

Minutes of the Southern Masters Officers Conference Call Nov. 30, 2011

Chris Frederic Vice-Chair opened the conference call at 8:15 PM. Others in attendance were Nan Fontenot, Chair, Vicki Buccino, Top Ten, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Ellen Hall, N.O. member-at-large, and Tim Root, Open and Long Distance Chair. Absent were Doug Kopp, registrar, Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Janice Roth SCM meet director, Pat Arnold, and Jeff Maynor.

Regarding the SCM Championships at UNO: Nan will get ribbons to Chris, Rob will measure pool, Terry will provide head bands as participation awards and attempt to find a Sunday devotional, Ellen will attempt to find teenage timers who need service hours and provide 100 caps and USMS decals for participants, all board members should be on hand by 9:30 AM to greet swimmers at UNO pool Saturday. John Roth will sign them in and distribute the heat sheets. Janice is in charge of facility arrangements, drinks, fruit, lunch, judge and starter.

Nan reported she has asked Pat Arnold to become new Sanctions and Competition Chair, and that Barbara Aquirre has agreed to become Ms member-at-large on the board to promote more participation in meets by SMS swimmers from Mississippi. Tim Root, Open Water and Long Distance Chair., received a consensus from the SMS board to plan SMS's first USMS Open Water Swim (one mile and 5 km) in the False River in a non-LSU home game weekend in October. He will also look into an open water clinic and contact Janice Roth about a possible long distance pool swim at UNO. He would have access to \$200 seed money for long distance swim and \$200 for a clinic, which would only be refundable if the events were not held.

Nan and Ellen will discuss with Janice Roth dates for the SMS LCM Championships possibly June 15-17 2012 or August 10-12, 2012 (age group swimmer's state meet). Chris and the board should meet with Janice in December SCM meet and get a date confirmed to put on the USMS, Dixie Zone, and SMS calendars. However, there will be no formal SMS board meeting at the SCM meet. Nan reported that the Dixie Zone SCY Championships will be held March 16,17 and 18, 2012 in Baton Rouge, and that entry forms will be forthcoming. She is still looking for a SMS Newsletter Editor. She will miss the SCM meet due to a two week trip to Africa.

Nan explained that Southern Master's Swimming (SMS) differs from the Southern Master's Swimmers (SMS) regional club. In meets/events within the SMS/LMSC two state boundary, swimmers must swim with their workout group and can not swim for the SMS regional/umbrella club. Southern Master's Swimmers (SMS) can only swim as a club at USMS Nationals, Dixie Zone, or other LMSC sponsored meets like Auburn in Feb. 2012 etc. However, Vicki says she must submit all relay members for USMS Top Ten consideration using SMS as their club name rather than their workout group name. This means for the Crawfish Aquatic relay meet on Jan. 7 all four person relays will have to be composed of members from their workout group. SMS can have SMS relay teams in the Dixie Zone SCY Championships in BR in March. This subject has been a major bone of contention at the last two national conventions and is still a work in progress. Conference call ended 9:15 PM. Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes
SMS Secretary