

## **Pacific Masters Monthly Meeting**

**June 18, 2014**

Meeting was held by conference call

Call to Order and introductions: The meeting was called to order by Peter Guadagni, Chairman at 7:04 pm.

### **Attendees:**

Peter Guadagni, Nancy Ridout, Michael Moore, Phyllis Quinn, Rich Burns, Barry Fasbender, Charlene O'Brien, Maggie Tevis, Teddy Palmer, Jim Clemmons, Laura Val, Caroline Lambert, Claire Rudd, Joel Wilson, Tina Whiteside, Chris Campbell

### **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **I APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 21, 2014 (separate attachment)**

Approved as amended.

#### **II OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN - PETER GUADAGNI**, report attached.

Nancy noted that she had received an email today that listed 12 nominations for the Donnelly Award and there was 1 nomination for the Club of the Year award. Award nominations are due July 1. Peter confirmed there have been other award nominations submitted as well.

Peter reported that he has been in correspondence with Nadine Day to have an additional member for the Legislation Committee but has not received information regarding this yet. He will give a reminder phone call tomorrow.

Proposed rule change: Use of bandages, rubber gloves and finger cots in competition. 303.7.2.D & 303.7.2.A  
It was decided and approved that Peter would revise the proposal to strike all language pertaining to an interpretation of the rule and ask for a rule change since interpretations can be discerned differently. Consensus that this rule should be local decision by a meet director or referee and not a decision by the chairman of a National committee.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER – TEDDY PALMER**, reports attached.

Reports accepted MSR.

#### **BUDGET:**

#### **OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Zone Chair – MICHAEL MOORE**

The latest Peer to Peer conference meeting on Volunteers was a good one and everyone is encouraged to attend future conference call meetings on the topics of Top Ten (July), Fitness Committee (August), Registrars (September).

The LMSC Standards have been sent and Pacific was rated at 98%. Five LMSC's were 100% and three were at 98%. Pacific slipped to the 98% due to six swimmers who participated in swim events who were not members, three of the six occurred on relays.

**Registration/Top Ten and Records -- CHARLENE O'BRIEN**, Report attached.

The ten most recent clubs to register in Pacific are:

1. Google Masters, Mountain View
2. Courthouse Athletic Club, Augurn
3. In Shape Rancho Solano, Fairfield
4. In Shape Stockton
5. In Shape Vallejo
6. Redding Area Masters
7. Swim Angels Aquatics, Arnold
8. Tri Now Swimming, San Anselmo
9. Vallejo Aquatic Club
10. Yuba City Racquet & Health Club

**Hospitality**--MARCIA BENJAMIN No report  
Jim Clemmons is providing dinner at our July meeting.

**Vice Chairman Administration** – JIM CLEMMONS No report.

**Communications/Website**—MICHAEL MOORE

**Marketing/Public Relations**—RICH BURNS. Report attached  
Three pictorial e-newsletters have been published thus far with a very favorable response. Rich hopes to send one per month to coincide with big events; LCM Championships sent in July, FINA Championships sent in August and Convention in September. He is interested in having others contribute pictures for these events.

**Vice Chairman Operations**—PHYLLIS QUINN No Report

**Open Water** —PHYLLIS QUINN Report attached.  
Phyllis wanted to thank all three of the race directors for their hard work and great events. All three events, Spring Lake, Del Valle and Berryessa went smoothly and were well received. She especially noted the Lake Berryessa event that had a location change this year and had the added responsibility of being a National Championship Event.

The 101,102 Open Water Clinic now has 17 registrants and Glenda would welcome a volunteers who might want to help out for this event.

**Equipment**—ROB HEATH, no Report.

**At Large**—JOHN MORALES, no report

**Scheduling**—JOHN MORALES, no report

**Meet Operations**—BARRY FASBENDER Report attached.

Proposal was broken down into two votes, both approved.

1. Allow all relays available at all Championship meets.
2. Swimmers may swim in both gender and mixed relays of a particular type of relay at a Championship meet.

This proposal will take effect at the SCM Championship meet in October and re-evaluated after this Championship event if needed.

**Officials**—JOHN KING, no Report.

**Coaches**—STU AND MARY KAHN, no Report attached.

Stu could not attend tonight's meeting and Peter spoke for his planning that is taking place with regards to the Coaches Clinic, which is a downsized version of the Excel weekend. The Coaches Clinic is planned to take place to coincide with the Annual Meeting in November. There was a consensus that \$10,000 be used to support this endeavor to support our coaches in Pacific. A more formal proposal will be given at next month's meeting.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

There was approval to add \$2,600 to the budget for the Annual Meeting to take place at Soda Center, St. Mary's College. The increase reflects a larger meeting space that is needed for attendees and using an in-house caterer for the meeting. Reservations of the meeting rooms will commence.

