

Minutes of the Annual Southern Masters Swimming Meeting for 2011

March 19, 2011 in Baton Rouge

The Annual Meeting was held following the Saturday session of the SMS SCY Championships at the Crawfish Aquatic's pool, 7150 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, La.

Nan Fontenot, SMS Chair, called the meeting to order. A total of 23 swimmers representing five SMS teams/workout groups signed the attendance sheet including Fay Lachney, Sanctions and Competition Chair, Doug Kopp, Registrar, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Vicki Buchino, Top Ten Records Chair, Ann Walton, Newsletter Editor, and Chris Frederic, new Vice Chair, Shepard, new coaches' member-at-large, and special guest Susan Ingraham, a USMS Head Coach of Master's Swim team in San Antonio, who swam with us and is collecting and dispensing ideas on improving the LMSCs (Local Master's Swim Clubs). Absent due to age group swim meet responsibilities was Rob Cambias, who submitted his report.

Doug Holmes paraphrased the minutes of last year's annual meeting prepared by Ellen Hall and distributed on our website. They were approved as submitted.

Doug Holmes summarized Rob Cambias' treasurer's report. SMS's finances are very healthy with a present checking balance of \$23,819. Major expenses were \$2,229 for the Dixie Zone Championship meet at UNO including \$372 for ribbons we can use at the next two championship meets. Expenses were thought to be offset by entry fees and \$800 from Allstate. Other expenses were \$1100 to set up Club Assistant and \$247.50 for hosting websites and updates for Southernmastersswimming.org. \$1633 to send two delegates to National USMS meeting in Denver, \$145 for Top Ten Awards, \$200 seed money for Fin's meet, \$54 for postage. Report was approved as submitted.

Doug Kopp reported 591 SMS members in 2010 and 402 to date in 2011 being 12 ahead of this time last year. The USMS membership goal for this year is 60,000 or about a 9% increase. SMS goal is $591 + 53 (9\%) = 644$ members in 2011, which is a larger membership increase than normal for SMS in recent years and presents us with a real challenge. SMS has 14 workout groups, five under the SMS umbrella, nine using their own team name including four from Ms. There are three other potential workout groups.

Fay Lachney explained the sanction form and pool measurement form, and offered her services to teams and meet directors wanting to have meets at their facility such as the developmental meet in Mandeville called the Spooktacular 10/29/11, a one day LCM meet at Crawfish Aquatics pool on 6/25/11, a possible meet in Biloxi, and a possible one day SCM meet for 400M and 800M relays at Crawfish Aquatics or at UNO. A successful stroke clinic was conducted by the Crawfish Aquatics on February 5, 2011. Fay reported she is working on the LCM Championship meet June 3-5 and the SCM Championships in December, which will be sponsored by the SMS officers as was the Dixie Zone SCM Meet with the able help of Janice and John Roth.

Vicki Buccino, our Top Ten Chair who also keeps track of SMS records, rules, awards, and pool measurement regulations, complimented Rob Cambias and Jeff Maynor for measuring the bulkhead pools that we use exclusively for our SMS Championship meets.

Nan Fontenot announced the Top Ten swimmers from SMS and presented those present their award of a personally monogrammed beach towel. She also announced that Kendra Wilson was the Outstanding Female SMS Swimmer in 2010 and Jeff Maynor as the Outstanding Male SMS Swimmer for 2010 based on their Top Ten places. Jayme Kramer was recognized for first place in 100 fly in Top Ten for M 25-29, and Pat Arnold who placed in the Top Ten in 16 events for W 71-74 for 2010. Nan also introduced Susan Ingraham, coach from San Antonio, who discussed her role in helping our board and all boards in USMS to become better.

The present officers (see above) were re-elected for the third straight year giving the organization much needed stability. Also Nan appointed to the SMS Board: Ann Walton, newsletter editor, Chris Frederic, Vice Chair, Roger Glass, Mississippi board member-at-large, Frank Shepard, as Coaches' board member-at-large whose team, Frank's Master Gators, was represented by eight swimmers, second only to the Crawfish Aquatics. Delegates elected to attend the USMS National Convention in Florida in September are Rob Cambias, Treasurer, and Chris Frederic, Vice Chair.

New Business: Rob Cambias proposed the following motion to encourage more participation in SMS Championship Meets. Only 51+ one coach (Nan) from 8 SMS teams attended the SCM meet and only 40+ two coaches (Nan & Frank) from 5 SMS teams attended the recent SCY meet being less than 10% of registered SMS swimmers. Motion passed as amended: **SMS will pay to the SMS coach on the deck who attends a SMS, Dixie Zone, or USMS Championship Meet \$5 for each swimmer from their workout group who pays full meet price and swims in the meet, and an extra \$5 if this is their first master competition.**

Nan assigned duties for SMS LCM Championships Meet June 3, 4, & 5, 2011 at UNO;

Meet Director	Janice Roth
Fruit and drinks	Janice Roth
Invitation, flyers, payments, entries, heat sheets & results.....	John Roth
Hosts	SMS officers
Flyers, publicity & Invitations on calendars & web sites etc	Ann Walton and Ellen Hall
Responsible for getting starter, referee, judges.....	Janice
Responsible for timers, lap counters.....	Coaches, and swimmers
Responsible for Sat. party, catered food, and drinks at UNO pool.....	Janice
Responsible for 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd team trophies, participation award, and ribbons	Janice
Responsible for pool measurement and payment by SMS check.....	Rob Cambias
Responsible for greeting, registering swimmers all three days.....	Chris, Doug, Doug, Fay, Vicki, Ellen
Assemble packets with heat sheet, participation award, party info etc.....	Chris and all officers
Timers and registration for Friday 1500 M swim	Chris, Doug, Doug, Fay, Vicki, Ellen
Responsible for welcome, prayer, party announcement.....	Chris Frederic
Responsible for warm up music CD on Sat and Sun.....	Rob & Janice
Responsible for 15 minute devotion on Sunday AM.....	Doug Holmes
SMS Board Meeting and Team award presentations	All board members