



SPMS Monthly Conference Call Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 pm, PST

Facilitator: Mark Moore (Chair)

Recorder: Diana LaMar (Interim 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); Interim 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 - Mary Hull (South West Aquatic Masters); History and Archives Chair - Robert Mitchell (Mission Viejo Masters); Sports Medicine Chair – Arlette Godges (Conejo Valley Masters); Marketing/Program Development Chair - Anita Cole (Long Beach Grunions); Registrar/Webmaster – Dan Wegner (Las Vegas Masters); Treasurer – Bob Eberwine (South Bay Swim Team); Fitness Chair - Mary Jurey (UCLA Masters); Top-Ten Recorder - Judi Divan (Mission Viejo Masters) **Absent:** Coaches' Chair - Jeff Taylor (Mission Viejo Masters); Newsletter Chair – Jorge Ferrero (Unattached);

SPMS Member Attendees: Virgil Chancy (Unattached); Omar de Armas (Mission Viejo Masters); Nancy Kirkpatrick Reno (Conejo Valley Masters); Jill Gellatly (Conejo Valley Masters); Michael Collins (Novaquatics Masters); Linda Fitzpatrick (Conejo Valley Masters); Errol Graham (West Hollywood Aquatics); Megan Andrus Johnston (Las Vegas Masters); Michael Heather (Mission Viejo Masters); Beata Konopka (Conejo Valley Masters); Christine Maki (Competitive Tri-Swim Masters); Kris McPeak (Silver Peak Masters); Bart Parnes (Long Beach Grunions); Jessica Seaton (West Hollywood Aquatics); Bill Sive (SWIM Long Beach); Karin Wegner (Las Vegas Masters); David Johannsen (Santa Barbara Masters); Brandon Franklin (Southern California Aquatics Club); John Abrami (Santa Barbara Masters)

AGENDA:

1. Roll call to record attendance [*Please note: if you join the call after the meeting has started, please email the SPMS Secretary. Please do not announce yourself during the meeting.*]

2. Approve minutes from Thursday, September 19, 2019 meeting.

Move to approve the September 19 minutes. MSP

3. Standing Agenda

Officer Reports:

Chair: Mark Moore: Deferred report until old business and new business.

Vice Chair: Ken Brisbin – Report posted below. 2020 Meet Bids currently being accepted, and the first three months are set. Cal-Tech may have to use a new pool. The final schedule is available at the annual meeting and voting for Regionals and Zone meets will occur.



Treasurer: Bob Eberwine – Reports posted below. Proposed budget was sent to the Executive Board and Chairs for input and comments. Question regarding time to look at proposed budget. If there are any questions regarding the proposed budget, please send an email to the entire Executive Board and Chairs for a response. The budget will be voted upon at the annual meeting.

- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/20191017_Treasurer_Report.pdf
- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/201909_Balance_Sheet.pdf
- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/201909_Balance_Sheet.pdf
- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/201909_Budget_vs_Actuals.pdf

Interim Secretary: Diana LaMar – no report.

Member at Large: Becky Cleavenger – report posted below. Three strong candidates were received for Swimmer of the Year. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, contact Becky. Last year the committee was comprised of 3 people and Becky wants to increase to 5.

Annual Meeting Date and Time – El Torrito, 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 595-1795. Dinner from 5:30 to 6:00. Meeting starts at 6:00. RSVP is now available on the SPMS website and the deadline is November 1.

- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/20191017_Member_At_Large_Report.pdf

Move that the October 17, 2019 Officer Reports are approved as reported. MSP

Contractor Reports:

Registrar: Dan Wegner – report posted below. Thirteen clubs have registered for next year and Dan is expecting 50+ more by the end of October. USMS is currently sending welcome packets to all **new** USMS members with a promotional permanent USMS card that has no expiration date (similar to a luggage tag). Currently there is only a 35% retention rate after one year for **new** USMS swimmers.

Dan will send a reminder email to all SPMS swimmers regarding the annual meeting along with the link to register.

- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/20191017_Registrar_Report.pdf

Newsletter Editor: Jorge Ferrero – no report, not present. Chair Mark reminded everyone that Jorge is accepting articles and pictures for the final newsletter of the year. Send directly to Jorge.



Top Ten Recorder: Judi Divan – Starting to work on short-course meters. Problems continue with the recognized and dual sanctioned meets. USMS swimmers need to complete forms to ensure accuracy. FINA records are more challenging to post.

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Committee Reports:

Awards: Becky Cleavenger – report posted above.

Coaches: Jeff Taylor – not present; no report.

Fitness: Mary Jurey – not present (at this time); no report. Anita reminded everyone that the Smarty Pants 1-mile swim is coming up.

