

SPMS Monthly Conference Call Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 21, 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); Officials' Chair - Alina Perez de Armas (Mission Viejo Masters); Open Water Chair - Robin Smith (Novaquatics Masters); Southwest Zone Chair – Michael Heather (Mission Viejo Masters); Fitness Chair - Mary Jurey (UCLA 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:** Newsletter Chair – Jorge Ferrero (Unattached);

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); Charles McPeak (Silver Peak Masters); Brandon Franklin (Southern California Aquatics); Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics); Dave Johannsen (Santa Barbara Masters); Chad Durieux (Rose Bowl Masters); Michael Collins (Novaquatics Masters); Philip Yoshida (San Luis Obispo Masters); Bill Sive (Swim With Long Beach).

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, April 16, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Move that the April 16, 2020 Conference Meeting minutes are approved. Anita Cole 1st, Virgil Clancy 2nd, MSP.

3. Standing Agenda

Officer Reports:

- Chair: Mark Moore – no report.
- Vice Chair/Meet Operations: Ken Brisbin – no sanctions before June 2020.
- Secretary: Diana Dolan LaMar – no report
- Treasurer: Bob Eberwine – Reports posted below. Limited revenue but budgets are on track.

https://www.spmastersswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200521_Treasurer_Report.pdf

https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/202004_Balance_Sheet.pdf
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- Member at Large: Becky Cleavenger – no report.

Move that the April 16, 2020 Officer Reports are approved as reported. Anita Cole 1st, Errol Graham 2nd, MSP.

- Contractor Reports:
 - Membership Coordinator: **Dan Wegner** – report posted below. Pacific Masters membership is down approximately 11%, the same percentage of swimmers as SPMS. The Membership Committee is looking at the 60-day transfer policy and there is consensus to support the proposed 35-day transfer policy. USMS membership will open for an 18-month membership on June 1, 2020.
 - https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200521_Registrar_Report.pdf
 - Newsletter Editor: Jorge Ferrero – not present, no report
 - Top-Ten: Judi Divan – report posted below. Updated and corrected relay results as well as SCY events and records.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200521_Top_Ten_Recorder_Report.pdf

Move that the April 16, 2020 Contractor Reports are approved as reported. Anita Cole 1st, Errol Graham 2nd, MSP

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

- Awards: **Becky Cleavenger** – no report.
- Coaches: **Christine Maki & Ken Brisbin** – Ken reported that USMS is in process of moving all workouts to swim.com. The coaches' clinic in Las Vegas has been cancelled. Considering a Beta test for Zoom meetings for Coaches' Certification at Level I; how to get new coaches involved; and how to help coaches start workouts again. USMS has a Level IV Certification and Christine Maki recently received this certification. Ken reminded everyone that USMS awards nominations are still being accepted and to contact Becky.
- Fitness: **Mary Jurey, Karin Wegner, Anita Cole** – Mary reported that Summer Fitness Challenge will go forward as planned. 550 USMS members signed up for the Fitness Series bundle. Looking for the possibility of virtual open water swims and will connect with Becky. Looking for strategies to retain membership.

- History and Archives: **Robert Mitchell** – report posted below. Looking for pictures and/or information prior to 1986.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200521_History_and_Archives_Report.pdf
- Officials: **Alina de Armas & Omar de Armas** – Alina reported that there are lots of questions as to how many timers will be needed at meets in the future. Any nominations for official awards should be sent to Alina and members of the Officials' Committee cannot be nominated. Omar reported that the Officials information on the USMS website is updated.
- Long Distance: **Robin Smith** - Report posted below. June through August Open Water/Long Distance events are postponed. Continue to look at website for up-to-date information. Creating packets for coaches on strategies to prepare swimmers for open water swims to follow USA Swimming lead. Three of six USMS open water events have been cancelled this year.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200521_Open_Water_Report.pdf
- Open Water: **Becky Cleavenger** – Becky reported that the committee decided to possibly disband and will pilot for one more year before considering disbandment in 2021. The only two issues open water is working on are approving tech suit waivers and monitoring the USMS open water forums.
- Program Development/Marketing: **Anita Cole** – Report posted below. Trying to increase the number of female members in SPMS; concerned that YMCA's throughout the Nation are cutting Masters' Swim Programs.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/20200521_Marketing_Report.pdf
- Sports Medicine and Science: **Arlette Godges, Jessica Seaton** – Arlette reported that she wrote several articles for the last SPMS Newsletter; is conducting Zoom calls with injured swimmers who contact her; and is writing articles for *how to get back into the pool*. Jessica indicated that the Fitness Blogs are hard to locate on the USMS website so she will talk with USMS.
- Audit, Finance, USMS Board Report: **Jill Gellatly, Brandon Franklin** – Jill reported that no audit meetings have been held yet since they are generally at the end of the fiscal year. The Board is looking into a matching funds program to assist with getting clubs back in the water. This will start at the local LMSC level with more details to follow.
- Championship: **Mark Moore** – 2020 Long Course Championship Meet in Richmond is cancelled. 2020 venues – San Antonio and Richmond will host in 2022. Bids are being accepted for 2023.
- Diversity and Inclusion: **Virgil Chancy and Megan Johnston** – If coaches have a concern of any type bring it to Virgil's or Megan's attention.

