

**SPMS Monthly Minutes via Zoom**

**Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024**

**TERMINOLOGY: Motion - Second - Passed (MSP)**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** 7:34 PM Pacific Time

**FACILITATOR** Kenny Brisbin

**RECORDER** Lucila Davies

**1. ROLL CALL TO TAKE ATTENDANCE**

*Executive Committee, Contractors, and Committee Chair Attendees*

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Kenny Brisbin (LBG),<br>Chair     | 5. Fiona Duncan (ROSE),<br>Member-At-Large              | 8. Anita Cole (LBG),<br>Marketing               |
| 2. Robin Smith (NOVA), Vice<br>Chair | 6. Christie Ciraulo (WH2O),<br>Open Water               | 9. Robert Mitchell (MVN),<br>History & Archives |
| 3. Bob Eberwine (SOBA),<br>Treasurer | 7. Virgil Chancy (UC33),<br>Diversity & Inclusion Chair | 10. Arlette Godges (SBM),<br>Sports Medicine    |
| 4. Lucila Davies (LBG),<br>Secretary |   |   |

*SPMS Member Attendees*

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11. Bart Parnes (LBG)           | 16. Jennifer Cooper (CVMM) | 23. Mary Hull (UC33)    |
| 12. Ralph Porrazzo (ROSE)       | 17. Errol Graham (WH2O)    | 24. Chad Durieux (ROSE) |
| 13. Diana Dolan LaMar<br>(UC33) | 18. Bill Sive (SWLB)       | 25. Dara Goldsmith      |
| 14. Susan Shore                 | 19. Sabrina Amigo (ROSE)   | 26. Omar de Armas       |
| 15. Beata Konopka               | 20. Brandon Franklin       |                         |
|                                 | 21. Bill Present           |                         |
|                                 | 22. David Johannsen        |                         |

**Total** 26

*Executive Committee, Contractors, and Committee Chair Absentees*

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|---|--|---|
| 1. Jorge Ferrero (UC33),<br>Newsletter Editor | 3. Judi Divan (MVN), TopTen &<br>Membership Coord. | 5. Cory Nguyen (RIPT),<br>Coaches Chair |
| 2. Mary Jurey (WH2O),<br>Fitness Chair        | 4.   | 6. Alina de Armas (MVN),<br>Officials   |

**2. APPROVE MINUTES** Approved minutes from Thursday, June 13, 2024, monthly meeting. MSP.

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### 3. STANDING AGENDA

#### Executive Committee Reports

[Vice Chair](#)

[Treasurer Report](#)

[June Balance Sheet](#)

[June Income Statement](#)

[June Budget vs Actuals](#)

#### SPMS Committee Reports

##### [Meet Operations Committee](#)

- The allowance of deck entries depends on the permit agreement between the host and the facility. Deck entries can extend the swim meet timeline, but permits often restrict the time the facility is available.

##### [Program Development/Marketing Committee](#)

- Try Masters in August, use Olympic-themed swim practices
- Reminders of USMS Coach Certifications on November 9th, Annual Meeting and Clinic on November 16th
- Open Water Series:
  - There are issues with festival-type events that include collegiate swimming and USA Swimming, complicating the sanctioning process. Instead of requiring annual sanctioning, these events should be recognized similarly to the senior games formerly held at the Rose Bowl. This proposal was presented at the USMS meeting.
  - Additionally, the summer's open water calendar was not satisfactory due to the late Spring Nationals and scheduling conflicts with popular festivals, resulting in a loss of open water swims.
- Proposals:
  - Create a Calendar: Establish a calendar by January to drive SPMS swimmers to participate in these events.
  - Annual Recognition: Recognize these events without requiring yearly sanctioning, especially since many have been held for over 50 years.
  - Inclusion in Point System: Include these events in the SPMS point system to ensure their significance and encourage participation.
  - Avoid Conflicts: Make a concerted effort to avoid scheduling open water swims that conflict with long-time favorites such as Naples Island and San Clemente festivals.
  - Safety Plan Approval: Post events on the SPMS website and review and approve the safety plans and swim details, eliminating unnecessary expenses for the festival organizers.
- Official Motion: Add the rule - SPMS Open Water Series allow for this year at least to recognize the open water swim in conjunction to the NCAA race in Long Beach. MSP.

##### [Coaches Committee](#)

- Coaches Zoom Call on Sunday, July 21st at 7:30 pm.
  - Discussing resources that can be utilized, upcoming events, etc.
  - Email was sent out to the SPMS membership with zoom link included.

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### Contractor Reports

#### Membership Coordinator

- Roughly 120 members down

#### Top Ten Recorder

- The final short course for the 2024 season was turned into Nationals.

*\* Reports recorded above are the only submitted reports for the current month. Any others missing are due to no submitted report nor updates being reported. Reports recorded above are MSP.*

### USMS Committee Reports

*No update from members of USMS Committees.*

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting Committee
  - I'm still waiting until the Olympics progresses before finalizing an Olympian swimmer speaker.
    - Possibly having Gabrielle Rose as a guest speaker. Mike Collins will contact Arlette Godges to see about Gabrielle Rose's attendance.
- USMS Board Meeting Review - Saturday, July 13th
  - 8-2:30 pm meeting via zoom. Went over the taxes report, audit report and more.
  - Needing a fill-in for the USMS Foundation board. So the USMS secretary was voted in to be part of the USMS Foundation board.
  - Board Assessment Review - started looking over the 77-page review on how diverse the USMS is and what is lacking as well and what to improve.
  - Discussing legislation rules and long-distance changes for annual meeting
  - Transgender policy changes
  - We also discussed the feedback from the LMSC zone zoom calls.
- Relay / NCC
  - Google form to participate went out and there are responses. The deadline for those interested who still need to complete the Google form is Friday, July 26th.
  - Can send ten delegates. Only eight have applied for the Relay / NCC stipend so far.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- Proposal Item 2 – 2024 USMS Summer Nationals – Local Official Reimbursement - Diana LaMar

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- Currently, USMS reimburses travel, hotel (50%), and rental car expenses for officials who work 50%+1 of the sessions at a USMS National Meet.
- For the 2024 USMS National Meet at Mission Viejo, 38 officials have applied. While many local officials won't need travel reimbursements, Diana LaMar proposes that SPMS reimburse local officials who work at least 6 of the 10 sessions. The reimbursement would be \$60 for showing up and \$17 per hour worked. Officials cannot apply for both USMS and SPMS reimbursements.
- The estimated cost is \$10,000 from the SPMS budget, with attendance verified by Omar de Armas, the Meet Referee.
  - Motion is - "I propose that SPMS reimburse the local SPMS officials who work 50%+1 of the sessions – this is a five-day meet (10 sessions), so an official must work at least 6 sessions – to be eligible for SPMS reimbursement. The reimbursement rate is \$60 show up fee and \$17/hour worked. SPMS officials may not apply for USMS travel reimbursement and the SPMS reimbursement."
  - 3 Abstains, 6 Yeses, 10 Nays = Motion does not pass.
- USMS Annual Meeting via Zoom. Ken Brisbin will reach out to eligible to be an SPMS delegate. Make sure to respond that you will be participating as a delegate when Ken Brisbin emails.
- Creating a Google form for an official process to have Club Representatives.

**MSP TO ADJOURN AT**

9:02 PM Pacific Time

**NEXT MEETING**

August 15, 2024, via Zoom at 7:30 PM Pacific Time