

Awards

SPMS Awards:

Club Swimmers of The Month

March 2020
None

Any SPMS coach can nominate their SPMS members. The nomination form is located at <https://www.spmasterswim.org/club-swimmer-of-the-month-award-nomination>

USMS Awards:

I am working on a nomination for the June Krauser Communications award. Nominations are due July 1.

Also due July 1:

- Dorothy Donnelley Service Award
- Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award
- Club of the Year Award
- Fitness Award
- Long Distance National Championship Award
- National Championship Meet Award
- Open Water Service Award
- Officials Excellence Award

Please contact me with supporting information if you'd like me to help with a nomination of a SPMS member in one of these categories. The award criteria and current nomination forms are on the USMS Awards page.

Member at Large

Nothing to report

USMS Open Water Committee Summary (June 14, 2020)

21 open water races have been cancelled. Working with national office on virtual events.

Open Water Central web page should be up soon. Will be a big upgrade compared to what we have now. It can be tweaked, but will look at the other landing pages, like Volunteer Central, etc. Will have results database, event calendar, training articles, and workouts. Will also have an Event Management Section. Will have documents that are more central, rather than based on local races. Board is revisiting recommendations around Sanctioning. There was some discussion of events re-opening in US and Worldwide.

The OW event management guide should be finished next week.

Virtual OW championships are being planned. Targeted Mid-August as that would be a time when most clubs may be running practices and have access to pools. The Events will raise money through donations for the COVID Relief Fund, that clubs can petition for grants. The other beneficiary is our sponsors who get some visibility through these events that they lost when in person National Championships (pool and OW) were cancelled. For OW, attempt to do the 5 distances of cancelled National Championships (1 mi, 2 mi, 5K, 10K, 11 mile). Not sure which pool events we will do. Working with swim.com to get this up and running. The reason we are using the term "Virtual Championships" is to give the events some cache. They are not National Championships, and not subject to rules regarding running of National Championships. Our ability to run such events through the NO is proven through our running of other fitness events, like the Smarty Pants fitness events. Our goal is to fill a need that is not currently being filled. We can't run the event like a regular e-postal due to time constraints.