

Minutes of the Southern Masters Officers Meeting June 5, 2011

Chris Frederic Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 2 PM. Others in attendance were Doug Holmes, Secretary, Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Fay Lachney, Sanction and Competition Chair, Ellen Hall, N.O. member-at-large, Janice Roth, special guest Tom Boak, past USMS President, Bill Jennings, Pat Arnold, and Jeff Maynor. Absent were Nan Fontenot, Chair, Doug Kopp, registrar, Frank Shepard, Coaches rep, Roger Glass Ms rep, and SMS newsletter editor.

Doug Holmes paraphrased the March minutes available under Administration on Southernmastersswimming.com. Chris reported for Doug Kopp, Registrar, that SMS has two new teams from Mississippi. Rob Cambias reported SMS finances in even better shape than March by a \$2000. He sent the 2010 Income and Expenses to USMS office along with tax report. He promised to send all board members a copy of these reports and a summary of income and expenses to date in 2011. Janice Roth joined us to discuss our next meet.

Duties for SMS SCM Championships Meet December 9,10,&11, 2011 at UNO

Hosts	SMS officers
Meet Director	Janice Roth
Fruit and drinks	Janice Roth
Invitation, flyers, payments, check-in, heat sheets & results.....	John Roth
Invitations on calendars& web site, e-mail & snail mail invitations.....	Pat Morgan
Flyers to coaches and delegates and publicity.....	Ellen Hall
Responsible for getting starter/referee/stroke judge.....	Janice
Responsible for timers, lap counters for all three days.....	Ellen Hall
Responsible for Sat. party, catered food, and drinks at UNO pool.....	Janice
Responsible for participation awards, and ribbons	Chris/Nan
Responsible for pool measurement and payment by SMS check.....	Rob Cambias
Responsible for greeting, registering swimmers all three days.....	All board members
Assemble packets with heat sheet, participation award, party info etc.....	Nan/Chris
Responsible for welcome, prayer, party announcement.....	Nan
Responsible for warm up music/star spangle banner CD on Sat and Sun....	Rob
Responsible for 15 minute devotion speaker Sunday AM.....	Nan
Officer's organizational Conference call 7:30-8 PM Wed Dec 1.....	Chris
SMS Board Meeting.....	All board members

Other business discussed:

In discussing and critiquing the current 2011 LCM swim meet, the board mentioned 1) need to plan meets further in advance, 2) declining participation in three Championship meets, 3) lack of support, attendance, and encouragement of workout group swimmers to participate by coaches (only coach at this meet was Chris Frederic, Vice Chair), 4) lack of timers and counters, 5) Registrar and editor needs to e-mail invitations to all 600 SMS members and especially to 17 coaches and teams, 6) editor needs to mail invitations to SMS members that do not have e-mail addresses or whose e-mail are returned, 7) need to send board members and coaches USMS brochures for distribution at their workout clubs, 8) better promotion of

USMS to potential members by coaches and SMS members, 9) more thought into scheduling dates of SMS Championship Meets so not to conflict, 10) need to build into heat sheet more breaks between events to allow swimmers to recover so they can swim better times especially if small number of entries. Rob reported that only Coach Chris qualified to receive \$5 per competitor from her workout group that came to this meet according to the motion passed in annual meeting in March.

Officers voted to give a \$150 SMS check to Janice Roth for this and future meets held at the UNO pool for all her help (see her responsibilities listed above). John Roth receives \$300 for timing equipment, computer, invitations, flyers, payments, check-in, heat sheets & results. However, SMS has never paid Janice for being Meet Director, arranging for food, obtaining starter/referee/stroke judge, lifeguards, timers, scheduling meets, and many more things. We could not have two SMS championship meets in New Orleans each year without her.

Officers voted to send Coach Nan Fontenot to the ASCA Clinic in August 2012 for \$1000 and expenses. Doug Holmes and Pat Arnold were selected as alternate delegates to USMS National Convention in Jacksonville Florida September 14-17 if either Rob Cambias or Chris Frederic cannot attend as planned.

Pat Morgan will be doing the next few newsletters for Ann Walton. You can send articles to her at morganink@cox.net. We need articles on LCM meets at UNO and Auburn (Chris?), Sr. Olympics Nationals (Bill or Pat?), registration results for 2012 (Doug Kopp), SMS awards (Vicki Buccino), the importance of paying \$40 USMS dues so workout groups are insured in pool and driving to pool or meets (a coach?). With help of the registrar Pat will mail and e-mail the next newsletter to SMS members and coaches with upcoming meet invitations.

Upcoming meets are Crawfish Aquatics Pentathlon in BR August 20, 2012. Entry forms were available at this meet and at several websites. The Third Annual Spooktacular Developmental Masters Meet will be held Saturday October 29, 2011 at Francos Athletic Club in Mandeville for a \$15 one day SCY meet plus fun relays, lunch, and medals for first time master competitors. Also Pelican Athletic Club in Mandeville is considering a one day developmental sanctioned meet in September by Charlie Hoolihan, former SMS Chair.

Crawfish Aquatics are considering a one day SMS/Dixie Zone Relay Meet in January 2012 so SMS members will have a great chance to get an SMS record since most of these relay events have never been swum.

The 2012 SMS LCM Championship meet is scheduled at UNO again on August 10,11,&12 the weekend before school starts and after the USMS LCM meet in July. We hope this date will increase swim meet participation from SMS members who swim during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, SMS Secretary

