

## **SMS Annual Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2013**

The SMS annual meeting was held in the Crawfish Aquatic's pool following the events of the second day of an effectively run and well attended 2013 SCY Championships and a jambalaya, salad, and bread pudding lunch. Thanks to Chairperson Chris Frederic's conference call with the SMS Board four days earlier and reports by Registrar, Top Ten, Sanction, Open Water, 2012 Financial Statement, 2013 budget, most of the business, and motions were discussed. Those motions and the 2013 SMS budget are attached below and can also be found in the SMS Conf. Call Minutes of February 26, 2013 on [Southernmastersswimming.com](http://Southernmastersswimming.com). The officers and chairpersons were polled and agreed to serve another year (names and positions listed below) and the delegates and alternates to the USMS convention were selected (Chris Frederic and Rob Cambias with Ellen Hall and Doug Holmes). Ellen Hall graciously prepared handouts of the agenda, motions, budget, previous minutes, etc. to those in attendance to speed and shorten the annual meeting, which are available on request but not included for sake of brevity.

Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, called the 2013 Annual Meeting of SMS to order at 12:30 PM. In attendance were Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Vicki Buccino, Top Ten Records Chair, Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, Tim Root, Open Water and Distance Chair, Auditor, and Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair. Also attending Jeff Maynor, Entry Director for SCY Championships, Ann Walton, Laurie McKnight, and Keith Randall all of the host Crawfish Aquatics. Absent was Chris Frederic, 2012 Chair and Officials Chair., Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Doug Kopp, Registrar, & Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large.

Minutes of the March 2012 SMS Annual Meeting by SMS Secretary were approved as they appear on SMS website. Doug Kopp's Registrar report was approved including the following highlights: 685 SMS members in 2012 (71% renewals) and 465 SMS members to date in 2013, 13 clubs in 2012 and in 2013, five in MS, seven in LA and one SMS regional club with seven workout groups. The SMS regional club has 50% of the 465 members to date with 11% in five Ms stand-alone clubs, 30% in seven La stand-alone clubs, and 9% unattached. The SMS Crawfish & Tiger Aquatics in B.R. has 50% of masters in La, Shreveport Red River Masters has 18%, New Orleans, Jefferson Ph., Northshore, and Houma has only 15%, with 17% in all other La. locations. Doug Homes summarized Rob Cambias 2012 Financial Statement which reported \$26,747 beginning balance plus \$9333 income (including \$2253 for entry fees for SCY & SCM Championship meets) and \$11,507 expenditures (including \$5849 for SCY & SCM meets)

for an ending balance of \$24573 or over expended by \$2,174 or 23% of our total revenue. Report approved as was the 2013 budget of estimated \$14,850 for income and \$17,300 in expenditures for an over expenditure of \$2450 (16%). Tim Root, our industrious Open Water Chair reported on costs and safety for the first SMS Open Water event called the Tri-Lakes Open Water Swimming 1 K and 3K Carnival on Saturday, May 4. The costs are high due to a recent \$1000 liability insurance fee charged by the USMS. The Board passed a motion on Oct. 2 that SMS would financially back the Open Water Swim in May (currently estimated at \$3800 less entry fees of \$30 per SMS swimmer, but subject to revision) and reconfirmed support in the recent conference call and here today.

At this point Nan Fontenot advised the meeting that the pool was closing so the following Motions were tabled until the May SMS Board Conference Call. Tabled motions: Whereas, in 2012, the LCM meet was cancelled due to lack of entries and the SCY & SCM Championships entries only provided 38.5% of the total meet costs to SMS, Doug Holmes moves that: "The meet and /or entry director submit a budget for future SMS Championships including two trailing years history of number of paid swimmers, entry income, expenses for pool, awards, meal, officials, meet/entry directors, etc. Budgets should be submitted to the SMS Chair, Treasurer, and Auditor for approval, who are primarily responsible for SMS finances. This would give the treasurer knowledge and authority to pay expenses on behalf of SMS." And Tim Root's motion: "That the SMS Treasurer be authorized to reimburse participants from Southern Masters Swimming in a national championship Open Water Swimming event, similar to the pool reimbursement program. Pool Postal swim championships are not to be included in this program. National Championship events are held for swims of the following distances in open water:

- One mile (quarter-mile straightaway or open water course)
- Quarter-mile straightaway (2 miles)
- Open water (greater than 1 and less than or equal to 3 miles)
- Open water (greater than 3 and less than 6 miles)
- Open water (greater than or equal to 6 miles and less than 9 miles)
- Open water (greater than or equal to 9 miles)

Participants shall be reimbursed their entry fees following participation in such an event."

Meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, SMS Sec

Attachments:

SMS Proposed budget for 2013

SMS 2013 Income

700 members X \$13 9100

3 meets X 40 X30 3600

Open Water \$30 X 30 900

Swim Clinic \$25X 50 1250

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14850

SMS 2013 Expenses

SCY meet 2013 1900

LCM meet 2013 1900

SCM meet 2013 2800

5/4 Open Wtr event 3800

SMS swim clinic 2500

meet/entry/timer director 0--included in event cost

starter/judge/life guard 0--included in event cost

two conv. delegates 2400

coach/Nat meet incentive 1000

club assistant & Ad exp 1000

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17300 (17300--14850=\$2450)

Motion 1 by Doug Holmes: "SMS sponsor a one-time swim clinic by Susan Ingraham at Crawfish Aquatic pool in August 2013. The fee would be \$30 for SMS members (\$60 for nonmembers), but those driving from Shreveport or Mississippi would have their fee refunded at the end of the clinic. Estimated cost \$2500 less entry fees collected. Motion 1 passed.

Motion 2 by Doug Holmes: "Reduce SMS share of the 2014 USMS annual dues by \$4 to \$40 to encourage more master swimmers in Louisiana and Mississippi to join SMS/USMS. SMS board should evaluate annually if incentive is successful and vote at the SMS annual meeting whether to continue reduced dues if funds are available and this is still considered the best way to benefit the most USMS members for the money spent. Estimated cost in 2014 is \$2400 (600 X \$4). Motion 2 did not pass, but board expressed an interest in keeping the dues at the present \$44 as long as feasible.

Motion 3 by Doug Holmes: "SMS will charge only \$30 for LCM, SCM, & SCY Championship meets to promote more participation by SMS clubs/workout groups/ master swimmers in these meets that are hosted by SMS. SMS board should evaluate each year to see if incentive is successful and vote at the SMS annual meeting if meet costs and funds available will allow a

continued reduction in fees. Estimated SMS cost over the \$40 charged in the LCM & SCM Championship meets in 2012 would be \$800 (\$10 X 2 meets X 40 Swimmers) since the SCY meet only cost \$30. Motion 3 did not pass as board believes that quality events that SMS puts on should be charged full value.

Motion 4 by Doug Holmes: "Volunteer meet directors and/or automatic timing operator should be sought, but if unavailable are hereby authorized to be paid by the SMS treasurer a reasonable amount for SMS Championship meets, Open water events, and clinics." Motion 4 passed.

Motion 5 by Doug Holmes: "SMS will evaluate participation and costs of May 4<sup>th</sup> Open Water event a.s.a.p. to determine if meet should become annual, level of SMS financial support, how to improve the success of event etc. Estimated maximum cost for May 4, 2013 event is \$3800 less \$900 if 30 entries." Motion 5 passed.

Motion 6 by Doug Holmes: "Volunteer starter, stroke judge, and turn judges (or combination thereof) should be sought by meet director, but if unavailable for SMS Championship meets, or open water events (including safety personnel) are hereby authorized to be paid by the SMS treasurer for the best possible cost considering qualifications, training, responsibility and time on duty." Motion 6 passed.

Motion 7 by Doug Holmes: "SMS should support all swimming in Louisiana and Mississippi, but particularly master swimming. The SMS board should encourage local clubs, workout groups, and individuals to conduct USMS swim meets, one day meets, developmental meets, and clinics. The SMS board should continue to organize, promote, run, finance, and evaluate SMS Championship meets. In addition SMS should consider contributing major financial support to an Open Water event and a regional clinic." Motion 7 did not pass as board considers goal statement in bylaws adequate.









