



SPMS Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2016

Called to Order: 3:05 PM PST

Type of meeting Face to Face Planning Meeting for SPMS Officers, Contractors and Committee Chairs (Note: This was not a closed meeting)

Facilitator Mark Moore - Chair

Minutes Robin Smith - Secretary

Attendees
 Chair – Mark Moore (Mission Viejo Masters)
 Vice Chair – Ken Brisbin (Long Beach Grunions)
 Secretary – Robin Smith (Novaquatics Masters)
 Member-at-Large – Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno (Conejo Valley Masters)
 Registrar – Dan Wegner (Las Vegas Masters)
 Open Water Chair – Sherry Brooks (Mission Viejo Masters)
 Omar de Armas (Official)
 Mike Heather (Mission Viejo Masters)
 Lucy Johnson (Long Beach Swim Club)
 Robert Mitchell (Unattached)
 Rendy Opdycke (Novaquatics Masters)
 Jeff Taylor (Mission Viejo Masters)
 Karin Wegner (Las Vegas Masters)

Agenda:

Chair's Topics for Discussion:

- Mark let everyone know that the 3 subcommittees (Contracts, Bylaws, Finance) have been appointed and they will be giving updates on their activities at upcoming conference call meetings.
- Regarding the timeline for 2017 budget planning, templates will be sent out in July and final approval of the budget will hopefully occur in October after the convention and prior to the SPMS Annual Meeting.
- The 2016 USAS/USMS Convention will be held in Atlanta, GA. Robin will update everyone on LMSC delegate selection in the coming months. There was a suggestion regarding using "seatback" covers to reserve seats at convention in the general HOD sessions. Nancy will look into this.
- There was discussion regarding recommending the addition of "Webmaster" as a new Contractor position. Dan will make a list of what he currently does as Webmaster to start the creation of the position description.

Program Developer Seminar Review:

- Brief overview and discussion regarding the workshop and how these activities might be organized as a committee within SPMS.
- Our current attendance at the monthly SCPPOA (Southern California Public Pool Operator Association) meetings is a good opportunity to locate pools that do not have USMS programs.
- Reviewing and updating the SPMS Places to Swim listings was discussed as an opportunity to identify any current USMS SPMS teams that may need support and/or assistance with adding additional programs.

Awards Committee Review:

- Nomination deadlines for the USMS Ransom Arthur and Dorothy Donnelly Awards were discussed. Mark clarified that he will be responsible for submitting any nominations for these awards to USMS.
- There is a new award for Personal Achievement. Nancy will review the description and make revisions to distinguish this award from the SPMS Swimmer of the Year Awards.



Coaches Committee:

- On behalf of Christine, Kenny said that the 2016 Coaches Clinic is tentatively scheduled for September. The location is still TBD. The theme is "Coaching and Teaching Sets".
- There was discussion about the SPMS Coach of the Year Award and nominations for the USMS Coach of the Year and Kerry O'Brien Awards.

Meet Operations Committee:

- The status of the upcoming SPMS SCY Regional Championship/SW Zone Meet in Riverside was discussed. Kenny reported that the Meet Director is having challenges getting items for the goody bags and that there are no plans to print a meet program at this time.

Open Water Committee:

- Sherry reviewed the challenges from the Open Water Series in previous years. There was discussion regarding whether or not to have a 2016 SPMS Open Water Series given the issues with the sanction process, swimmer registration, and provision of event results.

-MSP- To recommend to the SPMS Committee that SPMS moves forward with a 2016 Open Water Series that will only include the open water events that can meet all requirements.

- There was also discussion regarding options and processes for swimmer registration and provision of results for open water events in general. Any new proposals for upcoming SPMS open water events will be presented at future SPMS Committee meetings for discussion and approval as needed.

Closed Session for EC Officers:

- There was no need to go into a closed session as there were no issues to discuss.

Announcements

Next conference call meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM PDT

Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 PM PST