weekends. Chad Durieux offered the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center as a possible location.



Marketing Committee: Anita Cole marketing@SPMasterSwim.org

Report posted on the SPMS website (see link below):

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/20140821_Marketing_Report.pdf

Anita requested that convention attendees bring back any ideas for marketing. She also thanked Dan for her business cards. Anita reported that she has attempted to contact local news media regarding the upcoming SW Zone swim meet, however, no one has responded. She will be obtaining photos from the swim meet for the calendar and newsletter.

She also mentioned the Open Water Relay fundraiser benefitting the Jonathan Jaques Children's Cancer Center at Long Beach Miller Children's Hospital taking place on Oct 4th as a potential marketing opportunity for SPMS/USMS. (See links to the event websites in the Member-at-Large Report above.) She will forward the event information to Kim for placement in the October/November Newsletter.

Meet Operations: Eileen Span vicechair@SPMasterSwim.org

Eileen reported that a bid request has been sent out to A-1 Awards. The bid proposal will be compared with the recent vendor (Crown Awards) and a decision will be made regarding moving forward with future meet awards.

Officials Committee: Alina de Armas officials@SPMasterSwim.org

Alina is continuing to work on staffing officials for the swim meets scheduled for the remainder of the year. She is also putting together an Officials Clinic tentatively scheduled for 1st Qtr 2015 – potentially in January. Possible clinic locations include La Mirada Splash and Rose Bowl Aquatics Center.

Open Water Committee: Sherry Brooks openwater@SPMasterSwim.org

Sherry reported that there is one more open water race coming up – Corona Del Mar Don Burns swim on Saturday August 23rd during the SW Zones swim meet. She has received all of the results from the open water swims thus far and will compile the Open Water Series points once the results from this last event have been received.

There were questions about the status of the Slam the Dam open water event in Nevada. Sherry said that the event hosts decided not to proceed with the USMS sanctioning process this year.

Sports Medicine/Fitness Committee: Kyle Durieux sportsmedicine@SPMasterSwim.org

Kyle reported that he has lots of ideas for newsletter articles. He is currently working on an article for the upcoming September/October Newsletter.

Social Media: Chris Lundie clundie@clundie.com

No Report.

Webmaster: Dan Wegner registrar@SPMasterSwim.org

Report posted on the SPMS website (see link below):

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/20140821_Registrar_Report.pdf

Dan reported that he has been getting questions and comments from persons viewing the website. He has added the SPMS Annual Meeting placeholder event. The online RSVP will be set up 30 days prior to the November 20th meeting date.



Mark mentioned that he has been receiving requests to add the swim meet pdf entry forms back to the SPMS meet calendar due to the difficulties with finding the paper entry form on the USMS event website. Dan will work on adding these to the calendar.

-MSP – Approved all Committee Reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Proposed Rules Changes:

Mark reported that there will be proposed rules changes on the convention agenda this year. He requested that everyone review the proposed changes when these are forwarded to the committee and to be prepared to discuss at the September SPMS monthly meeting.

Belmont Pool Update:

Jax reported that she had received an email update from Lucy Johnson on the reconstruction plans for the new Belmont Pool. The current agreement is to build a facility that can host international aquatics events (i.e., swimming, water polo). Jax requested assistance regarding any USMS specifications (i.e., spectator seating) required to host a USMS National Championship. Mark will work with her regarding requirements from the USMS Championship Committee perspective.

NOTE: Due to the USAS Convention in September, our next conference call meeting will be moved to the week prior to convention and be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 8:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:37 PM PDT