- Legislation: **Diana Dolan LaMar** – Reports posted below. Diana discussed pros and cons of the 60-day transfer rule vs a possible proposal to a 35-day transfer rule and encouraged all voting delegates to read the information carefully.
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/Legislation_Committee_20200517.pdf
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/Representation_Committee_Report.pdf
- LMSC Development: **Michael Heather, Mary Hull, and Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno** – Nancy reported that not all LMSC's responded to the LMSC standards survey.
- Rules: **Jessica Seaton** – Working with Legislation.
- Southwest Zone Report: **Michael Heather** – no report.
- Swimming Saves Lives: **Brandon Franklin** – The donations for Swimming Saves Lives is being routed to help clubs with transitioning back into the water. This is in effect through October. Diana asked where individual donations for SPMS are routed and tracked. Bob replied that currently there is not a designated line item and that specific line items for donations isn't available. *Mark will select a sub-committee to follow up with this.*
- USMS Liaison to international Gay and Lesbian Aquatics: **Jessica Seaton** – no report.
- Webmaster: **Dan Wegner** – Pacific Swimming keeps track of point scorers throughout the season for each age group. USMS and USA Swimming are considering virtual formats for swim meets.
- Elections: **Dan Wegner** - Unsure what the format will look like at convention. What is the online portal? Lots of discussions right now, but no answers.

Move that the May 21, 2020 Committee Reports are approved as reported. MSP

5. Old Business:

- 9/19/19 – Update on meeting attendance recommendation (Michael Heather and Errol Graham) Report posted below. *Proposal that all 11 meetings per year which includes the two Face-to-Face and Annual meeting will count towards SPMS attendance for delegate selection, reimbursement, voting, etc. 50% of 11 meetings = 6. Recommendation approved. Will forward to Policies and Procedures for voting.*
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/Report_of_SPMS_Voting_Procedures_and_Requirements_sub.pdf
- 10/17/19 - Update on By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee Status (Robin Smith) *Priority sections that need changing will be sent separately to individuals for review with all proposed changes incorporated. This will happen before the June 18 meeting.*

- 10/17/19 – Sub-Committee report on Electronic Timing System for Open Water (Michael Collins, Robin Smith, Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno, and John Abrami) – *This is on hold due to COVID-19. There will be a popsicle stick back-up system. Michael will have specific language drafted for open water events.*
- 01/16/19 All OEVT Unified Fees (Mark Moore and Robin Smith) – *Executive Committee voted to adopt all USMS Unified Fees. Motion to recommend that SPMS adopts all USMS Unified Fees. Virgil Chancy 1st, Anita Cole 2nd, MSP.*
- Convention and Convention Delegates (Mark Moore) – Names posted on website. As per the SPMS Policies and Procedures, SPMS has 10 eligible automatic delegates and 8 voting delegate positions available. Mark and Diana will work on the process as per the SPMS Policies and Procedures and send to Selection Committee for voting prior to the June 18 meeting. Delegates will be announced at the June 18 Committee Meeting. The two delegates that aren't selected, along with the other 3 self-nominated delegates, will be presented by Mark to the USMS President as possible at-large delegates.
- Volunteer Contractor Position – moved to Sub-Committee Contractor Report below.

6. New Business/Announcements:

- Contractor Sub-Committee Report (Mark Moore) – report posted below. Diana reported that the committee recommendations are posted on website. Feedback from members asked the committee to re-visit and gather more data and consider Webmaster and Communications Coordinator as separate positions. *Sub-Committee will reconvene and present an updated report at the June meeting.*
https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2020/SPMS_Contractor_Sub_Committee_Recommendations.pdf

7. Roll Call to Take Attendance

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2020 Conference Call Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in lieu of the previously scheduled Face-to-Face meeting on June 28 at MVN.

Move to Adjourn Meeting at 9:26 p.m. PST. Kris McPeak 1st, Karin Wegner 2nd, MSP