



Executive Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023

Attending: Doug Garcia, Katie Glenn, Sean Phelps, Crystie McGrail, Susan Nolte, Mike Wise, Richard Hess, Eric Neilsen, Kathy Garnier, Brad White (new Safety Chair), Karen Rosener

Start: 7:02 pm, Quorum Present

Meeting Notes:

Agenda:

Reports

Secretary – Katie
Treasurer – Mike
Membership Coordinator – Karen
Coaches – Eric
Fitness – Barb
Awards – Crystie
Open Water – Joe
Officials – Pete
Sanctions – Richard
Webmaster – Crystie
Top Ten – Kathy
Long Distance – Nicole
Records – Kent

Old Business

Convention 2023. Crystie and Doug
Relay 2023, Crystie and Doug
State Meet 2024, Sean and group

New Business

CMS Club – Doug and Crystie
Treasurer – Doug and Mike

- Grants

Coaching – Doug and Eric

- Training
- Collaboration
- Regional Clinics

Reports:

Secretary Report – Katie

Minutes from August 8, 2023 meeting reviewed and approved

Treasurer Report – Mike

Proposed 2024 Budget

Big expenses - \$1400 for registration fees. Additional revenue from early renewal. State of finances are strong. Approved budget for 2024.

Membership Coordinator – Karen

Club versus Workout Group – if you change clubs, there is a 60 day wait to change clubs if you competed with your old club. If a swimmer does not have competitions in last 60 days, then can compete. A swimmer can compete as “unattached” and then attach after 60 days – meaning you can compete as unattached during the 60-day window.

Crystie updated the website with information on the “Join” page. Karen will check.

Coaches – Eric

- **Training**
- **Collaboration**
- **Regional Clinics**

USMS Clinics in Colorado in 2024 – investigating to see if any interest to offer Level 2/3 or 4 for Coaches. Asking coaches what time of year for these clinics to be done. Add some budget for 2024 for these expenses.

Offer Coaches meeting for COMSA coaches – coffee, happy hour, meeting at State Meet

USMS Nationals Coaching Clinic October 18-20, 2024 (Houston) – could offer to cover expenses for coaches. Scholarships for coaches.

Fitness – Barb

COMSA Member Survey is in process.

Awards – Crystie

Website updated with nominations for Coach of the Year Award and the Volunteer (Jack Buchanan) Award are open.

Open Water – Joe

The Mountain Swim series hosted three events; Solstice Swim, Carter Lake and Castle swim. They sold out of several of their swims this year with a total of 521 registrations for all the swims combined.

The Horsetooth Swim hosted their swim with approximately 350 registered with about 120 of them from the Collegiate program where they competed for team awards. We had teams from CSU, UNC, Air Force, Mines, and University of Wyoming.

As part of the 10% discount for USMS members, the Mountain Swim Series gave out \$322 in discounts for 37 USMS members and Horsetooth gave \$219.50 of discounts for 21 USMS members. I would like to request a check to Mountain Swim Series and Horsetooth Open Water Swims.

Mountain Swim Series is planning on opening up registration November 1st for next year. My plan was not to offer the 10% discount forever for USMS members but would like to request we extend it for another year. This would put a load of ~\$600 on the budget for 2024. Please let me know if the committee is ok with this for 2024 and I will let the Mountain Swim Series know.

Proposal for continued USMS discount for COMSA open water races in 2024 for verified USMS swimmers. Encourages USMS registration and encourages open water swim race participation. Approved.

Officials – Pete

No update.

Sanctions – Richard

December 9-10, 2023 SCY Meet in Colorado Springs

CU Buffs meet October 7, 2023 (Meet Mobile Report will be provided for storage on the COMSA laptop for sanctions)

CSU Meet November 4, 2023

Sweetheart Meet January 27, 2024 – sanction request to be made by Doug Garcia

Richard will update "Hosting a Meet" page for COMSA website and add the "Sanction" cover letter to website.

Webmaster – Crystie

Looking for a permanent webmaster for COMSA.

Crystie is streamlining the pages and links. Meet information will be linked to USMS website.

Top Ten – Kathy

Long course meters season ended for reporting purposes September 20, 2023. No any long course meets for COMSA – no submissions to USMS.

SCM cycle ends December 31, 2023.

Long Distance – Nicole

Nicole will update Postal Events and 1 hour swim

Records – Kent

Reporting season aligns with Top Ten report – all records have been updated. USMS national data process will send results to Kent. Meet director submits through LMSC, that filters to USMS who then updates the LMSC with updated database information.

Old Business:

Convention 2023. Crystie and Doug

Crystie elected to Vice President. No major rule changes.

Relay 2023, Crystie and Doug

Doug and Crystie will attend the Relay. Another coach (all African-American swimmers) from Denver area will be traveling to Houston.

State Meet 2024, Sean and group

\$5000 for Friday-Saturday-Sunday + CMU swim team could run the meet for \$5000 (timers, meet management, meet director, timing, public address) does not include officials (Graduation mid-May 2024) – proposal for April 26-28, 2024 at Hamilton Aquatic Center. Sean will ask Mickie Winder if he could serve as meet director. Will vote by email.

Eric Nielson will check with his crew about running the meet at VMAC Spring 2024.

CMU cost is similar to State Meet at VMAC.

CMU could also run a long course meet.

New Business:

CMS Club – Doug and Crystie

CMS Club operates as a club – should have separate finances, board, operations to abide by USMS rules. CMS Club is for relays at nationals. We need a Board for the CMS Club and COMSA can not fund the Clubs for USMS. Workout Groups are outpacing the Clubs. Finances are going through COMSA and this is not how Regional Clubs are supposed to be operating. Doug will be contacting Oregon about how they structure the Regional Club versus the LMSC. If the Workout Groups want to continue under CMS, then they need to cooperate and create the structure.

Goal is to have this resolved before October 2024 when Club/Workout Group registrations open.

Andrew LaVassuer is the CMS contact.

Treasurer – Doug and Mike

- **Grants**

Coaches Clinic in 2024 and other options for 2024. Grant application process for requests for funding.

2024 Budget on agenda for November 7, 2024 – send comments to Mike in 2 weeks and he will send revised.

Next meeting November 7, 2023 at 7pm.

Adjourn: 8:05 pm