

COMSA Executive Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2010

Conference Call participants: Stan Benson (Chair), Will Amos (Vice Chair), Marcia Anziano (Registrar), Debbie Wilson (Secretary), Heather Hagadorn (Past Chair), Mark Johnson (Coaches), Jeff Magouirk (LD-Open Water), Kim Crouch (Webmaster), Richard Hess (Sanctions), Jack Nuanes (Club Development liaison to USMS); Eduardo Cruz (general member)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm via conference call.

Motions Approved:

- Appointment of Jon Cain as Communications-Newsletter Chair
- Appointment of Kent Carney as Records-Chair

1. Board Reports

a) Chair: Stan (initial meeting as Chair)

- Presented the following goals and question for Board discussion over the coming months:
 - Have Fun
 - Keep the Board Meetings timely (targeting one hour)
 - Q: What can COMSA do for swimmers, coaches and clubs other than provide insurance to drive a value proposition?
- Recommended an appreciation plaque for Kathy Garnier in recognition of her past service as Secretary of COMSA. All agreed. Stan will coordinate.
- Edward Cruz (Thornton Masters) has been asked to help with Records.

b) Vice-Chair: Will

- Positive State Meet. ~430 participants. More than prior years. See 2c below for concerns voiced. Did not feel the timeline was excessive other than Friday (distance events).

c) Treasurer: Susan

- Cash Balance: \$46,979
- Form 990ez filed and a copy sent to the national office.
- Financials also sent to the national office.
- Charity registration renewed with the Secretary of State.

d) Secretary: Debbie

- Annual Meeting minutes sent to the national office as required.
- Feb 2010 minutes not yet posted. Debbie to follow w/Kathy.

e) Registrar: Marcia

- Membership: 1,481. Down from last year. Recent reminders sent out from the national office are generating interest. Post card reminders will be sent out after Nationals to those who have not signed up. Reminder to refer membership requests to COMSA website where link is provided to USMS member registration. Some may not understand calendar year membership. Add'l issues with members registering with the wrong club – confusion with Rocky Mountain Masters (valid club but not us) and Colorado Masters.

f) Past Chair: Heather

- Thanks to Stan and Jack for meeting in March to transition COMSA information.

2. Other Business:

- a) 6K Open Water Nat'l Championship, June 19th (Karen Reeder). 21 currently signed up but hoping for 100. Support boats and kayaks lined up. Karen could use help with registration. Offer to waive registration fee for volunteers.
- b) Jon Cain appointed Communications-Newsletter Committee Chair (see Motions Approved above).
- c) State Meet
 - i) 2010 Wrap-up. Recap report from Mark Johnson. 452 entries @ 2,388 splashes for \$40.03 average and \$18,095. Participant comments included concerns w/length of the meet, lack of spectator seating, parking, option to purchase meet program, hard to hear loudspeaker, flyover starts, touch pads at far end of pool to reduce slick wall effect, relays schedule- why not all at one time, no longer a medal meet-why. Biggest problem: DU team warm-up conflict. Board discussed exploring different venues for future meets: Adams 12 district pool (136th & Holly) to open in August. 50 meters by 25 yards. Spectator seating for 800. Jeff will check out. Epoc pool in Ft. Collins is also an option to consider but may not be as easy to draw swimmers from Denver metro area.
 - ii) 2011
 - (1) Date Selection. Late March or early April dates discussed. Easter is April 24. Nationals is April 28- May1. Option #1 is March 25-27. Secondary options are the week-ends of April 1-3 or April 8-10 depending on venue. March 25-27 is preferred due to Nationals schedule. Will to check w/Carin on DU availability. Jeff will talk with Adams 12 and Stan will contact Epoc to get level of interest in hosting.
 - (2) Discussion on revenue generated by the host pool. COMSA doesn't need the money but does want a good state meet put on by the hosting pool. Should this be sent out to bid?
- d) SwimFest 2010 Coaching Stipend – Now full for coaches. No one from Colorado. Going forward when setting the budget, recommendation made to add a SwimFest budget line item to vote on. If approved, promote earlier to get coaches interested.
- e) Website Workout Group Listings - Currently there are no restrictions on tri club listings on the website whether or not they have organized swims, established groups or even a home pool. The original intent was to allow any listings to help grow Masters Swimming. The question was raised whether the Board wants to consider future guidelines for “valid” workout groups such as a physical website address or specific pool workout times and locations. Heather mentioned that additional information/guidelines might come out of Convention. In the meantime, Debbie will respond back to Kevin that there are currently no restrictions on workout group listings.
- f) Convention Selections – Requesting candidates for convention (Dallas, TX - Sept 18-19). There are five available Convention spots in addition to automatic delegates (Heather, Marcia, and Peggy Buchanan). COMSA reimburses airfare, standard transportation airport to hotel, 50% of hotel and \$25/day. Nominations were requested. Stan, Richard (USMS History & Archives committee member), Jack (club development liaison to USMS), and Kim (USMS Championship committee member) expressed interest in attending. Stan will send out a request to the COMSA executive board and chairs to see if there are other interested convention attendees.

