

SMS Annual Meeting Sat. July 29, 2017 at UNO

Chris Frederic, General Chair, opened the meeting at 2:10 PM in the pool area. She mentioned the USMS Adult Swim Program Clinic held in N.O., a proposed Vicki Buccino Memorial Swim Clinic for August 2018, the scholarship and incentive programs available to the 40 SMS Coaches. She reported that three SMS Board members were stepping down after serving an average of ten years each, coming in at the critical Post-Katrina time. They are Nan Fontenot, Coaches' Chair and Webmaster, Doug Kopp, Registrar, and Doug Holmes Secretary and recent Lane Line Editor.

Chris' introduced newly appointed SMS board member, Tom Schmall, Coaches' Chair, and SMS Coach of the Elmwood team, replaces Nan Fontenot. Tom's goals are to improve participation of 40 SMS coaches and 15 SMS teams in La. and Ms. through better communication and training.

Chris introduced Rebecca King, replacing Nan Fontenot as Webmaster. She plans to use Facebook as the social media to keep SMS members better connected. She will update the southernmastersswimming.com website reorganizing "administration" (officers, bylaws, minutes, and Lane Lines back to 2010), and RECORDS/RESULTS (SMS Records, Top Ten, Outstanding Swimmers, and other swim recognition. She will improve the appearance, user options, menu, quick access to other venues, and prepare a cost comparisons between Club Assistance and an SMS webmaster-operated website for the September 6 th Conference call.

Chris asked for a volunteer to replace Doug Kopp who retired after helping SMS achieve eight years of growth from about 480 members to 743 members in 2015, registered members and teams and sent out USMS membership cards (now done online by USMS), Emailed SMS Championship invitations and Lane Lines, and coordinated fees with USMS and SMS Treasurer. The registrar's phone and address will be on USMS and SMS websites as the primary SMS contact to answer potential member's questions.

Chris reappointed Ellen Hall as Vice Chair, Mariela Miers, Top Ten Chair, Dale Williams, Lane Lines Editor, Mia Erickson Stevens, Distance and O. W. Chair, and Barbara Aguirre, Ms. Board Member at Large and Pat Arnold, Sanctions Chair.

Because the office of Secretary is an elected position along with General Chair and Treasurer, Chris opened the floor for nominations. Steve Heck was elected Secretary. He has recently moved back to La. and practices with the Crawfish Aquatics. He holds most of the National USMS records for the 65+ age group. Elections were also held for three delegates to USMS National Convention in Dallas Sept 13-17, 2017 being Mia Erickson Stevens, Steve Heck and Mariela Miers (nonvoting or alternate if one of other two can not attend). Tom Schmall nominated all three who were elected unanimously.

Doug Holmes' secretary's Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved as appeared in Administrative section of SMS website. The attendance sheet was passed around and signed by thirty members, but all in the pool area were able to hear and participate in the meeting.

There was a twenty minute break in the meeting allowing members to eat the best lunch we have ever had at a SMS Championship meet thanks to Rob Cambias who arranged the meal and Ellen Hall who

again organized it. Rob reported \$30,235 currently in the SMS checking account with Regions Bank and three board members audited the check book and bank statements for 2016 & 17 so he can submit the 2017 Audit Report to the USMS office before the National Convention. Rob shared his 2016 Income and Expense Statement indicating expenses of \$6721 less income of \$4445 for a net loss of \$2275 which was anticipated since SMS had \$30,478 in checking as of 1/1/16 less \$2275 should leave \$28,315 in the checking account as of 12/31/16. The Regions Bank Statement for 12/30/16 was \$32,075.94 vs amount in check book of \$30,235.70.

Pat Arnold, Sanction Chair., reported sanctioning three SMS Championship meets as she does every year and PACs Seventh Master's Meet in Mandeville on Saturday, September 30, 2017 and Don reported invitations are available on line. There is also a meet at Tupelo Ms on December 10/11, 2017, and the Shreveport Red River Masters are thinking about a one day meet next year in the fall.

Doug Kopp reported only 468 SMS members registered so far this year down from 645 at end of 2016 due primarily to Crawfish Aquatics, Red River's Masters and Tiger Aquatics not requiring USMS membership for their adult swimmers. However, New Orleans, Slidell, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast have shown an increase in USMS/SMS membership.

The meeting adjourned at 3 PM and the 1500m event started.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Holmes, Sec

PS: Doug Holmes took Rob's 2016 figures and came up with a proposed three year budget for 2017 & 18 & 19 which will be discussed, amended and approved during SMS board conference call on September 6, 2017 in the following format.

INCOME	2016 (No.)	2017 (No.)	2018 & 19 (No.)
From USMS reg	\$ 1915 (648)	\$ 1000 (500)	\$1000 (550)
SCY Championships	642	1250	1250
LCM "	388	1250	1250
SCM "	2325	1250	1250
Clinic/other	<u>216</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Total	5491	4750	4950

EXPENSES

SCY Championships	\$315 food	1500	1500
LCM “	0	1500	1500
SCY “	1575	1500	1500
Clinic/other	880	0	1000
Awards	686	300	400
Conv. Delegates	2581 (3)	\$2000 (3)	2000 (2)
SMS Website	262	250	250
Coaches Incentives	590	600	600
National Meet fees for SMS	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
Total	\$6347	\$7900	\$9250
Net	(855)	(3150)	(4900)

With \$32076 in Regions checking account at beginning of 2017 SMS, the balance would be down to \$15000 in checking account early in 2019, so the \$45 registration fee should probably be increased for the year 2019 or 2020.

Respectfully Submitted, Doug Holmes, SMS Sec