

## SMS Board of Directors/Officer's Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 12/05/09 at GNOTRI after the SCM Championships at UNO

Present: Nan Fontenot, chair, Rob Cambias, treasurer, Fay Lachney, Sanctions/Competition chair, Doug Holmes, Secretary, and Vickie Buccino, Top Ten chair. Not present: Doug Kopp, Registrar, Howard Hart, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

Rob measured the UNO pool length with SMS's newly acquired laser, and can make it available to other clubs to measure their pools. Rob reported about \$17000 in SMS checking account before payments for SCM meet. Rob should have a Financial Report for calendar year of 2010 audited by three members of the board appointed by the SMS Chairman. This audit should be completed in January so the Secretary can send this report and other official reports to National Office of USMS in February.

The minutes of the last meeting on 8/1/09 were approved as e-mailed to the Officers by the Secretary Doug Holmes. Doug reported to the Board about the National USA Aquatics/USMS Convention held at the Chicago O'Hare Hyatt Regency 9/16-20/09.

Nan Fontenot, the General SMS Chair, reported that **SMS** was successful in their bid **to host the 2010 Dixie Zone SCM Championship Meet in N.O.** She made a plea for teams to step up to host the three SMS Championships in 2010 by contacting her and Fay, the Competition/Sanctions chair. She also made a plea for better communication between the board of directors, the teams, the coaches of master's teams, and the individual Southern Master's Swimmers who haven't received a newsletter in two years and probably no e-mail about upcoming meets with entry forms. Nan reported that the USMS office would include an SMS newsletter in the mailing of each *Swimmer* Magazine to all registered SMS/USMS members in Louisiana and Mississippi. She is asking for a **volunteer to be the local editor** who would solicit SMS articles. She **assigned each officer to write an interesting article** on their area of responsibility giving readers some perspective on the history and importance swimming in the SMS. These should be forwarded to her within a month so a newsletter can go out in January. Vickie Buccino reminded officers that meet directors need to follow USMS regulations and send master's swim meet times into the USMS and to her. Vickie is responsible for the official Top Ten Times.

Fay reported that John Roth said this scm meet at UNO would be his last one as the meet director who also handles the automatic timing for the meet. Fay made a plea for anyone who would take on this job or who knows someone with this experience to contact her so we can have a **meet directors/automated timing** in place for all our Championship meets well in advance for advertising purposes. We need an effective way to get **entry forms** up on the USMS, SMS, Dixie Zone, team websites and to individual SMS swimmers.

### **New Business:**

#### **SMS Championships and Annual Meeting**

The **annual meeting for 2010** will be held on Saturday following the SCY Championships at the end of March or in early April (dates TBA) either at Reds in Lafayette (if the pool is the correct length) or at Crawfish function in Baton Rouge. Nan will make arrangements, and advise the officers hopefully before Christmas. Per bylaws the Annual meeting has to be held before December 1 with a minimum of fifteen days notice. There was no SCY Championship Meet or Annual meeting in 2009. As soon as the time, date, and site is selected the chair should inform the Registrar so the membership can be notified by e-mail, and it should be included on the SCY entry form. Fay indicated the LCM Championships could possibly be held in the UNO pool with Elmwood as host again, but she needs a meet director to replace John Roth. Hopefully that new meet director would gain experience and be willing to also be meet director for the SCM Championships and the Dixie Zone Meet. Since there will possibly be swimmers coming from a seven state area to N. O., it is important that the SMS officers and board members help plan a first class meet. Rob mentioned selecting host hotels, restaurants, sponsors for meet and heat sheet who might offer discounts for advertisements. Rob as a delegate to USMS Convention in Dallas and participant at LCM Nationals could promote the meet, but the date and place need to be tied down now to get it on the Calendars for USMS, SMS, and Dixie Zone Websites.

#### **Clinics and Developmental meets:**

Nan said Crawfish would try to host a clinic in the spring. Doug said Francos Athletic Club plans to have another developmental meet a Saturday close to Halloween in Mandeville. There were a

dozen first time master's swimmers who received participation metals this year at this meet on the north shore.

**Officers and delegates for 2010:**

Per the bylaws, officers are elected for a two year term. SMS Officers were elected in a special e-mail election in May, 2009. All those officers present agreed to stay on for 2010, which will be good for continuity. Nan will ask Doug Kopp and Howard Hart if they will serve again. If not she will appoint replacements. The Board nominated Rob Cambias and Doug Kopp to be SMS delegates to USMS Annual Convention in Dallas in Sept. 2010, with Fay Lachney as alternate delegate. Vickie, Nan and Doug have been to at least one convention, and none of the other officers have been. Nominations will be accepted on the floor at the next SMS membership meeting.

**SCY National Championships in Atlanta May 21,22, & 23.**

**Suggestions for SMS:** Promote membership, better communications, newsletter, reconnect with teams in Mississippi and develop more teams across the SMS area. It would be good for the registrar to include a "welcome note" to all registered USMS members for 2010 from the General Chairperson and send it with their USMS membership card. **Master coaches must reregister their team** and pay \$30 fee to SMS registrar Doug Kopp or Master Swimmers wanting to register with that team can not.

Bylaws are attached for your benefit.