3. Committee Chair and Liaison Reports:

- a) Awards – Chris. (No report)
- b) Club Development Liaison to USMS– Jack. A new Intro to Masters/Mastering Masters 6-week theme-oriented program was announced targeting “fence sitters” to generate interest in COMSA and local master’s workout groups. Jack Nuanes, Marcia Anziano and Karen Kaussner (general member) are working to develop the program and information will appear in the July-Aug-Sept Newsletter. Dates: Sept 8-Oct 13 (Wednesdays) Location: Greenwood Athletic Club. Size: 6-15 swimmers. Various pricing levels.

- c) Coaches – Mark. Sweden Worlds – Colorado swimmers? Mark is going and has offered to put together relays. 5/22 entry deadline. Note posted on USMS bulletin board but no response. Kim to send out email blast. Mark is considering offering a free Start and Turn Clinic with video after the MHM meet at Lowry-June 12. No other activity on the clinic front.
- d) Communications-Newsletter – Jon. (No report) It was Motioned, Seconded and Approved to appoint Jonathan Cain as Chair. Heather to send congratulations on behalf of the Board. Newsletter articles due 5/15. Send directly to Jon. Need meet and open water events through Sept/Oct.
- e) Communications-Webmaster – Kim. Catching up on website updates and postings. Sending out email blast on relays for Nationals.
- f) COMSA to CSI Liaison and Long Distance/Pool Events – Nicole. (Written report) May newsletter article has been submitted announcing COMSA sponsored 5K and 10K USMS National Postal Championships to be held at Lowry Pool on June 6th and July 4th. The pool has been reserved. All relevant information is in the article.
- g) Long Distance/Open Water – Jeff. Chatfield is open. Water temp 52°. 40 people have signed waivers. Monitors are in place for this month. Looking into setting buoys to eliminate swimmer collisions.
- h) Fitness – Heather. Nothing to report.
- i) Officials – Pete. (No report) Stan to send thank you notes to the officials for their work at the State Meet.
- j) Records – Will. It was Motioned, Seconded and Approved to appoint Kent Carney as Records Chair. Stan will notify Kent. Short Course updates for 2009 and Long Course Meter Relays have been posted. Questions regarding COMSA records established in non-COMSA meets should be forwarded to Will or Kent.
- k) Safety – Marcia. Nothing to report
- l) Sanctions – Richard. Email sent to meet directors to encourage them to look at online entries. Sanctions going smoothly. Upcoming sanctioned meets: COMSA Sponsored 5K & 10K June 6 & July 4 – Lowry; Rocky Mtn Senior Games June 12 & 13 – Greeley; Mile High Masters LC Invitational June 12 – Lowry; USMS 6K Open Water Nat'l Championship June 19 – Windsor; LC Swimming Championships July 17 - George Meyer pool; Horsetooth Open Water Swims Aug 15 - Ft. Collins. Richard to help Kim redesign "Host a Meet" website page.
- m) Top Tens – Mark Plummer. (Written report) Preparation of the National Top Ten consideration file for the 2009-2010 SCM season is underway. Scheduled to be finished by mid week 5/17 for posting to the COMSA website for a one month review period by swimmers. Final submission to Nationals scheduled for mid-June.

4. Miscellaneous

- o Richard was in Grand Junction last month. New pool at Mesa State College 50metersX25yards. Beautiful facility. State HS 4A moving from Loveland next year.
- o Marcia is now the Zone Rep. Short meeting will be held at Convention.

5. Next Meeting: July 14, 2010

Executive Meeting (Theme: Convention Planning)
 7pm Conference Call
 1-877-619-0580, access code 0002

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Debbie Wilson, COMSA Secretary