

## **MINTUES OF THE SOUTHERN MASTERS SWIMMING MEETING**

March 6, 2010 in Baton Rouge, LA

A meeting of the Southern Masters Swimming membership was held following the Saturday session of the Short Course Yards Masters Meet at Crawfish Aquatics, 7150 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

Nan Fontenot, SMS, Chair, called the meeting to order. SMS members participating in the meet were in attendance. Board members in attendance were: Nan Fontenot, Chair, Fay Lachney, Sanctions Chair, Doug Kopp, Membership Chair, and Vicki Buccino, Records Chair. Treasurer Rob Cambias and Secretary Doug Holmes were absent.

Nan announced that there has been confusion about Southern Masters Swimming as a unified team. Some clubs were not registering with the national office because SMS was listed as the team. In an effort to improve communications with the USMS national office and local teams (clubs or workout groups as they are now known), the national office wants all clubs to register themselves. We can still go to national meets under the umbrella of Southern Masters Swimming. This would preserve the integrity of local teams and still allow SMS members to be competitive in national events. SMS members have already voted on the unified team set-up, and Doug is now trying to catch registration errors, that is, individuals registering with their workout group or club as their team designation. A *motion* was made by ?, seconded by Scott Snyder: SMS should keep the umbrella designation and each workout group should register under its own name [Crawfish, Elmwood Sharks, etc]. *The motion passed.*

SMS will host a Dixie Zone Short Course Meters Meet at the UNO Natatorium in New Orleans, LA, the first weekend in December, from Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3, 2010. Ordinarily, in an SMS sponsored meet, the local clubs would compete against each other, however, since this zone meet may attract many more teams, Pat Arnold *moved* that SMS compete as one team. Doug Kopp seconded the motion and *the motion passed.*

Nan discussed the progress of the SMS website. Because we lost our domain, Courtney Rodell from the USMS national office is putting together a new website for SMS. We are paying for this service and the website should be up and running before long.

Ann Walton will be working on the SMS newsletter. It will be mailed electronically to the local team "club" representatives.

Treasurer Rob Cambias was unavailable to give the Treasurer's report; Doug Kopp will contact him on SMS tax matters.

Registrar Doug Kopp announced that as of March, 2010, there were 11 local teams and 398 registrations. At the end of 2009 we had 568 registered members, and at the close of 2008, there were 486 members. Doug is attempting to get in touch with the Mississippi clubs.

Online registration for USMS is now in effect. Next years registration card should have the SMS designation and that of the local club. Each SMS member will continue to get a hard copy of his or her card, even though it is available on-line.

Fay Lachney urged that pool safety be observed when entering the warm-up lanes. Swimmers should ease into the lane and NOT dive in.

Up-coming Masters Meets:

March 28, 2010, UNO Natatorium, New Orleans, LA: Greater New Orleans Senior Olympics—recognized meet

August 27 – 29, 2010, UNO Natatorium, Long Course Meters Meet

December 1 – 3, 2010, UNO Natatorium, Dixie Zone Short Course Meters Meet

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ellen Hall for Secretary Doug Holmes