



## **Executive Meeting Minutes October 4, 2022**

**Attending:** Doug Garcia, Susan Nolte, Richard Hess, Megan Varner, Katie Glenn, Nicole Vanderpole, Hanna Nelson, Sean Phelps, Mike Wise, Chris Nolte, Pete Schwenker

**Start:** 7:00 pm, Quorum Present

### **Meeting Notes:**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS, Doug**

- General Introductions of all members on call
- Sean Phelps from Grand Junction, selected for a delegate at large position on COMSA Executive Board
- Mike Wise, Treasurer nominee
- Treasurer transition – Susan Nolte and Mike Wise will discuss the transition
- Joe Bakel potential for open water position
- Other board members positions are open and available for other members to fill. COMSA is looking for nominees for the open positions.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT and BUDGET, Susan**

- Need to focus on growing membership because the proposed budget for 2023 will have a proposed deficit of \$22,000. We have been losing members.
  - In budget, COMSA is running the State Meet. If FAST is running, then COMSA would support the meet with financing TBD with FAST.
  - Budget will be approved at the November 1, 2022 meeting. Requested members to consider the budget in between the October and November 2022 meetings.
  - Doug, Susan and Mike will meet about the budget for 2023.
- Biggest expense in COMSA budget is the State Meet.
  - Eric Neilson/FAST would like to host the State Meet, but will need help with fees to host at the site. \$5600-6000 for 2.5 day meet.
  - Fees at VMAC is \$200/hour (10am Friday to 4pm Sunday) plus \$140 cleaning fee per day.
  - Discussion to consider moving the State Meet around to different venues.
  - Discussion to consider supporting groups that want to put on meets and spread that out among different teams. Help fund part of meet costs/pool rental fees if teams want to put on meets.

## **SANCTIONS AND MEET SCHEDULE, Richard**

- CU is hosting a meet October 8 and Masters are invited.
- Broomfield meet at the new pool November 13, 2022.
- Discussion that teams be encouraged to host meets on a regular basis. COMSA can step up and help fund the meets to make them a regular occurrence and to off-set any losses. Want to avoid competing meets on same weekends.
- Discussion that CMU may be able to host a meet and the funds could be used to help fund the collegiate team. No affiliated Masters program near Grand Junction, closest may be Montrose. In Montana, they had many dual-sanction meets to help Masters swimmers have more access to meets. Discussion to talk with CMU/Micky Wender to host an intersquad meet open to Masters swimmers.
- Discussion that COMSA has done some dual sanction meets, but there is a little different process, but the entry is done similar to Masters meets. Richard Hess will update the process for hosting a meet and getting the sanction.
- Discussion that BAM is looking to host a meet in 2023 and will talk with Doug Garcia and/or Richard Hess about meet and sanctioning processes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. Convention Wrap up, Doug

- Expenses to be submitted to Susan Nolte.
- USMS Fees going up in 2023. Renew before January 1, 2023 to save \$5 (\$65 before January 1<sup>st</sup> and \$70 after December 31, 2023).
- Relay meeting being planned for 2023
- No major changes to rules or legislation

### 2. State Meet Report, Andrew and Eric

- VMAC is reserved March 31-April 2, paid a deposit of \$275 already.
- FAST would host March 24-26.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Upcoming Clinics, Andrew

### 2. Budget Proposals, Doug

- Club/Workout registrations proposal
  - Board voted and approved that COMSA pay the 2023 club/workout group registration for all clubs/workout groups with a 2022 membership of 10 or more swimmers. If club/workout group with less than 10 members, if want to seek reimbursement, they should contact the COMSA Chair for approval.
    - Discussion:
      - For groups 10 or less, it could give incentive them to grow their team to the 10 or more. Smaller groups can email COMSA and request reimbursement.
      - USMS may not have the power to regulate the number of swimmers for determining what teams meet the 10 swimmer

threshold. Suggested moving the threshold to 5 or more swimmers.

- Coach registrations Proposal
  - That COMSA pay the 2023 Coach's registration for the coach of club/workout group with a 2022 membership of 10 or more swimmers.
    - Discussion: USMS registered coach that goes through the training can submit for reimbursement. \$30 in addition to USMS registration. There are various levels of coaching at issue. Maybe table this for 2023 year-end discussion.
    - Discussion regarding determining what USMS charges for coaching fees.
    - Discussion regarding determining whether ALTS, USMS, and Coaching Certification are all of these included in the proposal.
  - Agreed to table this discussion for next year.

### 3. Adult Learn to Swim, Doug

- Given state of COMSA Budget concerns, will look at this potential for next year 2023.

### 4. 2023 Meeting Schedule, Doug

- Feb 7 - State Meet
- *April 1 - Annual Meeting (This will depend on when the State Meet is scheduled.)*
- May 2 - State Wrap up, Date for 2024 State Meet, Long Course Season, Annual Convention
- July 11 - (picked second Tuesday for this month due to Fourth of July) Annual Convention
- Oct 3 - Convention Wrap Up, Budget, State Meet
- Nov 7 - Budget Approval, State Meet, 2024 Schedule of Meetings

### 5. Bylaw update, Doug

- Discussion to verify by-laws to see who can vote and make the COMSA Board more inclusive. Maybe the committee chairs become voting members on the COMSA Board. Want to explore how to get more members involved and asked Mike Wise, Hanna Nelson and Meghan Varner to look over the Bylaws.
- Discussion that historically, all of the Clubs that registered had a representative that could vote. Then rule changed to vote only at Club meetings and not COMSA Board meeting votes. Don't want the Board too large because it becomes unmanageable. Bylaw update to look into adding Registrar or Membership Chair in COMSA bylaws, but there are no more positions at Nationals (membership coordinator).
- Discussion regarding two issues (1) voting and (2) being more inclusive with the Teams. TBD if voting on the board, but should encourage team involvement with a voice on direction and ideas for COMSA.

6. Other new business, All
  - No new business

**Adjourn:** 8:08 pm