

Pacific Masters Swimming
General Meeting
March 19, 2003

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Michael Moore, Chairman @ 7:40 p.m.

Introductions: Joel Wilson, CRUZ, Michael Moore, FOG, Alan Levinson, LAM, Glenn Abersold, TVM, Barry Fasbender, STAN, Nancy Ridout, Jon Steiner, TAM, Joanne Berven, TVM, Marcia Benjamin, UNAT, Bill Grohe, USF, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, WCM, Cindy Baxter, RINC

Officers' Reports

Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2003 – in the absence of the secretary there are no minutes to approve. Will approve them at the April meeting

Treasurer - Clarine Anderson – absent. Nancy related that there was not much change since last month and next month will be the quarterly report.

Chairman – Michael Moore – Suggestion to have LSMC chairs meet at convention; PMS should host and pick a time and announce meeting at a time of least conflict.

Motion to send letter from PMS to Petaluma Masters for their efforts to extend the swimming season. MSP

Motion to acknowledge Janet Renner's award from the University of Hawaii for putting on the National Swim meet last year. MSP

Service awards were approved last month.

Teams: San Mateo Master Marlins, Tamalpias Aquatic Masters and Santa Cruz Masters Aquatics to be awarded Distinguished Service Awards.

Coach of the Year nominations were called for. Due at the May meeting.

Vice Chairman Administration – Richard Smith – No Report

Vice Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender – No Report

Secretary - Joan Alexander - Absent, No Report

At-Large – Bill Grohe – No Report

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Joan Alexander – Absent, No Report.

Registration and Records - Nancy Ridout – List of Swimmers of the Year were passed out and discussion ensued regarding choices. Members presented voted for the Overall Male and Female swimmers. Marcia Benjamin will get their awards, Nancy Ridout will get awards for the Service Awards.

Convention delegates bios discussed. Filling out a bio should not be necessary for those who come to meetings regularly; only those who haven't attended 50% of the meetings since last September's convention would have to fill out bios to justify why they would be a good delegate. Agreed by those present.

Renewals are coming in steadily. Even though there were more members at the March, 2002 meeting, there had been more days in which to receive renewals.

Coaches - Brian Stack/Kerry O'Brien Absent, There will be a coaches meeting in April. There is discussion to provide an on-deck coach at championship events for swimmers whose coach is not able to attend .

Communications/Newsletter - Joanne Berven – Draft of May June Newsletter circulated for any updates. Deadline was the 15th.

Michael Moore – 70 MB of transfer – more than usual for this time of year. Meet operations handbook now on the web as well as all the records. Data base of swimmers has been updated and on the web..

Fitness – Barbara Thomas – Absent, No Report

Health and Safety - Carol Berendsen – absent No report

Hospitality - Cindy Baxter and Ann Kay - Cindy thanked Barry for bringing the food. Kudos for food this month.

Equipment – Toni DeCapria - No Report

Legislation Rules - Alan Levinson – No Report but submissions will be accepted by May as this is a legislative year and Part 4 will be discussed. Jon Steiner related that Part 4 – Athlete's Rights and Credo will be sent to Michael to be distributed to interested persons for comment.

Marketing/Public Relations – Bill Grohe/Dore Schwab – No Report. Nancy related that Dore is doing pretty well and hopes to be home soon with help. His birthday is March 27 and cards with a personal note are suggested.

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender – Mountain View Masters had a pool meet approved in October for September 7.

However, Whiskeytown swim will need to be moved back to the 7th because the water level may be too low for an adequate swim. After much discussion a Motion was made to allow both the MVM pool meet and the RAM's Open Water Swim on the same day, if no other dates are possible. MSP

Barry received a letter questioning why a swimmer would have to repeat the information that is on the PMS member card when they fill out the Consolidated Entry Form. Discussion ensued and Barry will bring a draft of a reply to the next meeting.

Officials – Cindy Baxter – No Report

Open Water – Cindy Clements – Absent. Discussion previous approved the Whiskeytown Swim change if no other date is available. There will be a mandatory Open Water Meet Director’s Meeting on Sunday, March 23rd. Anyone who wants their meet sanctioned must be there.

Glenn Abersold reported that TriValley Masters will have an Open Water Clinic at Del Valle lake on May 18th, but has cancelled the one scheduled for May 26th. He also asked that the committee approve moving the date of their Open Water Swim from Saturday, May 31 to Sunday, July 27th and the change in the events from 2mile and 10 K to 0.75 mile and 1.5 mile. The motion was made and approved. Glenn also mentioned that the Park District has alerted him to the fact that the lake level may be too low to have the swim. An alternative plan would be to move the swim to ShadowCliffs and delay the start of the swim by 30 – 45 minutes. He would have a month’s notice. As far as TVM’s clinic is concerned, if there is an Open Water Swim as part of the clinic, there is a need to adhere to all the safety requirements that relate to any Open Water Event. All participants must be PMS members.

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin – Robert Strand presented information about a swimmers clinic for Saturday, April 26. There is no need to sanction the clinic; although all participants need to be PMS members. It was mentioned that there is also an Open Water clinic scheduled for the same day. The committee didn’t see a problem have two clinics on the same day.

Ad Hoc Top Ten Computer Interface - Barry Fasbender - Michael and Nancy have discussed new software.

Old Business –

New Business – The PMS office will be on operate on a very limited basis for the next week to 10 days, as Nancy is having another shoulder surgery.

Team Announcements – John Steiner announced that there is a coordinated resource management project for input into uses at Lake Berryessa. Information will be put on the web and sent out with the newsletter to coaches about how to go out having a say. It is important as Davis Aquatic Masters almost lost their swims at Berryessa several years ago. This is one of the most popular swims on the calendar.

There are brochures available on the benefits of Masters Swimming.

Joel encouraged all to come to the Short Course Championships in Santa Cruz in April.

Glenn described the video taping done at TVM and recommended it to any club who might be interested. \$40 per person was charged and he felt it was well worth while.

Executive Board Meeting Report: Open Water Clinics discussed and safety guidelines as outlined in the Open Water Handbook must be followed for any open water swim associated with a clinic. Michael will notify San Mateo Masters.

The issue of moving Whiskeytown Swim and the pool meet requested by Mountain View Masters was discussed.

There was also a recommendation for a Beginner/Intermediate level swimmer Camp

Election of Swimmer of the Year: Ed Cazalet and Laura Val.

Adjournment - MSP at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Berven
‘Acting’ Secretary
Pacific Masters Swimming

Next Meeting – April 16, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.
This meeting will be at the Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville