

Ellen: Yes include following corrected version. Also I will not have to read minutes of last annual mtg if you will include them in folder. You or I can ask that they be approved as written if no corrections. Also you can include a copy of the following motion starting with "whereas." I will be on vacation for the LCM so if we have a board mtg, would you take minutes? I will be at GNOSO. Doug

Dear Rob:

Since you won't be at annual meeting I wanted to suggest you send a final 2012 statement to rest of board and also want your comments on something you mentioned and I think is important. 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 their upcoming meet including two trailing years history of number of paid swimmers, entry income, expenses for pool, awards, meal, officials, meet/entry directors, etc for the approval of the SMS Chair, Treasurer, and Auditor, who are primarily responsible for SMS finances. This would give the treasurer knowledge and authority to pay expenses on behalf of SMS." What do you think? Doug

Minutes of the February 26, 2012 SMS board conference Call

Chris Frederic, chair, started the conference call with the following people at 7:10 PM: Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, Doug Kopp, Registrar, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Vicki Buccino, Top Ten Records Chair, Chris Frederic, 2012 Chair and Officials Chair., Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, Tim Root, Open Water and Distance Chair, Auditor, and Rob Cambias, Treasurer. Absent was Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair, & Barbara Aquirre, Mississippi board member-at-large.

Chris Frederic reported that Ellen Hall will fill in for her at the SMS Annual Meeting on Sat March 2. Chris Frederic polled all the SMS officers present and all agreed to serve another year, and Chris will contact the other two. Board approved the October 2, 2012 SMS Conference Call Meeting Minutes before the SCM Championships as appear on SMS website. There were no By-law revision for including a dispute clause, but Ellen and Pat will try to have a report for the next Conference call in May. Tim Root, meet director reported on costs and safety for the first SMS Open Water 1 K and 3K Carnival on Saturday, May 4. 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) so no team or individual will suffer any financial loss on SMS's first Open Water event. Doug Kopp submitted his Registration Report earlier by email. Highlights of his report are 685 SMS members in 2012 (71% renewals) and 465 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 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. have 50% of masters in La, Shreveport Red River Masters have 18%, New Orleans, Jefferson Ph., Northshore, and Houma have only 15%, with 17% in all other La. locations. Delegates to National convention in California are Chris Frederic and Rob Cambias with alternates as Ellen Hall and Doug Holmes. A lengthy discussion ensued on how to increase participation in Championship meets with completion from triathlons, other Dixie Zone and National meets, Open water and distance swims, economics, shift to swim for fitness, exercise and health rather than completion, and lack of master coaches promotion like Dick Bower who required his team to participate. Chris will talk

to Nan, Coaches Chair, about improving coach and other clubs participation. Rob Cambias reported \$11,700 income (including \$2253 for entry fees for SCY & SCM Championship meets), \$9333 expenditures (including \$5848 for SCY & SCM meets).

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

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

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 /September 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. 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). This motion 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 did not pass indicating 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." Passed

Motion 5 by Doug Holmes: "SMS will evaluate participation and costs of May 4th Open Water event asap 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. " 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." 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." Did not pass as goal statement in bylaws.

Conference call adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, SMS Secretary