

Minutes of the August 27, 2014 SMS board conference Call

Chris Frederic, chair, started the conference call with the following people at 8:10 PM: Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, Doug Holmes, Secretary/Co-Editor, Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Vicki Buccino, Top Ten Records Chair, Chris Frederic, 2014 Chair and Officials Chair., Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, & Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large. Absent: Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair, Doug Kopp, Registrar, Scott Fleming, Open Water and Distance Chair, Edina Pou, Co-Editor of *Lane Lines*.

Chris welcomed everyone and gave a president's report with mention of LCM Summer Nationals. Her emphasis for 2015 will be to promote masters swimming in Mississippi and get more Mississippi masters (and first time La. masters) to SMS Championship meets. SMS hopes to have another Family YMCA meet near Hattiesburg in January, and a swim clinic in or near Mississippi. Chris reported that she (two firsts), Pat (one first) and Cecile Manny came in eighth place among the women at USMS Summer LCM Nationals! She welcomed Scott and Edina to the board and hopes to appoint someone as Competition Chair, contact Will Vanderbrook to see if he will serve as Auditor, and someone as Awards Chair.

Doug Holmes, secretary, posted the Minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting on the web site under "Administration" where these conference call minutes will be posted after distribution to the board. Doug reported that Pat Arnold and he would be attending the USMS National Convention in Jacksonville Florida September 18-21 as SMS Delegates. He would be attending meetings on competitions, rules, insurance, and registration. Pat would attend meetings on sanctions and possibly registration. Both would attend the Dixie Zone meeting.

Barbara Aguirre reported on the successful Dixie Zone LCM Championships at Tupelo's new Aquatic Center. The three board members who attended thought the Shockwave team set a new standard of excellence for Dixie Zone Championship Meets with the world class pool and blocks, the warm hospitality, parents who timed, the Visitor Center support, tour of Elvis' home and party, and the beautiful facilities. Barbara suggested the Dixie Zone establish a recommended order of events for future Championships. Doug will bring this up for discussion at the Dixie Zone Annual meeting at convention.

Doug Kopp submitted his 2013 Registration Report at the annual meeting in March, 2014. Highlights of his report: 717 SMS members in 2013 and 18 clubs. Doug had a bike accident at a triathlon in Wisconsin and today had surgery on his right hand and wrist. The board prays for a quick and complete recovery. Nan Fontenot will be helping him in his registrar duties and will send out the August 2014 *Lane Lines* to SMS members.

Doug H. moved that SMS keep the same SMS share of \$11 for 2015 and that we accept Option 1 of reduced SMS share of \$7 for Sept-Dec. 2014, and skip Option 2 as too complicated. Motion passed unanimously.

USMS annual dues for Nov.2014 to Dec 31, 2015

USMS Portion = \$37

SMS Portion = \$11

Total 2015 dues = \$48

Option 1 Sept-Dec. 2014

USMS Portion = \$25

SMS Portion = \$ 7

Total Fee = \$32

Vicki moved that we do another SMS Swim Clinic in 2014 for about \$2500. Motion passed unanimously. Chris will organize for possible August, possibly using Scott Bay, in or near Mississippi if feasible.

Rob Cambias reported SMs remained financially sound with \$ 31,031 in the checking account. Checking balance is up \$6000 since the first of the year due to SMS's \$11 share of the \$46 USMS dues. The absence of SMS spending was due to the fact that Crawfish Aquatics at the SCY Championships and Shockwave at Tupelo at the Dixie Zone/SMS LCM Championships handled the income and expenses with little expenditures for SMS.

SMS Proposed budget for 2015

SMS 2015 Income

755 SMS members X \$11	8300
3 meets X \$40 X40 swimmers	4800
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SMS 2015 Expenses

SCY meet 2015-B.R.	1000
LCM meet 2015 -?	1900
SCM meet 2015-UNO	2800
meet/entry/timer director	0--included in event cost
starter/judge/life guard	0--included in event cost
Swim clinic	2500
two conv. delegates	2400
coach/Nat meet incentive	1000
club assistant & Ad exp	1000

Top Ten awards etc 500

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\$ 13100

Doug Holmes asked if there were any other meets to put on the **SMS/Dixie Zone/USMS calendar.**

9/15-12/15 Speedo--USMS 3000/6000 YD Postal National Championships

Sun Oct 5 Louisiana Senior Olympic Games 50+ USMS recognized, UNO Arena

Sat. Oct 11 /SCY: Pelican Athletic Club Meet, Mandeville, La

Sun Oct 19 /SCY: October Splash, Fairhope, Ala

Sat Nov. ? SCY Turkey Leg/Franco's Meet, Mandeville, La.

Dec 6-7 SCM: SMS Championships, UNO Arena, NOLA

Dec 13-14/ SCM: Dixie Zone Championships, Atlanta, Ga.

Jan. ?/ SCY: Family YMCA Masters Meet near Hattiesburg, Ms

Feb 2015 One Hour SCY National Postal Swim

Sun. March 1 Greater N.O. Senior Olympics 50+ USMS Recognized, UNO Arena

Feb 7-8 /SCY: Auburn Master's Invitational, Auburn, Ala.

March 16-18? SCY: SMS Championships, Baton Rouge, La

April 23-26/ SCY: USMS Spring Championships San Antonio, Texas

Sun. May 1?/ 5K: Pensacola Fl. Bridge Open Water (also 1 mi., 10K & 25K)

Ellen moved that we hold the 2014 SCM Meet at UNO Dec 6-7. Motion passed unanimously. Chris asked for the following help from SMS board members.

- Meet Director – John Roth
- Calendar in *Lane Lines* - Doug Holmes
- Article in *Lane Lines* promoting SCM meet- Edina Pou
- E-mails to Coaches, SMS Members - Doug Kopp
- Fruits/Drinks - Ellen/Janice
- Lunch - Ellen w/ board members bringing dessert

- Referee/Starter – Orlene, Janice (w/ help from Chris)
- Timers & Lap Counters – Rob will try to get some Mt. Carmel timers and Ellen some Tulane timers.
- Ribbons - Chris
- Pool Measurements & Payments – Rob, but Ellen will bring tape
- Greeting: SMS board Sat and Sun 10 minutes before warm ups
- Welcome, Announcements - Chris
- Warm-up Music, national anthem – Rob

Rob mentioned the Pensacola Bay Bridge Swim as a fun event that would promote open water swimming for SMS members, and asked that Scott Fleming look into promoting it for 2015. Rob and other SMS swimmers have swum in it before and Rob will try to get an article on last year's event to Edina Pou for *Lane Lines*.

Conference call adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, SMS Secretary