

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm EDT. Present were Scott Rabalais, Sally Dillon, Doug Church, Lynn Hazlewood, Nancy Ridout, Patty Powis, and Tracy Grilli. Mary Bolster joined the call at 9:00 pm.

1. The next conference call will be on July 14 at 8:00 pm EDT.
2. **LMSC DIFFICULTIES:** The EC discussed problems in an LMSC regarding their finances and funding for convention.
3. **NATIONAL PUBLICATION BIDS:** The current contract for our national publication expires at the end of this year. Five bids were submitted from companies wishing to provide this important communication tool for our members. The EC reviewed the report from the consultant, Mary Bolster, and formed questions to pose to her when she joins the conference call at 9:00 pm. The EC will conduct in-person interviews with three of the bidders; Douglas Murphy Communications, Inc., Sports Publications, Inc. (SWIM Magazine), and Stratton Publishing and Marketing Inc. The other two bidders, Chaos Designs, and Haynes Publishing Group, Inc. will be notified that they will not be considered. Mary joined our conference and reviewed with us the decisions we had made and answered our questions. A subcommittee will conduct the interviews on the East Coast and a proposed date of July 18 was set. (and later confirmed). Those sitting in on the interviews will be Jim Miller, Scott Rabalais, Lynn Hazlewood, and Patty Powis. Other members may join the interviews by conferencing.
4. **WEB CONTRACT AND WEB PRIORITIES:** Lynn reported that our new web contractor is Marian Briones from Fremont, CA. Marian has 8 years experience and specializes in building database driven web sites using MySQL and PHP (the platform and language we use). She also is a graphic artist and knowledgeable in web site design. She is not a masters swimmer, but is an adult athlete - karate is her sport - and is a student pilot. Marian will initially be working on database development that relates to home page and web site redesign plus functional databases to allow posting of minutes, articles, documents, and H&A stories.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** Tracy reported that everything seems to be under control for LC Nationals entries. Due to the lack of a merchant account, entries are being processed online but payment (checks) must be sent directly to Tracy. Entries are due July 8 and checks must be postmarked by July 10.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

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