

## Minutes of the July 5, 2017 SMS board Conference

### Call

Chris Frederic, chair, welcomed the participating board members at 7:32 PM, being Doug Holmes, Secretary, Mia Erickson Stevens, Open Water and Distance Chair, Mariela Miers SMS/ Top Ten Records Chair, Chris Frederic, SMS BOD Chair and Officials Chair, Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, and Dale Williams, Lane Lines Editor.

Absent: Nan Fontenot, out-going Communications Chair and Coaches Chair, Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large, Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Rebecca King, new Webmaster, Tom Schmall, new Coaches Chair, and Doug Kopp, Registrar.

Chris Frederic introduced **new SMS Board Members, Rebecca King, Webmaster, and Tom Schmall, coaches' Chair replacing Nan Fontenot who Chris thanked for chairing both positions for several years.** Doug proposed awarding a Plaque of appreciation to Nan Fontenot for her years of service to SMS and USMS for the LCM Championships. Tom Schmall, the coaches' chair would arrange for the plaque.

Pat, Ellen and Rob were appointed as a team to aid Chris in setting up the SMS Championships for 2017 & 2018. Ellen signed the contract for UNO pool (\$800) for LCM meet and arranged for two people to handle timing. Pat sanctioned the meet and with Jeff Mayor arranged for online signups by Club Assistance who receives entry fees and cuts SMS a check. Chris will advise Ellen how much Club Assistance charges. Jeff is committed to handling entries and invitations for the 2017 LCM and SCM Championships only. Ellen and Janice arranged to hold the SCM Championships on Dec. 1 & 2, 2017. Doug suggested having four 25m events (all four strokes) at the SCM Championships for first time master competitors who would each receive a gold medal. PAC plans to have a SCY master's meet on Saturday Sept. 30, possibly in conjunction with LSOG State Meet if PAC agrees and the USMS insurance covers non-USMS members too. As a backup, Pat will contact Christwood pool in Mandeville to see if they could run a proper LSOG meet and get it recognized by USMS. Coach at Sulphur La. (SPAR) may hold the SCY Championships in March 2018.

Doug Holmes proposed past SMS Board Meeting Minutes on December 10, 2016 be approved as posted on the SMS (see Administration) websites, and nominated Steve Heck as new SMS Secretary and delegate to 2017 USMS Convention in Dallas Sept. 13-17, 2017. Both passed. The other elected officers being Chris Frederic, SMS Chair, Doug Kopp, Registrar, and Rob Cambias, Treasurer have all agreed to serve another term (elections are held every two years) and will be elected at the SMS Annual Meeting when other nominations would be considered if nominee agrees to run and is a current SMS member. Also Mia Erickson Stevens agreed to run as voting delegate to National USMS Convention and Mariela Meirs as nonvoting delegate. Elections will be held at LCM Championships. Voting and non-voting delegate's expenses are paid by SMS.

Doug Kopp reported that current SMS membership was at 450 members compared to high of 748 at end of 2015 and 648 in 2016. The membership reduction is primarily due to Crawfish Aquatics not requiring SMS memberships. Goal is 500 for year. To encourage SMS membership the USMS annual membership fees will be \$45.00 per year for SMS members until the SMS financial statement indicates a balance of less than or equal to \$15,000.

Mariela updated SMS records and sent in results for USMS TOP TEN. She did not purchase "Meet Management HY-Tek" software. She sent in three pool measurement verifications. Meet directors send her meet results on HY3 and pdf. Dale Williams, Editor, completed the May Lane Lines but has not been able to get Doug Kopp to send it onto the SMS membership. Mia Erickson Stevens, Distance and O.W. Chair, only reported that her team had been doing a lot of Open Water events. Pat Arnold, Sanction Chair, reported she will sanction three SMS Championship meets to be held in 2017, and the PAC meet, scheduled for Sept 30, 2017.

Rob Cambias reported \$ \_\_\_\_\_ presently in the SMS checking account, and submitted the 2016 Financial Statement to the USMS on \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Chris asked him to bring the check book and bank statements for the past two years to LCM Championships Saturday July 29 so three board members could audit per SMS Bylaws BEFORE the annual meeting (audit form attached). The Secretary will send the audit report to USMS Officers.

### Chris gave out assignments to SMS BOD for the 2017 LCM Championships at UNO July 29 & 30

Meet Director – Janice Roth,  
Meet Calendar and follow up article in Lane Lines – Dale Williams  
E-mail invitations to Coaches, SMS Members - Doug Kopp  
Fruits/Drinks - Ellen/Janice  
Lunch – Ellen and Dale w/ board members bringing a covered dessert  
Referee and Starter – Orlene Ryosky and appointee at meet  
Timers & Lap Counters – master board members and swimmers when not swimming an event  
Welcome, announcements and Ribbons - Chris  
Pool Measurements & Payments – Rob, but Ellen will bring tape  
Greeting: SMS board Sat and Sun half hour before warm ups until half hour before meet starts  
Warm-up Music, national anthem – Rob/Janice  
Annual SMS Meeting following the relays requiring all board members attendance.  
Next Conference Call scheduled by Chris at 7:30 PM Wed. Sept. 6, 2017. This Conference Call was concluded at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Holmes SMS Secretary