

Pacific Masters Swimming
Monthly Meeting
February 25, 1998

Call to order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Julie Paque, Chairman @ 7:35 pm.

Introductions: Marcia Benjamin BOV, Joel Wilson, George Cunningham, Carolyn Cunningham CRUZ, Donald Veress, Jack Mills DAM, Michael Moore, Greg Spire FOG, Alan Levinson, Brian Stack, Carol Berendsen MAM, Julie Paque MVM, Richard Smith, Joan Smith SAC, Jim Wheeler, Tina Talbot SANR, Tom McCall SCAM, Cris Allen, Rick Windes SFRP, Nancy Ridout, Dore Schwab TAM, Joan Alexander, Elfriede Rogers, Kerry O'Brien WCM

Approval of Minutes of January 7, 1998. Corrections were noted, and changes made: In the Open Water report, "John Tice of Davis" was changed to Jim McCray of Redwood Coast Masters." Motion to approve minutes - **MSP**

Officers' Reports

Treasurer Greg Spire

The 1997 Miscellaneous expenses were added to the spreadsheet due to lateness. The second sheet is the 1998 budget, and the only item to come in was the room rental. Ending January 31, 1998, the balance was \$150,975.34 including CD and checking. Michael Moore has put up the expense report on the Web site and the form can be printed out in the pdf format using Adobe Acrobat reader. There is also an Excel form that can be downloaded to your computer and filled out then attach it to an E-mail to Greg. Receipts will be given to Greg at the next meeting. **MSP** to accept the treasurer's report. Julie requested an advance for stamps for the Secretary. **MSP**

Chairman Julie Paque -

1998 Coach of the Year Announcement - Due by the April meeting.

Service Award nominations - Barry Fasbender was nominated by Julie Paque for the Distinguished Service Award, **MSP**. Doug Huestis was nominated by a swimmer in Australia for an Appreciation Award for his assistance with long distance coaching **MSP**. Allan Cartwright and Ron Emhoff were nominated by Tina Talbot for Personal Achievement Awards. **MSP**

Set/approve committee goals - Julie handed out an organization chart to show the reporting structure. Write down 2-4 goals that you would like to complete by end of year and give to either Doug or Barry. There were two corrections, Jim Wheeler E-mail: jcwheeler@mindspring.com, and Joan Alexander, swmrjoan@aol.com (still temporary).

Executive committee meetings - Executive meetings will be held quarterly. The first was held before the retreat and the next will be April 22, before the meeting. Executive meetings are open, and all are invited to attend. Location will be confirmed at the March meeting.

Ransom J. Arthur Award nomination confirmation - Two nomination letters were sent around and signed by all present to show their support. (One copy to be framed and given to Carolyn Boak.)

Contracts for independent contractors - Contract for the Web Master is being worked on and will be given to the Executive committee within the next week so they are able to make comments or changes, so that it can be presented at the full meeting for approval, retroactive to January 1. A contract will be written for the newsletter editor.

Vice-Chairman Administration - Doug Huestis - absent, No Report

Vice-Chairman Operations - Barry Fasbender - absent, his report will be given under Meet Operations.

Secretary - Joan Alexander - The attendance sheet will have column for requesting the minutes by E-mail rather than a hard copy.

Delegate At-Large - Alan Levinson - This time will be used for USMS related issues. Received an entry form application for the Great Hudson River Swim, a 2.8 mile swim. If you are interested, please contact Alan. The Long Distance Swimming Calendar for 1998 will be passed around and information for bidding on the National Long Distance Championships for USMS for the year 2000. If you are interested in getting a copy of the entry form please contact Alan.

Committee Reports

Zone Chairman - Richard Smith - 1998 is the first year that the zone committee chairperson will be an officer and will be elected by the house of delegates at convention. Hugh Moore will be running again and has asked Richard to run his election. Richard will poll all zone reps for a nomination. The nominee must be a member of USMS, should have convention experience and have served on National committees. Nominations must be on one sheet or may be E-mailed by July 1, 1998

and must have LMSC approval. Richard will send all nominees to Zone reps and they will vote for two to be presented at convention.

Registration/Records - Nancy Ridout - We are slightly ahead of last year in registrations. Nancy talked about the renewal notices and that there is a potential to go over budget this year and asked that this be approved. There are approximately 4500 swimmers registered at present (1997 had a total of 8170), so that leaves approximately 4000-5000 swimmers to invoice. A motion was made to accept the over budget amount. **MSP** Packets are available for the Top Ten/Records calculations. Help is needed. National SCM is not available at this time. The internet has all the Pacific Top Ten finishers, so the job should be easier. Calculations are due March 18. Copies of the 1997 Long Course Top Ten and the 1998 Short Course records are available.

Coaches - Brian Stack - No Report

Communications -

Newsletter - Joanne Berven - No Report

WWW - Michael Moore - The counter on Pacific Masters web page was 28,200 which was 3,000 more than January. During February, approximately 8.2 MB transfer a day which is a 28% increase over December, and 3X more than the 2.7 MG last April. The Short Course Records and the Long Course Top Ten have been added to the web site. The Lists Serve E-mail program is being used as a reminder of programs and new things on the web site. About 40 people have signed up. Michael encourages everyone with E-mail to use the list serve.

