

**IWMSC BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
June 18th, 2003
Spokane Club**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm. Those in attendance were Susanne Simpson, Doug Garcia, Brian Johnson, Catherine Albaugh, Margaret Hair, Bernard Kingsly, and Karen Carlberg.
- Minutes of the March 29th meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Doug Garcia presented Virgil Crampton's treasurer's report. Additional sources of income were considered to balance expenditures. Discussion included changing the newsletter printer/publisher, increasing clinic registration fees, and increasing meet registration fees. Possible discrepancies in the report of approximately \$1500 were cited; therefore the motion to approve the treasurer's report was tabled pending clarification of said discrepancies.
- Susanne Simpson stated the number of IWMSC registrations for the year to date to be 217.
- Doug Garcia's reported on the yet-unapproved non-profit status of the newsletter, which could decrease postage expenses for the club.
- Brian Johnson presented his Meets/Sanctions committee report. The majority of the report was an account of his familiarization with the sanctions procedures. Questions that he had concerning the meet scheduling process were answered. The proposed online meet registration was also discussed in terms of future use and helpfulness. Doug Garcia mentioned the possibility of having a Snake River Swim added to the calendar, hosted by the WSU Women's Swim Team.
- Susanne Simpson gave the By-Laws committee report in Larry Krauser's absence. The poor response to meetings regarding the quorum requirement of representatives was noted. The motion to approve the constitution and by-laws revisions in order to distribute the documents to members was tabled until the fully revised documents were available for representative approval.
- Doug Garcia reported for Deborah Snyder about the TopTen/Data Entry progress. Margaret Hair discussed the slow-moving process of learning the new software package, citing both advantages and disadvantages. The new program seems to work well for age group swimming but not necessarily for masters swimming. If necessary, the old program can be used although it requires lots of manual changes due to rule changes. Once Margaret is proficient with the new program (progress pending), she will be able to pass the laptop off to Deb and instruct her as to using the new program.

- Margaret Hair took suggestions for getting rid of a piece of old equipment, specifically a 12-year old computer with a dead internal battery. A motion was passed that the equipment be deemed useless and to dispose of it appropriately.
- Doug Garcia discussed target dates for the October clinic in Pullman, with arrangements yet to be made. A suggestion was made to schedule the clinic on the same weekend as a local meet (either in Pullman or Moscow) in order to possibly draw more people. Doug stated that if a clinician could not be secured, the WSU Women's Swim Team could run the clinic as last fall's clinic with the team was a success.
- The first order of new business regarding the convention in San Diego this September. In addition to Doug Garcia attending as the zone representative, a motion was passed to have Susanne attend as well. Expenses including airfare, room (double occupancy), and the convention fee will be covered as a reimbursement of up to \$500 per person, the same as last year.
- The next order of new business was about proposals from the last zone meeting affecting the LCM championship meet. A motion was passed to agree with the proposal to drop the 800M free relay in order to cut expenses. A motion was passed to agree with the proposal to have two swimmers per lane for the 800M and 1500M events if the meet directors decides it to be necessary. A motion was passed to agree with the proposal to distribute hard copies of the Zone Chatter newsletter only by request to cut mailing costs, and otherwise only have it available online at the Zone website.
- Susanne Simpson brought up the possibility of having Doug Garcia represent the Inland NW at zone meetings in the absence of other Inland NW representatives. It was discussed that Doug could be said representative and that there was no motion needed for this matter.
- Karen Carlberg of the Spokane Masters Swim and Tri- called attention to troubles that her club has had with the city administration, pool quality and pool availability in the area. She stated that in order to afford club expenses, it would need more members. Following this statement was a question as to whether the number of masters teams in the Spokane area was spread too thin, and if so, might it be possible to consolidate teams to increase the member to team ratio. Discussion of questions posed brought to light a lack of communication between area teams, as the Spokane Masters Swim and Tri- team is actually one of the largest masters teams in the Spokane area. The most general consensus that could be reached on these issues was that more communication between area teams was needed, and that collaboration on evening and/or morning swims between teams could help increase participation and ease budget stresses for area teams.
- Margaret Hair presented some extra information about the USMS "Places to Swim" website which could help traveling masters swimmers get in a workout.

- Margaret Hair also notified the board that the USMS has not yet received the Inland NW's annual meeting report from the 2002 meeting. It was agreed that information from last year's meeting would be collected and sent.
- Doug Garcia mentioned his use of a trial, web-based, data management service at no cost. It was agreed that Doug continue using this service for his convenience as long as it remains cost-free.
- Margaret Hair and Brian Johnson began discussion of the IWMSC meet host evaluation form and how it is presently not an applicable document. The form does not serve the purpose of hosts hosting better meets, and its stringencies might seem to scare potential meet hosts of deciding to hold their own meet. A temporary conclusion was reached to put the evaluation forms aside for now and compose a list of things needed for meets that hosts could consult. Further discussion of this matter was held for after the adjournment of this meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.