### **V. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Laura Val reminded everyone that the Grand Prix starts tomorrow and on through the weekend.

Chris Campbell highlighted that Laura Schuster (Coach of Mt. View Masters) has formed and is coaching the new club, Google Masters, Mt. View.

Joel Wilson assured everyone that Scott Paterson, who is acting on behalf of Rick Gould (who is out of the country), is taking steps to have the Santa Cruz open water event sanctioned soon.

Barry Fasbender will contact the meet director, Connor Calloway, for the Clovis July 12 swim meet, to see if he has a Referee in place so they can obtain their sanction.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene O'Brien, Administrator

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**2014 meetings: July 16, Aug. 20cc, Sept. 17 (tentative - at Convention), Oct. 15cc, Nov. 2/9/16 available for Annual Meeting.**



June 18, 2014; 7:00 by conference call

**AGENDA \*Discussion Item**

<b>I.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	7:00pm
<b>II.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF May MEETING MINUTES</b> (separate attachment)	7:05pm
<b>III.</b>	<b>REPORTS</b>	
	<b>CHAIRMAN</b> —GUADAGNI, reports attached*	7:10pm
	<b>REPORT OF THE TREASURER</b> --PALMER, reports attached	7:20pm
	<b>SECRETARY</b> --CRITTENDEN, no report	
	<b>ZONE CHAIR</b> --MOORE, no report	
	<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	
	<b>REGISTRATION</b> --O'BRIEN, report attached	7:30pm
	<b>TOP TEN &amp; RECORDS</b> --O'BRIEN, report attached	
	<b>HOSPITALITY</b> —BENJAMIN, no report	7:35pm
	<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN ADMINISTRATION</b> --CLEMMONS, no report	
	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> --MOORE/WEB SITE, no report	
	<b>MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS</b> – BURNS, report attached	
	<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN OPERATIONS</b> --QUINN, no report	7:40pm
	<b>OPEN WATER</b> --QUINN, report attached	
	<b>EQUIPMENT</b> --HEATH, no report	
	<b>AT-LARGE</b> --MORALES, no report	7:50pm
	<b>SCHEDULING</b> --MORALES, report attached	
	<b>MEET OPERATIONS</b> --FASBENDER, report attached*	
	<b>OFFICIALS</b> --KING, no report	
	<b>COACHES</b> --KAHN, no report	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	7:55pm
<b>V.</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	8:00pm
<b>VI.</b>	<b>TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	8:01pm
<b>VII.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	8:00pm

**2014 MEETING DATES: July 16; August 20 (cc); September 17; October 15 (cc); November 9 (Annual Meeting).**

*Working Calendar for June: SCY TT report due to USMS; Adopt and forward USMS Rules and Legislation proposals; Prepare Bid packet for next year's Events Calendar; Donnelly Service, Krauser Communication, Fitness, Open Water Service, Kerry O'Brien and USMS Coach of the Year Award nominations be submitted to appropriate committee by July 1.*

*Working Calendar for July: Distribute bid packet for 2014 events calendar; call for 2014 budget requests; call for proposals to change PacMasters by-laws.*

*Working Calendar for August: Approve bids for 2014 Championship meets and January & February meets, due August 10<sup>th</sup>; receive budget request; preliminary review of USMS convention issues.*

## June MEETING REPORTS – 6/18/2014

### Officer and Committee Reports

*Meeting policy. Please provide text to Charlene, prior to the meeting, of any items on which you would like the Committee to vote. Re-established 1/18/2012.*

#### Chairman—Guadagni

1. Nomination letters for Donnelly and Open Water Service Awards have been submitted to the appropriate committees. Several clubs are planning to nominate their coach for the Kerry O'Brien Award.
2. The Donner Lake Swim sold out in 9 days! Pacific members should be aware that unregistered participation in an open water swim is prohibited and subject to discipline.
3. Discussion and potential approval of attached memo on proposed rule change regarding the use of protective coverings during competitive swims.

