

SPMS Monthly Conference Call Minutes
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm. PST
Facilitator: Mark Moore (Chair)
Recorder: Diana Dolan LaMar (Secretary)

Executive Committee and Committee Chair Attendees:

Chair – Mark Moore (Mission Viejo Masters); Vice Chair – Kenny Brisbin (Long Beach Grunions); Member at Large/Awards Chair – Becky Cleavenger (Conejo Valley Masters); Secretary – Diana Dolan LaMar (Mission Viejo Masters); Treasurer – Bob Eberwine (South Bay Swim Team); Coaches' Chair – Christine Maki (Competitive Tri-Swim Masters); Fitness Chair - Mary Jurey (UCLA Masters); Officials' Chair - Alina Perez de Armas (Mission Viejo Masters); Open Water Chair - Robin Smith (Novaquatics Masters); History and Archives Chair - Robert Mitchell (Mission Viejo Maters); 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: Southwest Zone Chair – Michael Heather (Mission Viejo Masters); Newsletter Chair – Jorge Ferrero (Unattached);

SPMS Member Attendees: Virgil Chancy (Unattached); Nancy Kirkpatrick Reno (Conejo Valley Masters); Kris McPeak (Silver Peak Masters); Charles McPeak (Silver Peak Masters); Bart Parnes (Long Beach Grunions); Karin Wegner (Las Vegas 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); Brandon Franklin (Southern California Aquatics); Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics); Michael Collins (Novaquatics Masters); Chad Durieux (Rose Bowl Masters); David Johannsen (Santa Barbara Masters); Bill Sive (SouthWest Long Beach); Paul Szuskiewicz (Riverside Aquatics Masters).

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. Approve minutes from Thursday, March 19, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Move that the March 19, 2020 Conference Meeting minutes are approved. MSP

3. Standing Agenda

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Mark Moore – Convention Delegates – deferred to later in meeting. This is a Contractor bid year. A sub-committee will be formed.
- Vice Chair/Meet Operations: Ken Brisbin – report posted below. In the process of cancelling and postponing meets to different dates.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Meet_Operations_Report.pdf

- Secretary: Diana Dolan LaMar – Thanked committee members for posting reports by established deadline prior to the SPMS meeting.
- Treasurer: Bob Eberwine – reports posted below. Mentioned that swim meets are generally break-even while open-water swims derive money.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Treasurer_Report.pdf
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/202003_Balance_Sheet.pdf
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/202003_Income_Statement.pdf
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/202003_Budget_vs_Actuals.pdf
- Member at Large: Becky Cleavenger – report posted below. Hasn't attended any meets due to cancellations.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Member_At_Large_Report.pdf

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- Contractor Reports:
 - Registrar/Webmaster/Membership: Dan Wegner – report posted below. Membership is down 8 percent from the previous year at this time.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Registrar_Report.pdf
 - Newsletter Editor: Jorge Ferrero – not present, no report
 - Top-Ten: Judi Divan – report posted below.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Top_Ten_Recorder_Report.pdf

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

- Awards: Becky Cleavenger – report posted below. Accepting nominations for USMS awards that are due on July 1, 2020. Contact Becky if interested in assisting. Alina clarified that USMS official nominations should be sent to her.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Member_At_Large_Report.pdf
- Coaches: Christine Maki & Ken Brisbin – report posted below. If anyone would like to participate in the Coaches' online meeting, contact Dan Wegner to get on the email list even if one is not a certified coach.

https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Coaches_Report.pdf

- Fitness: **Mary Jurey, Karin Wegner, Anita Cole** – Fitness Committee is discussing methods to maintain fitness while waiting to get back in the pool. Committee going to connect with the Coaches’ Committee. Focusing on backyard tethered pool workouts now.
- History and Archives: **Robert Mitchell** – no report.
- Officials: **Alina de Armas & Omar de Armas** – no report. Meeting will be held in May. The official tests are back on-line if anyone is interested.
- Open Water & Long Distance: **Robin Smith, Becky Cleavenger** – Report posted below. A meeting was held on Sunday and the updated tentative schedule is posted on the SPMS Website and Facebook.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Open_Water_Report.pdf
- Program Development/Marketing: **Anita Cole** – Report posted below. July is “try USMS Masters Swimming”. Challenging to promote and market USMS swimming when pools are closed.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Marketing_Report.pdf
- Sports Medicine and Science: **Arlette Godges, Jessica Seaton** – Arlette is posting fitness videos on Facebook and the Wall Street Journal is writing an article – good promotion for USMS.
- Audit, Finance, USMS Board Report: **Jill Gellatly, Brandon Franklin** – Jill cautioned everyone about listening to rumors regarding the USMS Convention and USMS Long-Course Nationals. The Board is meeting on April 20 and has not made any decisions yet. Finance is reviewing the budget with the goal of keeping everyone healthy and is focusing on clubs and coaches. Important to remain agile and not speculate during these uncertain times.
- Championship: **Mark Moore** – no report.
- Diversity and Inclusion: **Virgil Chancy and Megan Johnston** – Virgil reported that the committee is attempting to gather diversity information from clubs.
- Legislation: **Diana Dolan LaMar** – Report posted below. Diana clarified that any proposed changes need to go to Legislation by June 1.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Legislative_Report.pdf
- LMSC Development: **Michael Heather, Mary Hull, and Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno** – Want to engage with peer-to-peer conference calls with coaches.

- Rules: **Jessica Seaton** – no meetings yet; no report.
- Southwest Zone Report: **Michael Heather** – not in attendance; no report.
- Swimming Saves Lives: **Brandon Franklin** – report posted below.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200416_Swimming_Saves_Lives_Report.pdf
- USMS Liaison to international Gay and Lesbian Aquatics: **Jessica Seaton** – no report.

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5. Old Business:

- 9/19/19 – Update on meeting attendance recommendation (Michael Heather and Errol Graham) – *no updates.*
- 10/17/19 - Update on By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee Status (Robin Smith) – *working on feedback received from committee members and will send it out as soon as possible. Hopefully next week.*
- 10/17/19 – Sub-Committee report on Electronic Timing System for Open Water (Michael Collins, Robin Smith, Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno, and John Abrami) – *no updates.*
- 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) – Any SPMS member who is interested in attending the convention and can commit to attending the entire convention should email Mark Moore and Diana Dolan LaMar no later than May 7, 2020 with his/her interest. Please include if you are an automatic delegate with your response.
- Paul Szuskiewicz mentioned that Southern California Swimming (SCS) has created a process to receive funds/loans for coaches due to swim meet cancellations and postponements. Refer to the SCS webpage for more details.
- David Johannsen suggested a recommendation that a new volunteer contractor position is created for Fitness Events for top-ten reporting, etc. Forward to next meeting.

7. Roll Call to Take Attendance

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2020 Conference Call Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Move to Adjourn Meeting at 8:40 p.m. PST. MSP