

SMS Annual Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2014

The SMS annual meeting was held at the Crawfish Aquatic's pool following the events on Saturday of an effectively run and well attended (49 swimmers) 2014 SCY Championships and a jambalaya spaghetti, salad, and bread pudding lunch. Thanks to Chairperson Chris Frederic's organization and reports by Registrar, Top Ten, Sanction, chairpersons the need for extended discussion was reduced. The elected officers and appointed chairpersons had been polled and all agreed to serve another year (names and positions listed below) The five officers were reelected (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Sanctions) as well as delegates to the USMS convention (Chris Frederic and Doug Holmes with Pat Arnold as alternate).

Chris Frederic, Chair, called the 2014 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, and Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair. Absent were Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Doug Kopp, Registrar, and Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large. Chris appointed Scott Fleming, Mandeville FINS Coach, as Open Water and Distance Chair. and Edina Pou as *Lane Lines* Co-Editor.

Chris thanked Crawfish Masters for hosting a great meet, including Meet Director Nan Fontenot, chef Tim Thigpen and the ladies from Saint Joseph's Academy for acting as timers, counters and everything else we needed or asked of them. She also thanked Crawfish South age group Coach Steve Panzram for his video clinic.

Minutes of the March 2013 SMS Annual Meeting by SMS Secretary Doug Holmes were approved as they appear on SMS website. Doug highlighted the Dixie Zone/ SMS Championship Meet to be held in the new Tupelo Aquatics Center 50 meter pool June 27-29. Nan and Pat will be contacting Barbara Aguirre, meet director, to get a sanctioned meet invitation on the Web Sites as soon as possible.

Doug Kopp's Registrar's report was submitted and approved including the following highlights: 684 SMS members in 2013 (70% renewals) and 552 SMS members to date in 2014, 13 independent clubs in 2013 and in 2014, plus the SMS regional club with about 50% of the members.

Pat Arnold's Sanction report was submitted and approved. She reported seven events sanctioned in 2013 including SMS first Open Water event and three events in 2014 to date. Pat and Chris both emphasized the importance of meet directors contact Pat before and after they fill out the sanction form so she can walk them through the sanctioning and pool measuring process.

Rob's 2013 Financial Statement reported \$24573 beginning balance plus \$11090 income (including \$1537 for SCM Championships) and \$10133 expenditures (including \$1780 for entry fees for SCM Championships so only a \$243 loss) and an ending balance of \$25529 or a yearly gain of \$957 in income over expenditures for the year.

Nan Fontenot, Coaches Chair was complimented for another successful meet as meet director. She passed out monogrammed towel awards to Southern Master Swimmers during the meet who placed in the Top Ten in at least one event to eight women with 36 Top Tens and seven men with 14 Top Tens, and one to Tim Thigpen for preparing the great lunch. She gave a monogrammed blue work-shirt to Coach Steve.

Vicki Buccino, Top Ten and SMS Records Chair, thanked Jeff Maynor and Ellen Hall for measuring the movable bulkhead pools. She earlier tallied up the Top Ten points for

Outstanding SMS Female and Male swimmers. Since she has to turn in times to USMS for Top Ten, she asked that all meet directors to use the high tech software that puts the times in the correct format. It was moved and passed that SMS consider purchasing this software for clubs (\$250? value) that are conducting sanctioned SMS meets as the SMS board deems prudent.

Ellen Hall asked that pool safety be addressed. Fay Lachney agreed to write a future article about pool etiquette like no diving except where and when designated, swim counterclockwise in practice lanes, use of warm down pool, getting to the blocks on time and being ready to swim etc.

Chris thanked everyone for coming and meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.