**Report of the Treasurer—Palmer**, see attached.

**Secretary—Crittenden**, no report

**Zone Chair—Moore**, no report

#### Executive Committee

##### Registration—O'Brien

- As of June 13, 2014 Pacific has 10,490 Members Registered=5,466 Men; 5024 Women; 140 registered clubs; 1 Work-out group; 364 self-identified coaches.
- In mid-June 2013, Pacific had 10,040 Members Registered & 130 clubs.
- The total in 2013 Pacific had 11,259 Members Registered=5,828 Men; 5,431 Women; 133 registered clubs; 260 self-identified coaches.
- Paper renewals continue to trickle in but it has been determined not to be cost effective. From May 19-June 3 we received 150 renewals from 2013 members (this included 62 online renewals) which comes to \$30.29/ renewal. Perhaps a registration renewal email from the Pacific LMSC would be a appropriate for next year before the Open Water season begins.

##### Top Ten & Records—O'Brien

The SCY Top Ten is due to USMS by June 30<sup>th</sup>. I continue to work on this document (168 pages) as well as the report to post for the Pacific Masters website.

##### Convention:

We have 26 delegates going to Convention; 3 are USMS automatic (all expenses paid) and another 3 are automatic but paid by Pacific. I have received replies from 10 people indicating a single or roommate preference and 2 people have given me their air travel reimbursement forms. Air travel is a bit complex with most airlines making 1 stop from N. Calif and Jacksonville. Airfares fall in the \$400-\$500 range with one stop from SFO, OAK or SAC. Please make your air travel soon as flights are limited! Also, give me your room mate/single preference as soon as you know it so I can reserve the appropriate number of rooms at the hotel.

**Hospitality—Benjamin**—no report

**Vice-Chairman Administration—Clemmons**, no report

**Communications—Moore/Web Site**

##### Marketing/Public Relations—Burns

We continue to put out the event oriented e blasts with the hope that they are both entertaining and have some promotional value. Latest one is on Open Water swimming.

## Vice-Chairman Operations—Quinn

### Open Water—Quinn

We have had three very successful events so far this season.

Here are the numbers of swimmers for each event:

Spring Lake	500 yd	44 Swimmers
	1 mile	136 Swimmers
Del Valle	10 K	43 Swimmers
	5K	93 Swimmers
	1K	242 Swimmers
	2.5K	188 Swimmers
Lake Berryessa	2 mile	215 Swimmers
	1 mile	289 Swimmers

### Open Water Clinic: June 22, 2014

#### The Report from Glenda:

Everything on the organizational side is set. We have two sponsors, Finis and Sports Basement. They are donating caps, goody bags, Cliff Bars, discount coupons. We have volunteers eager to take part. The venue is great; water is warm. What we are lacking are participants. So far only 6 people have signed up. Let's hope the 'everyone waits to the last minute' theory is in place here.

#### Next Open Water events:

Santa Cruz 40<sup>th</sup> annual Roughwater swim and Cruz Cruise- 2 mile- Sanction pending  
Donner Lake Swim- Registration is closed, the race is full  
Whiskeytown Lake Swim- has been sanctioned.

**Equipment—Heath**, no report

**At-Large—Morales**, no report

### **Scheduling—Morales**

Championship Meet bids for 2015 will be asked for in July, and voted on at the August meeting. Once the championship bids are finalized, the rest of the 2015 schedule will go out to bid, and voted on at the September meeting.

### **Meet Operations—Fasbender**

#### Proposed Policy Change to Meet Operations Handbook, section 201.0B4:

Current Rule: Only one half of the relays will be contested each year at both short and long course championships (see Appendix M of the Meet Directors Handbook for the years that relays will be contested).

Proposed Rule: All of the relays will be contested each year at both short and long course championships. However, a swimmer may swim in only a gender relay or a mixed relay for a particular type of relay. For example, a woman could swim in the women's 200 free relay or the 200 mixed free relay, but not both.

Rational: This would allow a relay team to set a record in any year rather than having to wait until the next year when they are one year older. This will eliminate putting PacMasters teams at a disadvantage to teams in other LMSCs.

Effective Date: Now (to include this year's SCM Championships) or January 1, 2015.

PacMasters SCM Championships: The Walnut Creek Masters are proposing to seed all events from the fastest heats to the slowest heats. We have not done this in the past. However, PacMasters policies and USMS rules allow seeding all events this way. Is this something we would like to allow each championship host to decide or should we have a policy on how we want PacMasters championships to be seeded? Note that last year some swimmers complained about going from one event seeded fast to slow and then swimming right away in events seeded slow to fast. You could be in the last heat of a distance event and then in the first heat of another event.

**Officials—King**, no report

**Coaches—Stu and Mary Kahn**

Coach Clinic 2014 - A Free and Back Clinic was held in Angels Camp on June 1. The clinic was led by Stu and Mary Kahn. 27 swimmers and 5 coaches attended, almost all from either Tuolumne County (TCAM) or the Swim Angels Masters (SAM).

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Team Announcements**