

# Minutes of the October 22, 2013 SMS board conference Call

Chris Frederic, 2013 Chair and Officials Chair, started the conference call welcoming the following people at 7:03 PM: Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, Doug Kopp, Registrar, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Vicki Buccino, Top Ten Records Chair, and Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large. Absent were Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair, Rob Cambias, Treasurer, and Ellen Hall, Vice Chair.

The board introduced themselves to Barbara Aguirre, the Ms board-member-at-large, Shock Wave coach and Program Director for the Tupelo Aquatics Center where the LCM Dixie Zone/SMS Championships will be held in the recently completed 50m pool June 27-29. The board answered some of her questions and offered help in publicizing the meet in *Lane Lines*, USMS, Dixie Zone and other zones. Doug Kopp will send out the entry form to SMS members when Barbara prepares it. Pat has sent her a sanction packet. Chris will furnish her with coaches and zone contacts. We also promised to go to the meet and help in any way.

Chris appointed the following duties for the SCM Championships Dec. 14 & 15

- Meet Director - John Roth
- Calendar in Lane Lines - Doug Holmes
- E-mails to Coaches, SMS Members - Doug Kopp
- Fruits/Drinks - Ellen/Janice
- Lunch - Ellen pizzas w/ board members bringing dessert
- Referee/Starter – Orlene, Janice (w/ help from Chris)
- Timers & Lap Counters - SMS if Ellen unable to get Tulane
- Ribbons - Chris
- Pool Measurements & Payments – Rob, but Ellen will bring tape
- Greeting: SMS board Sat and Sun 10 minutes before warm ups
- Welcome, Announcements - Chris
- Warm-up Music, national anthem – Rob
- SMS board will discuss ideas for Swim Clinic over pizza lunch Saturday

Chris summarized the rule changes for backstroke at the finish, and breast stroke on the turns and will write an article for *Lane Lines*.

Doug Kopp, in his SMS registrar summary, reported 684 members (363 men and 341 women) with a renewal rate of 63% and 14 clubs in SMS. Club and workout group fees are \$25 for 2014, and USMS/SMS individual registration for 2014 would be increased \$2 to \$46 so the amount retained by the SMS LMSC remains at \$11 as in 2013. The 684 member registration total was only one off of our all time registration high of 685 (2012) and it also tied the member registration total for 2004 for second all-time high.

Chris conducted an evaluation of the May 4<sup>th</sup> O.W. Carnival, and the Swim Clinic which she previously summarized in an email to the board including a complete cost breakdown. Everyone was full of praise for the swim clinic, Susan Ingraham, full attendance, drills, video analysis, stroke techniques, coaches, and Chris' organization. The board will discuss a swim clinic for 2014 at the SCM meet over lunch on Saturday Dec 14.<sup>th</sup> Clinic expenses of \$3636 less registration income of \$1505 resulted in an anticipated loss of \$2130.

We had a disappointing response to the O.W. Carnival as is evident to 670 of the 685 SMS members, hampered by unseasonably cold weather, and conflict with another regional triathlon. With expenses of about \$3555 and only \$280 income from registrations, the net loss was \$3275, which discouraged scheduling another open water event. To show continued support for open water and distance swimming Doug Holmes moved: Instead of sponsoring an open water event in La. or Ms. SMS will promote Open Water swimming by paying for individual registrations fees for SMS members who travel to USMS National Open Water Championships as we do for USMS Championships in pools costing about \$70 per individual. Motion passed.

Pat Arnold, Sanctions chair, reported she has assembled a Sanction Forms Packet which she sends to meet directors like Dewey Case and Barbara Aguirre. Dewey has completed the entry form for the HUB Fin's Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup> SCY meet in Hattiesburg Ms. The board expressed its intent to support and attend this first meet in Ms in several years.

Vicki Buccino reported that she had sent the LCM Top Ten times to USMS. She also advised all meet directors that in the future USMS is requiring Vicki to send in the pool measurement form in pdf file for each

sanctioned SMS meet. Therefore, meet directors will have to provide her with the signed pool measurement forms immediately after the meet. Pat will include this information in her sanction packet to meet directors.

Nan Fontenot advised the board earlier that Crawfish Aquatics had agreed to host the SCY Championships at the Ketchum pool March 21-24, 2014.

Conference call SMS board meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, SMS Secretary