History and Archives: Robert Mitchell – no report

Meet Operations: Ken Brisbin – report posted below.

- https://www.spmastersswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/20191017_Meet_Operations_Report.pdf

Officials: Alina de Armas – Officials are needed for College Club Swimming Championships, and Short Course and Long Course Nationals. Beginning January 1, 2020, Alina is requiring an emergency plan for each SPMS meet. Recommends having lifeguards on duty at SPMS meets.

Diana LaMar reminded coaches to inform swimmers that tie-back suits are not allowed in USMS meets and result in disqualification.

Open Water: Robin Smith – report posted below. Redondo Beach swim went well and USMS had a promotional table and great suggestions were received. Noted that Saturday June 20 is the Santa Barbara USMS Sprint Distance National Championships and the date currently posted is incorrect.

Michael Collins stated that results for the Mission Viejo Southwest Open Water Championships aren't accurate and there needs to be a back-up system such as other open water events use. Nancy Kilpatrick-Reno suggested that all SPMS sanctioned open water events have electronic timing to ensure consistency. **Mark appointed a sub-committee – Michael, Nancy, and Robin to investigate this further and make a recommendation.**

- https://www.spmastersswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/20191017_Open_Water_Report.pdf

Program Development/Marketing: Anita Cole – report posted below. There was a recent article in the Wall Street Journal regarding a pregnant USMS swimmer who praised the benefits of USMS and swimming.



- https://www.spmasterswim.org/c/8B6A80C/file/meetings/2019/20191017_Marketing_Report.pdf

Sports Medicine: Arlette Godges – no report. Will write article for newsletter.

Webmaster: Dan Wegner – report posted above.

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4. Announcements:

- 2019/2020 Elections (Mary Hull) – nominated names are posted. Need someone to run for treasurer since Bob announced earlier that he will run for one year.
- Voting Eligibility (Mark Moore) – deferred to Diana LaMar who deferred to Robin Smith. Robin reported that voting for November 2019 is as follows:
All meetings and planning sessions counted from November 2018 through October 2019 (**11**). 50% of 11 = 5.5; 50%+1 = **6.5 = 7 meetings required**.

Diana LaMar has the official meeting attendance list. If persons **do not** meet the criteria and are representing a club, they need to identify the club they are representing to Diana LaMar prior to voting.

- 2019 Annual Meeting (Becky Cleavenger) - November 14, 2019 – El Torrito, 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 595-1795 - 5:30 to 6:00 food and social, meeting starts at 6:00. RSVP is available online now through November 1, 2019. See link below.

<https://www.clubassistant.com/club/clinics/reserve.cfm?c=1781&cid=83821>

5. Old Business:

- Update on By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Sub-Committee (Robin Smith). Robin will send Policies and Procedure sections to everyone for feedback and comments. Starting with Policies and Procedures first and then By-Laws.
- Recognitions at Annual Meeting for volunteers and swimmers of the month (Mark Moore) Mark will reach out to these persons and invite them to the annual meeting. Goal is to recognize key persons at the annual meeting like other LMSC's. Anita Cole will assist with this task.

6. New Business:

- USMS Board and National Committee member reports at SPMS meetings (Mark Moore) Beginning January 1, these persons will prepare a brief summary of new business and submit reports similar to SPMS Chairs. The goal is to ensure USMS information trickles down to SPMS members.



Nancy Kilpatrick-Reno asked if there was going to be an annual coaches' clinic/meeting this year. The answer is no SPMS coaches clinic this year. Next year SPMS will host the USMS annual coaches' clinic in Las Vegas.

- USMS unified membership fee (Mark Moore) – Mark deferred to Jill Gellatly and Brandon Franklin who are members of the USMS Finance Committee
USMS wants to implement one standardized fee for all LMSC's. 2020 is a pilot year for LMSC's to opt in, but most likely this will occur starting in 2021. A 30-minute lengthy discussion followed regarding pros and cons.

Motion to provide 48 hours for eligible voting members to read about the USMS proposal and to study a proposed SPMS budget without the unified fee vs. one with the unified fee. Dan Wegner will send an email with this information to everyone present at tonight's meeting. A Survey Monkey will be created for voting. Voting to take place prior to noon on Sunday October 20, 2019. **MSP**

The Survey Monkey votes received prior to noon on Sunday October 20, 2019 resulted in 15 Yes and 12 No. The USMS Unified Fee is adopted for SPMS and will go into effect November 1, 2019. Chair Mark will notify USMS.

6. Roll Call to Take Attendance

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019 (annual meeting) – El Torrito, 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 595-1795 - 5:30 to 6:00 food and social, meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. Must be present to vote.

Move to Adjourn Meeting at 9:00 p.m. PST. **MSP**