

Minutes of the September 18, 2016 SMS board conference Call

Chris Frederic, chair, welcomed the participating board members at 3.05 PM, being Doug Holmes, Secretary/outgoing *Lane Lines* Editor, Doug Kopp, Registrar, Mia Erickson Stevens, Open Water and Distance chair, Mariela Miers SMS/ Top Ten Records Chair, Chris Frederic, SMS BOD Chair and Officials Chair, Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, Absent: Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, Dale Williams, incoming Editor, Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair, Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large, Rob Cambias, Treasurer,

Chris Frederic expressed appreciation that most of the board members attended the Celebration of Life for Vicki Buccino, longtime board member and Top Ten/Records Chair. Annual 2016 SMS minutes were approved as posted on the SMS (see Administration) and USMS websites.

Chris introduced two new members of the Board:

- Mariela Miers as Top Ten/Records Chair already has the SMS record files for from Vicki's computer. Mariella swims for Reds in Lafayette, and holds SMS records as a long time SMS member. With her background in auditing and computer science, and her passion for swimming, Mariela will do a great job, and will be a wonderful addition to the Board.
- Dale Williams as our new *Lane Lines Editor* is a retired school teacher and coaches Holy Cross High School swim team. She holds SMS records and Top Ten times from her many SMS Championships and International meets. She will work with Doug Holmes the December/O1 *Lane Lines*, and take over the March/Q1 *Lane Lines*.

Doug Holmes moved that the USMS 2017 annual membership fees be \$45.00 per year for SMS members which reduces SMS share of income until the SMS financial statement indicates a balance of less than or equal to \$15,000. Doug Holmes moved the SMS only add \$4 to the USMS discounted fees this year and every year effective Sept 19; 2016. Motions passed.

Chris reported the results of the 2016 Swim Clinic with Bruce Rollins and Steve Heck: All 36 swimmers who attended the clinic enjoyed the helpful, informative, fun clinic including handouts and lunch. The cost to SMS was only \$1391 (Bruce refused to accept normal honorarium except for his and Steve's expenses of \$1007) of the budgeted \$2500. Income for the clinic was \$870; lunch and snacks costs \$1254. Chris returned Vicki Buccino's check to her husband Sal. Chris praised the prompt action of Dr. Mahlon Poche, an ER physician, who swims with Crawfish Masters, and Dr. Bernie Nobles who stepped up to aid Vicki. She also commended Steve Heck and others including the prompt response of the EMS. Vicki set five SMS records at the recent Texas Southern Zone Championships, in College Station TX.

Doug Holmes moved that future SMS Swim Clinics be named the "Vicki Buccino SMS Swim Clinic" in her honor and \$500 be given to the Swim Clinic budget item for the next swim clinic. Doug related that he received Vicki's sister and daughter's approval for this proposal. Motion passed.

SMS Swim Meet Calendar as listed Lane Lines and updated by SMS board.

Oct1 Sat Pelican Athletic Club Masters Meet (SCY), Mandeville, LA
Oct 5-7 Huntsman World SCM Championships Utah
Oct 8 Sat LA Senior Olympics Games (SCY), Sulphur, LA
Oct15 Sat October Splash (SCY), Fairhope, AL
Nov 12 Sat Turkey Dip SCY, Pensacola, FL
Dec 10-11 SMS SCM Championships at UNO, New Orleans, LA
Mar 4-5 SMS SCY Championships at Tupelo, Ms
Mar19 Sun LSOG District meet at UNO in NOLA
Jun 10-11 SMS LCM Championships TBA
Jun3 Sat. 5K-10K National Postal Meet 5/15-9/15/2017
Aug 12 Sat SMS Vicki Buccino Swim Clinic Crawfish Aquatics in BR
Sept 30 Sat PAC (SCY) Masters Meet, Mandeville, LA

Pat Arnold has stated that she no longer charges swim meet hosts the \$25 deposit to encourage meet directors to get their results to the Top 10/Records Chair. Ellen moved that we dispense with the \$25 fee to the Sanctions Chair. Doug K. moved that we pay for "Meet Management HY-Tek" software for Mariela to keep records. Both motions passed.

Chris gave out assignments to SMS BOD for the 2016 SCM Championships at UNO Dec 10-11

- Meet Director – John Roth,
Calendar in *Lane Lines* - Doug Holmes
E-mails to Coaches, SMS Members - Doug Kopp
Fruits/Drinks - Ellen/Janice
- Lunch – Ellen/Shawn Novak w/ board members bringing dessert
- Referee and Starter – Orlene Ryosky
- Timers & Lap Counters – Dale/Ellen try to get age grouper swimmers
- 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/Janice
- Article in *Lane Lines* - Dale Williams

The USAS Convention will be held Sept 20-25 in Atlanta, GA. Chris Frederic, Mia Erickson-Stevens and Doug Holmes (non-voting delegate) will attend. The three delegates will drive to Atlanta and attend the Dixie Zone meeting. Matt Hooper, Dixie Zone Chair, has requested our meet schedule (see above) and any other issues that need to be brought to the Zone meeting.

The next Board Meeting: Saturday December 10, after 1500m during lunch.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.