

SPMS Monthly Conference Call Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020

Meeting called to Order: 7:31 pm. PST

Facilitator: Kenny Brisbin (Vice Chair)

Recorder: Diana Dolan LaMar (Secretary)

Executive Committee and Committee Chair Attendees:

Vice Chair – Kenny Brisbin (Long Beach Grunions); Member at Large/Awards Chair – Becky Cleavenger (Conejo Valley Masters); Secretary – Diana Dolan LaMar (Mission Viejo Masters); Officials' Chair - Alina Perez de Armas (Mission Viejo Masters); Open Water Chair - Robin Smith (Novaquatics Masters); Southwest Zone Chair – Michael Heather (Mission Viejo Masters); History and Archives Chair - Robert Mitchell (Mission Viejo Masters); Marketing/Program Development Chair - Anita Cole (Long Beach Grunions); Registrar/Webmaster – Dan Wegner (Las Vegas Masters); Sports Medicine Chair – Arlette Godges (Unattached); Top-Ten Recorder - Judi Divan (Mission Viejo Masters). **Absent:** Chair – Mark Moore (Mission Viejo Masters); Newsletter Chair – Jorge Ferrero (Unattached); Fitness Chair - Mary Jurey (UCLA Masters); Treasurer – Bob Eberwine (South Bay Swim Team); Coaches' Chair – Christine Maki (Competitive Tri-Swim Masters);

SPMS Member Attendees: Virgil Chancy (Unattached); Nancy Kirkpatrick Reno (Conejo Valley Masters); Kris McPeak (Silver Peak Masters); Bart Parnes (Long Beach Grunions); Karin Wegner (Las Vegas Masters); Barbara Moore Bennett (Mission Viejo Masters); Omar de Armas (Mission Viejo Masters); Jill Gellatly (Conejo Valley Masters); Errol Graham (West Hollywood Aquatics); Megan Johnston (Las Vegas Masters); Beata Konopka (Conejo Valley Masters); Ana Fradkin (Southern California Aquatics); Mary Hull (South West Masters); John Abrami (Santa Barbara Masters); Charles McPeak (Silver Peak Masters); Brandon Franklin (Southern California Aquatics); Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics); Mark Stori (Santa Barbara Masters). **USMS Member Attendee:** Bill Brenner, Chief Operating Officer.

1. Roll call to record attendance [*Please note: if you join the call after the meeting has started, please be sure to announce yourself during the breaks so that everyone knows that you are on the call.*]

2. A. Approve minutes from Thursday, January 16, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Move that the January 16, 2020 Conference Meeting minutes are approved. MSP with the correction of the spelling of Errol Graham's name.

B. Approve minutes from Sunday, February 9, 2020 Face-to-Face Planning Meeting.

Move that the February 9, 2020 Face-to-Face Planning Meeting minutes are approved. MSP

3. Standing Agenda

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Mark Moore – not present. Ken Brisbin clarified there is no conference call meeting in June, but instead, the Face-to-Face Meeting is scheduled for June 28 at MVN. There is a conference call for the month of July on July 16.

- Vice Chair/Meet Operations: Ken Brisbin – report posted below. All upcoming SPMS and USMS meets are cancelled through May 10, 2020.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Meet_Operations_Report.pdf
- Secretary: Diana Dolan LaMar – no report
- Treasurer: Bob Eberwine – not present; report posted below. Diana reminded members if they move to provide Bob with their updated address for any possible reimbursement at end of year.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Treasurer_Report.pdf
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/202002_Balance_Sheet.pdf
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/202002_Income_Statement.pdf
- Member at Large: Becky Cleavenger – report posted below. Hasn't attended any meets this year
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Member_At_Large_Report.pdf

Move that the March 19, 2020 Officer Reports are approved as reported. MSP

- Contractor Reports:
 - Registrar/Webmaster/**Membership**: Dan Wegner – report posted below. Dan is busy answering phone calls received at office regarding pool closures and places to swim. Referring questions to coaches and local agencies. SPMS registrations have more or less stopped due to COVID-19. Clarification regarding teams at Cal-Lutheran – there is currently only one team; previously there were two.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Registrar_Report.pdf
 - Newsletter Editor: Jorge Ferrero – not present, no report
 - Top-Ten: Judi Divan – report posted below. All top-ten results from 2019 and updated SPMS records are posted on the SPMS webpage. Please review and inform Judy of any needed corrections.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Top_Ten_Record_Report.pdf

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4. SPMS Committee Reports and USMS Committee Reports: (Mark Moore)

- Awards: **Becky Cleavenger** – report posted below. Awards sub-committee submitted nomination for Ransom J. Arthur award and taking suggestions for other USMS awards that are due on July 1, 2020. Contact Becky if interested in assisting.

