

## SMS Officer's August, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 8/29/10 in Privateer Rm 121 after LCM Championship swim meet at UNO.  
Present: Nan Fontenot, chair., John and Janice Roth, UNO Meet Directors, Rob Cambias\*, treasurer, Fay Lachney\*, sanctions/competition chair, Doug Holmes\*, secretary, Vicki Buccino\*, Top Ten chair., Ellen Hall\*, Annual Meeting secretary,  
\*high points for age group at LCM Championships  
Not present: Doug Kopp, Registrar, Ann Walton, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

Nan opened meeting about 2 PM. Ellen Hall passed out the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes. Nan read Doug Kopp's registrar's report stating a new record of 560 swimmers registered to date ( a 20% increase over 468 in 2008). Point of concern is that there are only ten Louisiana and two Mississippi teams registered as 17 teams have dropped out over last ten years, and that Mississippi swimming participation has declined. Board approved motion to cut SMS share of USMS dues from \$13 to \$11 in 2011 so dues to members of SMS will remain at \$40 and not increase. Board also voted to past on the \$5 savings offered by USMS for those registering in September and October of 2010. He recommended SMS getting away from paper registrations and going to all online renewals as most other LMSCs were doing. It was discussed that clubs/workout swim groups do not have to pay \$30? team registration to USMS since all members are registered under SMS team, but individuals should also register name of club/workout swim group because both names will appear on 2011 cards.

Rob Cambias gave the 2010 to date treasurer's report: SMS had \$18240 at start of 2010 and about \$18500 in checking now thanks to 560 new members for 2010 giving us \$7280 income since \$13 is SMS's share of \$40 USMS dues. Major expenditures this year to date are \$1000 to set up Club Assistant and continued \$20 per month fees, \$1380 for SMS caps given out at UNO LCM meet and more available for SMS team at Dixie Zone meet, \$372 for ribbons this year, \$572 for GNOTRI Club for LCM party, and future expense of about \$1500 for two delegates to USMS National Convention. This served as our audit of SMS finances required per bylaws. There was no cost for SCY meet held in Baton Rouge since run entirely by Crawfish Aquatics. He promised to e-mail the 2009 financial summary he sent into National USMS in January to all the officers. Doug Holmes was elected to fill in for Rob as a delegate to Convention along with Doug Kopp.

In her President's report and goals for coming year, **Nan Fontenot requested articles by all the officers for the SMS Newsletter** which can be accessed on the excellent Southernmastersswimming.com website run so efficiently by Ann Walton of the Crawfish Aquatics. A critique of the UNO LMC Meet pointed out the poor attendance (48 including about six from out of state), not enough timers and lap counters for 1500m on Friday, high expense and tight quarters at GNOTRI Club for party ( \$300 for room plus \$9 per person). There is no room charge for UNO Privateer room 121 for Dixie Zone Party. The Pentathlon will be held in January 2011 in Baton Rouge by Crawfish Aquatics who will host SCY in March, 2011, and Roths agreed to run the 2011 LCM at UNO. Nan assigned tasks for Dixie Zone Championship SCM Meet at UNO Dec 3-5, 2010. (see below) Vicki reminded us of the strict rules for SCM meet coming up since bulkheads at UNO requires Rob to measure pool with laser before and after each days events. Doug Holmes passed out invitations at the UNO meet for the fun Spooktacular Developmental Swim Meet Oct 30, 2010 to encourage swimming in on the north shore.

Vicki requested a **conference call** be set up by Nan after Convention to discuss progress on Dixie Zone meet arrangements, registration update since Doug K. requested an October meeting in his report, a **stroke clinic** suggested by Fay and others possibly in Baton Rouge next year, to make sure officer's articles have been written. Meeting adjourned about 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes,

SMS secretary, 8/30/10