Fitness - Tina Talbot - The schedule is out in the next newsletter.

Health & Safety - Carol Berendsen - A Safety Training for Swim Coaches course will be scheduled and publicized as soon as the pool is done. The schedule will be put on the Web page.

Hospitality & Equipment -

Hospitality.- No Report

Equipment - Watches and equipment are at San Ramon for their meet.

Legislation/Rules - Rick Windes - As of February 19, USMS has incorporated the FINA changes into the rule book where appropriate. On February 13, Michael Moore posted the information concerning the recent changes on the Web. The rules changes take effect March 6, 1998 and will affect all Long Course meets on the 1998 PMS schedule. PMS members and associates with access to the World Wide Web can get this front-page news at <http://www.pacificmasters.org>. Locate the headline, "New Swimming Rules," and a selection. Or, go to <http://www.usms.org/rules/>. This committee proposes to undertake a project described as follows: "In coordination with the PMS Webmaster, the Legislation and Rules committee will prepare the content of the various PMS guides in formats suitable for publication on the PMS Internet web site."

Marketing/Public Relations - Jim Wheeler - Paper clips, key rings, magnets, bottle openers, pencils, post-its with one color imprint are all part of marketing. Jim will bring samples and will then request promotion money. The idea is to give the items to people and places that are not on our PMS membership, give them something that reminds them of Pacific Masters.

It is important to support our preferred vendors. The question has now arisen that perhaps vendor policies should be taken into consideration when screening championship bids. This question, and the possibilities of PMS policy development in this area, are now issues the Marketing and Meet Operations Committees feel should be put before the PMS LMSC.

- Should PMS attempt to monitor and regulate this issue at a club and site level?
- Are these policies and the work of their development worth the annual donation and member discounts Preferred Vendors offer PMS?
- What are the benefits to those involved, PMS, meet host, site and the vendors?

Meet Operations - Barry Fasbender - Short Course Championships error in scheduling that all events be swum fast to slow be changed to read slow to fast. **MSP** Proposals resulting from the 1998 Annual Retreat to the Meet Operations Handbook: Change first sentence of 200.5G3 The meet results must be posted on the PMS Web site within 48 hours after the meet or: One (1) copy of the meet results is to be sent to each participating club within 14 days after the meet. If posted right away, they don't have to be mailed. **MSP** and Changes to the Pool Meet Evaluation Form - change Item 5 in Section 2: 5. Results available within (1) if on the web: within 48 hours - 4 points, within 72 hours - 3 points, within 96 hours - 2 points, later - 1 point; or (2) if mailed out to participating clubs: within 1 week - 4 points, within 2 weeks - 3 points, within 3 weeks - 2 points, later - 1 point. (4 points max.) **MSP**

Barry would like a motion that PMS give each pool meet \$600 per meet day this year to help defray costs of automatic timing and computer services. Discussion: This came out of the Retreat. This is an experiment this year to determine if there are any problems with requiring meets have automatic timing and computer results. This would not apply to the FOG City Quadrathlon, the Olympic Club Mile, or the Pacifica Relays. It would apply to 17 meet days for a total cost of \$10,200. Note that we have received an unconditional \$4,000 donation this year from a master swimmer. For the 1999 meets we would like to come up with a plan to offset these costs. For example, many clubs currently have a surcharge of \$2.00-\$6.00 to help pay for automatic timing, computer results and pool rental. One possibility would be to have a minimum surcharge of \$5.00 at each meet that would be used for automatic timing and computer results. Discussion followed and many wondered if it could be optional, not mandated. **MSP** that we allocate \$10,200 for the timing for this year only. **MSFailed** 7-12. Greg Spire, Rick Windes, Nancy Ridout, Barry Fasbender to form a committee on this matter.

Officiating - Joan Smith - Officials clinics will be March 7 in Red Bluff, call 530-527-0552 and area 3, Novato April 18, call 707-584-1421.

Open Water - Alan Levinson - Alameda Masters is relocating their swim to Brooklyn Basin. It will be a 1.5 mile swim. New trailer item: A dealer in Auburn has a single axle trailer, with a spare plus tire carrier, \$3,000. Contact Jim Wheeler for a second bid on a trailer.

Scheduling - Marcia Benjamin - There is still time to swim the Almaden postal swim. **MSP** that Marcia be allowed to mail the remainder of the plaques.

OLD BUSINESS

Retreat Summary - Julie gave a retreat summary.

Team Raffle - Jim Wheeler held the team raffle for all clubs that registered early.

NEW BUSINESS

MSP to cancel the June meeting. We will keep the July 15 meeting.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAM 1650 postal swim is open till Friday, February 27.

Jim Wheeler urges teams to support Winks and Metro Sports.

Alan Levinson is on vacation March 11-18. Julie Paque is on vacation March 10-20.

Richard Smith noted that Joe Irvine's son was the policeman lost in the mud flow. Marjorie Sharpe's husband died. Khristy King is recovering from a mastectomy, we wish her well.

ADJOURNMENT - MSP @ 9:45 pm

Next Meeting - March 25, 1998

Respectfully submitted

Joan Alexander,
Secretary