- Coaches: **Christine Maki & Ken Brisbin** – Ken reported that USMS is in process of moving all workouts to swim.com. Finalizing coaches' clinic and sent invitations to 5 potential speakers. Received 4 submissions for Level 4 coaching certifications. Peer to peer coaching phone call in May. Finalizing mission statement to send to USMS.
- Fitness: **Mary Jurey, Karin Wegner, Anita Cole** – Karin reported that the first meeting was held and finalizing mission statement and goals. Spring Fitness Challenges is still underway and no reason to cancel since swimmers can swim in a variety of waters. Karin suggestion creating vertical banners that highlighted fitness swimmers' goals and successes and possibility moving these from pool-to-pool.
- History and Archives: **Robert Mitchell** – Working on compiling a history of SPMS championship teams as well as a history of all of the SPMS officers.
- Officials: **Alina de Armas & Omar de Armas** – Applications to officiate at Long-Course Nationals in Richmond are on the website. A sub-committee is discussing USMS certifications and extending for four years (from 2), if qualifications are met. If a USMS official works 4 sessions at USMS nationals, the USMS certification will automatically be renewed for another 4 years. Information on becoming an official is being updated on USMS website and Alina will work with Dan to post on the SPMS website.
- Open Water & Long Distance: **Robin Smith, Becky Cleavenger** – Report posted below. Robin announced that she was elected chair of the SCS (Southern California Swimming) Open Water Committee. The upcoming SPMS open water clinic is postponed. The Open Water Committee is in the process of finalizing the 2020 schedule. Bids are in process for 2022 USMS ePostal and Open Water National Championships.
- Becky reported that safety objectives are being finalized for USMS long distance. https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Open_Water_Report.pdf
- Program Development/Marketing: **Anita Cole** – Report posted below. The April events in the report have been cancelled. SPMS members aren't renewing USMS memberships because pools are closed. https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200319_Marketing_Report.pdf
- Sports Medicine and Science: **Arlette Godges, Jessica Seaton** – Arlette reported that the USMS Committee Chair resigned so no meetings have been held. Arlette created Toilet Paper (TP) aerobic exercises to complete in lieu of swimming and these are posted on Facebook. Receiving positive responses.
- Audit, Finance, USMS Board Report: **Jill Gellatly, Brandon Franklin** – Jill reported that no audit meeting held yet. Finance is looking at a change in budget structure. Board meet on Monday (3rd Monday of each month). Thanks to Dawson Hughes (USMS CEO) for leading USMS through these times of meet cancellations and focusing on a new strategy. Membership is down and adjustments are being made. Flexibility is the key.

- Championship: **Mark Moore** – Not present, no report. Kenny reported that Short Course Nationals are cancelled.
- Diversity and Inclusion: **Virgil Chancy and Megan Johnston** – Meeting held. Virgil reported that discussions were held regarding attitudes with coaches and their training. Information will be posted on website for best practices for coaches. Megan is working on a sub-committee to help with marketing USMS to a variety of different sub-groups.
- Legislation: **Diana Dolan LaMar** – Report posted below. Contact Diana if any other items should be discussed by Legislation.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/USMS_Legislative_Committee_Goals_2020.pdf
- LMSC Development: **Michael Heather, Mary Hull, and Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno** – The LMSC standard surveys were sent out to the Chairs and Treasurers of the LMSC's and the responses are due by March 23. After that data will then be compiled. Also discussed was topics for the peer 2 peer calls
- Rules: **Jessica Seaton** – no meetings yet; no report.
- Southwest Zone Report: **Michael Heather** – Possible issue in Arizona but it was resolved.
- Swimming Saves Lives: **Brandon Franklin** – no meetings yet, no report.
- USMS Liaison to international Gay and Lesbian Aquatics: **Jessica Seaton** – Errol and Bart reported that they attended the IGLA meet in Melbourne Australia and it was an outstanding meet. Approximately 430 swimmers attended.

Move that the March 19, 2020 Committee Reports are approved as reported. MSP

5. Old Business:

- 9/19/19 – Update on meeting attendance recommendation (Michael Heather and Errol Graham) – *no meeting; part of Policies and Procedures review.*
- 10/17/19 - Update on By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee Status (Robin Smith) – *sent to Officers, Contractors, and Committee Chairs to review and suggest changes. Deadline is March 23 for sending suggestions to Diana and Robin. These will be presented to SPMS members. The process has many stages.*
- 10/17/19 – Sub-Committee report on Electronic Timing System for Open Water (Michael Collins, Robin Smith, Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno, and John Abrami) – *Draft is in the process of writing and discussion.*
- 01/16/19 All OEVT Unified Fees (Mark Moore and Robin Smith) – *tabled until next month.*

6. New Business/Announcements:

- Convention and Convention Delegates (Mark Moore) – *tabled until next month.*

- Question regarding possible extension of Top-Ten Swim deadlines. *Judy will inquire and report next month. Rules and Legislation is reviewing this too. Doesn't affect yards - only meters.*
- Bill Brenner, guest from USMS – *Important to stay positive during these times and communicate with aquatic personnel regarding the COVID-19 situation. They are also in a difficult situation.*
- Question regarding financial assistance to SPMS teams due to pool closures. ***Suggested and agreed that all ideas should be emailed to Chair Mark Moore and the Executive Committee will review and discuss once more information is obtained.***
- On Monday, March 23, 2020, a motion was brought to refund SVMM and SLO for their meet sanctions fees due to the cancellation of swim meets in March because of COVID-19. No other sanction fees will be approved until instruction from USMS regarding swim meets. **MSP**

7. Roll Call to Take Attendance

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2020 Conference Call Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Move to Adjourn Meeting at 8:49 p.m. PST. MSP