



| SPMS Meeting Minutes | |
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| September 11, 2014 | Called to Order: 8:01 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) Marketing Chair – Anita Cole (Long Beach Grunions) Officials Chair – Alina de Armas (Official) Sports Medicine/Fitness Chair – Kyle Durieux (Rose Bowl Masters) Social Media – Chris Lundie (Unattached) Mary Hull (Southwest Aquatics) – SW Zone Chair Darlys Ankeny (Official) Mike Ankeny (Official) Chad Durieux (Rose Bowl Masters) Michael “Mikey” Flaherty (Swim With Heart Masters) Errol Graham (West Hollywood Aquatics) Mike Heather (Mission Viejo Nadadores) Christine Maki (Competitive Tri-Swim Masters) Mike Miranda (Long Beach Grunions) Robert Mitchell (Unattached) Steve Quan (Official) Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics) Bill Sive (Shore Aquatics) Greg Walther (West Hollywood Aquatics) Karin Wegner (Las Vegas Masters) |
| MSP | August 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes – Approved |
| Officer Reports: | |
| SPMS Chair: Mark Moore chair@SPMasterSwim.org Mark reviewed the revised agenda and reminded everyone that, due to the review of the rules proposals for convention, there would be no committee reports given during the meeting. Mark said that the new Contractor contracts are ready to go out for signature. He will forward these to Dan Wegner (Registrar) and Kim Thornton (Top Ten Recorder and Newsletter Editor). The new contracts will start on October 1 st , 2014. | |
| SPMS Vice Chair: Eileen Span vicechair@SPMasterSwim.org Eileen continues to work on the 2015 swim meet calendar. She is currently waiting for several meet directors to respond regarding event dates. Eileen reminded everyone that bids for the 2015 | |



Championship meets are now open. The information is posted on the website and bids are due by October 1st, 2015.

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/2014/20140911_Treasurer_Report.pdf

Balance Sheet

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/201408_Balance_Sheet.pdf

Income Statement

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/201408_Income_Statement.pdf

Budget versus Actuals

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/201408_Budget_vs_Actuals.pdf

Bob reported that we have a current balance of ~\$120,500. This includes the checking account and CD. He wants to set a policy to keep \$80,000 cash in reserves, and that if the total balance (checking account and CD) falls below this set amount, that discretionary spending is then discontinued. There was discussion regarding who would make the decision to discontinue spending, and whether or not specific expenses would continue to be paid during the "spending freeze". There was a question regarding the details behind the \$80,000 limit, and whether or not this is the appropriate dollar amount to set for this purpose.

A motion to set a minimum cash balance of \$80,000 was withdrawn. Bob will look at past SPMS spending patterns and annual expenses and present a proposal at a future meeting.

Bob proposed to raise the SPMS annual registration fees primarily due to the increase in USMS liability insurance costs that is being passed through to the LMSCs. There was discussion regarding a past decision to decrease SPMS registration fees to offset an increase in USMS registration fees at the time. (This decision was made in October 2011 for the 2012 registration year.) The current proposed \$2.00 increase would raise the SPMS fees back to the pre-2012 dollar amounts.

MSP –To approve the increase of the SPMS annual registration fee from \$13.00 to \$15.00 for the 2015 registration year. And to approve the increase of the SPMS partial-year registration fee from \$8.00 to \$10.00 for the 2015 registration year.

SPMS Secretary: Robin Smith secretary@SPMasterSwim.org

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

http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/20140911_Secretary_Report.pdf

Robin submitted the approved revised SPMS Bylaws to the USMS National Office as required.

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

Jax reminded the committee about the SPMS Annual Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 20th, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. It will be a face-to-face meeting at the El Torito Restaurant (3301 Atlantic Ave) in Long Beach.

-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/2014/20140911_Registrar_Report.pdf

Dan announced that SPMS individual membership has now officially exceeded 4933 – which is a new record. He thinks that the new USMS membership level (year-plus membership) will help with continued growth of our LMSC.

He continues to order business cards for some of the convention delegates.

SPMS Newsletter Editor: Kim Thornton newsletter@SPMasterSwim.org

Kim reminded everyone that the September/October 2014 Newsletter has been published on the website.

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/2014/20140911_Top_Ten_Recorder_Report.pdf

Kim mentioned that there were 3 records set at the SW Zone / SPMS LCM Championship Meet in August.

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

No Report.

-MSP – Approved all Contractor Reports.

Standing Committee Reports:

No Committee Reports per the revised meeting agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Contractors:

See Chair's Officer Report above.

SPMS 2015 Budget:

Mark mentioned that he has appointed a Budget Sub-Committee to review the proposed 2015 SPMS budget. The sub-committee members include Bob Eberwine, Robin Smith, Mike Heather and Mark Moore. Bob will schedule a budget review meeting with the sub-committee prior to the October 2014 SPMS monthly conference call.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Proposed Rules Changes/Discussion:

The committee reviewed the proposed changes for Rules, Long Distance, and Legislation – focusing on the major substantive change items. Links to the proposed changes are below:



<http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/rulesproposals.pdf>

<http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/ldrulesproposals.pdf>

<http://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2014/legproposals.pdf>

There was lots of discussion regarding several of the proposed changes including R15 (addition of 25 yard events to official Top Ten Lists and USMS Records), R19 (use of tape and no “kinesio tape”), LD6 (open water race - cold/low water temperature limits), LD40 (use of an approved Independent Safety Monitor for open water events), and the Legislative clarification for 201.2 (Membership of Clubs).

There was a roll call vote regarding R15 (addition of 25 yard events for Top Ten and Records): 13 for / 11 against (one member needed to leave the call early and the Chair abstained). Jessica Seaton explained that the HOD vote at convention for this rule will most likely require 2/3 of the HOD to pass depending on what is actually presented by the Rules Committee. It was clarified that swim meets can still offer 25 yard events; that this rule is to specifically allow the times from these events to count for Top Ten Lists and USMS Records.

Belmont Pool Update:

Bill Sive announced that the old Belmont Pool Building is scheduled for demolition on Wednesday, September 17th. He also let the committee know that a public meeting to discuss the Belmont Pool Facilities rebuild is also scheduled for September 17th at 5:30 PM in the Will Rogers Middle School Auditorium located at 365 Monrovia Avenue in Long Beach. The public meeting information has been posted to the SPMS Facebook page.

Next conference call meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM PDT