

SMS Annual Meeting Minutes of Saturday March 12, 2016

The SMS 2016 Annual Meeting was held at the Crawfish Aquatic's pool following the events on Saturday after lunch in the team room. Chris Frederic , SMS and Official's Chair, called the 2016 Annual Meeting of SMS to order at 2:10 PM. In attendance were Rob Cambias, Treasurer, Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Vicki Buccino, Top Ten Records Chair, Ellen Hall, Vice Chair, Doug Kopp, Registrar, Mia Erickson-Stevens Open Water and Distance Chair, and Nan Fontenot, Communications Chair and Coaches Chair. Absent were Barbara Aguirre, Mississippi board member-at-large, and Ann Hill, Editor.

Thanks to Chairperson Chris Frederic's organization and written reports by the chairpersons the need for extended discussion was reduced. Swimmers were given ballots when they registered for the meet. Elected for two year terms are Chris Frederic, SMS Chair, Doug Kopp, Registration Chair, Doug Holmes, Secretary, Rob Cambias, Treasurer, 2016 delegates to the USMS convention Chris Frederic, Ann Hill, and Mia Erickson with Rob Cambias and Doug Holmes as alternates. Chris reappointed Ellen Hall as Vice Chair, Vicki Buccino as Top Ten and SMS Records Chair, Pat Arnold as Sanctions Chair, Ann Hill as *Lane Lines* Editor, Nan Fontenot as Webmaster and Coaches Chair, Barbara Aguirre as Ms Brd Member-at-Large, Mia Erickson-Stevens as Open Water and Distance Chair, and herself as Officials Chair.

Chris thanked Crawfish Masters Aquatics for hosting another great SCY Championship meet, especially Meet Director Nan Fontenot, Entry and Timing Director Jeff Maynor, for the breakfast spread, the chicken and sausage pasta by Tom Thigpen and Terry Jaynes' bread pudding, the swimmers who brought desert, and the High School girls from Saint Joseph's Academy for being timers. She called for Chairperson's reports. The minutes of the March 2015 SMS Annual Meeting by SMS Secretary Doug Holmes were approved as they appear on SMS website under "Administration". Doug Kopp's Registrar's report was submitted and approved including the following highlights: SMS had 742 members in 2015 (ten less than last year and missing our goal of 800), 495 SMS members have registered to date in 2016. SMS had 18 independent clubs in 2015 plus four

workout groups with the SMS regional club with about 50% of the SMS members. Nine of the clubs were from Mississippi totaling 90 swimmers including unattached SMS members, but four Ms clubs have not renewed this year. Pat Arnold's Sanction report was submitted and approved. She reported there were only four USMS sanctioned meets (three SMS Championship Meets, and the one-day Pelican Athletic Club in Mandeville in Sept) and one recognized swim meet in 2015, being the Greater N.O. Senior Olympic Games. Other clubs were encouraged to have one day masters swim meets. Pat emphasized the importance of meet directors contacting her before and after filling out the sanction form so she can walk them through the sanctioning, the new liability release form, and pool measuring process. Rob Cambias, SMS Treasurer, reported about \$30,500 in the checking account at the end of 2015, being \$300 more than the beginning balance of \$30,200. Income from USMS registrations (\$11 each is returned to SMS times 742 members) was calculated at \$8162 plus the SCM Championships fees less the SCM Championship's cost that SMS incurred, less Swim Clinic expenses over income (about \$2500), less USMS convention costs (\$1828), Club Assistant charges (\$295), Top Ten awards (\$713), coaches' incentives (\$260) and national meet incentives (\$514). Report was approved. Vicki Buccino, Top Ten and SMS Records Chair, thanked Jeff Maynor for measuring the movable bulkhead in the pool before and after each day's events. Vicki announced the two Outstanding 2015 SMS Female Swimmers who tied with four Top Ten times each, Lauren Menicucci age 24 and Melanie Pascal age 24 and the 2015 Outstanding Male Swimmer, Richard Hartman, age 60, with 11 Top Ten times. Nan Fontenot presented them with their awards and the Southern Master Swimmers who placed in the USMS Top Ten in at least one event (eight women with 43 Top Ten times and three men with 20 Top Ten times, see names in next issue of Lane Lines). Nan did this very effectively between events during the meet. Mia Erickson hoped to have the 5K and 10K National Postal Swims from May 15 to August 15, 2016 in a LCM pool, and will attempt to work out a date(s) this summer to using the Crawfish Aquatic or UNO 50 m pool. She plans to use the YMCA Osprey meet to be held May 7, 2016 in Ocean Springs as our SMS Open Water Event for 2016 being one and two mile swims in the Ms. Sound. Ann

Hill could not attend, but plans to publish Lane Lines quarterly with articles that are of interest to SMS members.

Chris reviewed the \$50 sanction fee for insurance for each SMS pool meet which is to be paid to USMS by the SMS Registrar and Treasurer. If SMS sanctions an Open Water meet the sanction fee would be \$300 plus \$5 per participant up to \$1000 maximum. She reviewed the \$180 scholarship for active coaches to attend USMS Level 1&2 certification classes. Interested coaches need to submit a written request to Nan Fontenot, Coaches' Chair, stating their experience and team goals. She has asked Governor Edwards to proclaim April 2016 as "Adult Learn to Swim Month" in conjunction with the USMS promotion for all 50 states and USMS continued support of "Swimming Saves Lives." Barbara Aguirre achieved this recognition with the Mississippi Governor. Chris Frederic hopes that the 2016 LCM Championships will be held at Nichols State pool in June again (no dates yet) and the 2015 SCM Championships will probably be held at UNO the first weekend in December. Chris, after her successful Swim Clinic in 2015, is planning another SMS Swim Clinic on a Saturday in August 2016. She is looking for a good USMS Coach. Several SMS swimmers indicated an interest in South Central Texas Zone LCM Championships, so Doug H. moved that SMS reimburse SMS members who swim in this event July 29-31 their \$50-70 registration fees. Motion passed. Chris thanked everyone for attending and meeting adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, SMS Secretary