

**COMSA**  
**COMSA Executive Meeting -Minutes**  
**February 6, 2008**

**Those on conference call:**

Heather Hagadorn (Chair), Susan Nolte (Treasurer), Kathy Garnier (Secretary), and Marcia Anziano (Registrar).

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. via conference call.

**Motions approved:**

**MSA'd** to approve November 2007 and January 2008 minutes.

**Topics of Discussion:**

1. It was MSA'd to accept the minutes from the November 2007 and January 2008 meetings.
2. Board Reports:
  - a) Chair: Heather-
    1. Keep 1-day event registration at \$10 but possible reconsideration for future years.
    2. Due to errors in the results, it was agreed that the Boulder Pentathlon results can be posted for unofficial results, but not used to submit for Top 10 consideration and will be dealt with on an individual basis if necessary. This will be communicated to Mark Plummer, Chairperson for Top Ten Reporting.
    3. Dedications for Kevin Nash and Jack Buchanan will be the 2008 publication of the USMS Rule Book.
  - b) Vice Chair: Nicole- State Meet Update - see 3 a) below
  - c) Treasurer: Susan-Checking balance \$41,191.69 and Savings \$23,329.73 for a total of \$65,521.42. Kathleen Steffe volunteered to help Susan to balance check book for compliance with USMS Crime Insurance Policy.
  - d) Secretary: Kathy-Set up conference calls for 2008 meetings. New workout groups verified and added to rep distribution list. Will forward information to Marcia to set up in the registration system.
  - e) Registrar: Marcia-1217 registered swimmers (up 100 from last year)  
On-line registration process update:
    1. swimmer with a duplicate id
    2. application that cannot be processed as swimmer used to be in SPMA, that was fine before today, had done several Wyoming swimmers, think that they are introducing new bugs as they fix old ones.
    3. Kicked off the system twice today - with an error that it was too busy, wait 5 minutes and try again.  
As we are getting to more new apps than old ones, would like to switch over after some of the bugs have been worked out.
3. Other Business:
  - a) State Meet Update: Nicole (written report)- I met with Carin at DU to sign the Term sheet and discuss the 2008 COMSA State and Breadbasket Zone meet. DU is actually ahead of schedule this year which is good news. Pete Schwenker has been contacted and he is on board with his Officials for the meet. The DU Tops Parents

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- will be running their own concessions stand at this year's meet which will be a welcome addition. The High Point awards from Nike/Hi Point Swim will be a white towel with the Nike "swoosh" in the middle of the towel. Very cool as these are not for sale. Nike gave Barb at High Point permission to print their logo on the towels. High Point Swim will be setting up on Saturday only and will carry Speedo and Nike products. Participation Awards will be License Plate covers. We decided no to say "Colorado Masters Swimmers" because there are many masters groups in Colorado and Breadbasket zone. We are thinking of "USMS High Altitude Swimmer". (It was suggested to read "High Altitude Masters Swimmer"). Sprint and Brute Squad inventories have been taken and a few more of each have been ordered. This year, we are printing a white with black Sprint Squad T-shirt (not many) just in case some of the guys object to the pink. There will be a small supply of them available for the male sprint squad if they so desire. Entries are already being received by Carin at DU.
- b) Officers: Nominations will be as follows: Chair-Heather Hagadorn, Vice-Chair-Will Amos, Treasurer-Susan Nolte, Secretary-Kathy Garnier, and Registrar-Marcia Anziano.
  - c) Nationals: Information can be found on the website for Worlds and SCY Nationals. Tiffany Forbes will be the contact for Worlds relays.

4. Committee Chair Reports:

- a) Awards: Chris Nolte (via Susan)-New travel trophies on order.
- b) Coaches/Fitness: Morgan Edwards (written report)
  - Fitness: On the advice of USMS executive(s) my efforts to forge a relationship with other sports industry organizations such as Aerobics and Fitness Association of America to promote fitness swimming have been redirected. USMS has advised that any contacts with organizations such as AFAA by representative of USMS should come from or be approved at the executive level of USMS. My concept is not formalized enough as yet to bring this item forward to USMS for executive review. I have not given up on this idea just slowed down a bit.
  - Coaches: No activity since last meeting.
- c) Communications-Newsletter: Ellen Campbell (written report)-Next deadline is April 1st for the Summer Open Water edition.
- d) Communications-Webmaster: Kim Crouch (written report)-I have not purchased dreamweaver yet. I downloaded a 30 day free trial to my laptop to make sure it is what I want to use. It looks great so far! My plan is to use a template from either dreamweaver or from [templatemonster.com](http://www.templatemonster.com) - e.g., <http://www.templatemonster.com/website-templates/18129.html>  
The templates cost \$60-70. I'm researching if going with a template and a cheaper tool may get us what we want. Dreamweaver costs \$400. I'm updating the current website as necessary.
- e) Long Distance/Pool Events: Nicole Vanderpoel (written report)
  - USMS One Hour Postal is officially over. The organized event at Northridge was a huge success as 22 swimmers participated. There were approximately 10 swimmers who participated independently.

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- We are hosting the POSTAL TAM 1650 this year at Northridge Rec. Center in Highlands Ranch for anyone who wants to participate. I already have about 10 swimmers who have e-mailed me. It will be a fun opportunity to swim a mile with other swimmers.
  - The next Postal will be the 5K and 10K starting on May 15th – Sept.15. I will start working on dates with Lowry.
- f) Long Distance/Open Water: Jeff Magouirk (written report)
- Have emailed Brian Goosman who is taking the lead to have open water swimming at Cherry Creek. Need to finalize a form with him. Should have that finished by this weekend. Found a good sized buoy to purchase for that swimming area. Price is \$247 with shipping.
  - Have been in touch with Stacey Tobey at BAM for open water swimming in Boulder Res. Members should be able to swim on Tues and Thursday mornings from 6:30 am to 8:30. I look forward to swimming out there at least once this summer.
  - Chatfield Gravel Ponds, we have a new contact Ken Kalher. He is concerned with the numbers at Chatfield. I told him about the other places that were going to have open water swimming and his concern became less. He has not sent me the permit as of yet. He said he would email me it last week. I will contact him via email and phone.
- g) Officials: Pete Schwenker (written report)- Things are proceeding well. The Boulder Meet went well with some of the usual computer problems. Ended by 11:40. Have not heard back from Loveland if they need officials. (update-we will be supplying officials for them). Will Amos is going to use USS officials at Castle Rock meet to make more money toward their USA team. Getting names for the State/Zone meet and we should be fully stocked. Talking to 'Out of Breath Sports' about new stopwatches. I believe we can get 20 watches and still have money left over from the \$500 allocation. May even get 24 if the price is right. (Three per lane in eight lane pool.)
- h) Records: n/a
- i) Safety: Marcia Anziano-nothing new to report.
- j) Sanctions: Brian Tsuchiya (written report)
- I've sanctioned the Loveland Sweetheart Meet, the state meet and I have a commitment for the Short & Sweet.
  - I've recognized the Senior Games in Greeley.
  - I just received applications for two Open Water events one in the Springs and one at Horsetooth, July and Aug. Have most of the paperwork for State Meet 3/28-30, Boulder Pentathlon 2/2, and Loveland Sweetheart 2/23. Du is not going to host the Short & Sweet meet, Bee Gees are considering it. Will email all documents as soon as he receives the paper work he has requested.
- k) Top Tens: Mark Plummer-nothing new to report.

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5. Miscellaneous

a) CSI Swimming/COMSA Swimming Project: Nicole (written report)

We are working on hosting swim meets where both Masters Swimmers and USA "open"swimmers (ages 13 and older) will feel comfortable and be welcome to compete on the same forum, same rules, same everything. We want to approach this gradually and gracefully so that all swimmers are comfortable with the competition. I have already discussed this project with Jim DeLapp the new General Chair for Colorado Swimming, Inc.(CSI) and he is very receptive and has the project on his next CSI meeting agenda. He thinks the process will not be as difficult as one may think in order to make the meet official in terms of USA and Masters times counting. In addition, Rich LeDuc will be helping me with this project and other Colorado Swimming USA Coaches have been very responsive as well! We thought the first step would be to hold a Long Course Masters/USA Swim meet in June. This will be on the agenda at the CSI meeting.

In addition, I have asked CSI to consider having me serve on their board as the Liaison for COMSA Swimming to CSI Swimming. Jim will discuss this as well.

Masters Swimmers in Colorado have earned a lot of respect from USA Swimming and that trend is only going to increase and continue.

- b) In response to an USMS Crime Insurance policy, it was agreed that 2 signatures are required for checks over \$5000.
- c) It was recommended that the "Pre-Meet Briefing Notes for USMS Referees" document from USMS be included on the website under the "Host a Meet" section.
- d) Cross-Training-pending (include in next meeting)

6. Next Meeting: March 29-Annual Membership Meeting

CO Masters State Meet at the University of Denver

Pool Deck - 8:30 a.m.

Theme:

- a) Awards
- b) Bylaws
- c) Officer Election (Even years)

MSA to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Garnier, Secretary