

Southern California Swimming  
Metro Committee  
Minutes of January 13, 2009  
**(Pending Approval)**

Present: Tom Mirabella (Chair), Ellen Whalen (VChair/DWNY/Official), Kevin Larsen (Sec/COMM), Claudia Rutter (BSC/Treasurer), Mark Johnson (CERR/Coach), Sherri Stoddard (Senior/PASA), George Young (Age/SGSG), Gyongyver Sovago (SMT), Oliver Pena (Jr. Program), Kadi Mirmontes (Athlete/SGSG), Ruth Anatalio (LKWD), Paul Tse (BSC), Andrea Kropp (PASA/Athlete), Gyongyver Sovago (SMT), Federico Ricketts (DWNY)

Call to Order: 8:05 PM

Agenda	Item	Discussion	Action
Kevin Larsen Secretary Present	Approval of October Minutes	Tabled to next meeting	none
Chairperson Tom Mirabella Present	2009 Meeting Location	Due to budget issues at the City of Bellflower, Simms Park will not be available to Metro Committee. All meetings will be scheduled at San Marino Recreation Office.	None
	Introduction of Athlete Reps	Metro Committee is please to welcome our new Athlete Reps – Andrea Kropp from Swim Pasadena and Kadi Mirmontes from San Gabriel Sea Gulls.	None
	Age Group Rep	Due to a schedule conflict, George Young is unable to attend SCS Board Meetings on Wednesday evenings. He feels he should step down as Metro Age Group Rep for this reason. There was discussion that George could stay on as rep and have someone carry and proxy vote for him at the SCS Board Meeting. Anyone interested in the Age Group position should contact Tom.	Decision tabled until the next meeting.
Vice Chairperson Ellen Whalen Present	No Report		None
Treasurer Report Claudia Rutter Present	Financial Report	Balance through 8/30/2008 is \$12,338.14	None
Coaches Rep Mark Johnson Present	Ideas for the Year	Mark is working on putting together an All Star meet against another team or LSC, possible in San Diego. Contact Mark with other recommendations and ideas.	None
Senior Rep Sherri Stoddard Not Present	Q Meet	1 <sup>st</sup> senior meet of the year. Well attended and lots of qualifying times for Grand Prix. Concern was raised that out of district swimmers were allowed to compete with time standards faster than the maximum and were allowed to compete in finals that displaced SCS swimmers.	Sherri will bring that concern to the SCS Board meeting.

Agenda	Item	Discussion	Action
Age Group Rep George Young Present	Festival Meet	Thanks to Metro Committee for its support of this meet. Commerce made their pool available on short notice after El Monte was not able to host. Metro had 3 coaches represented and 1 coach working with admin duties.	None
Officials Rep Ellen Whalen Present	Breast Stroke Interpretation	USA Swimming has clarified breast stroke interpretation: Swimmers should not be DQ as long as there is downward or lateral motion of the stroke before the dolphin kick.	None
Sr. Program Chair Michael Schicora Not Present			None
Junior Program Oliver Pena Present	Open 2009 Meets	There are still 3 open meets for 2009 March 7-8; July 4-5; July 18-19. In addition Downey expressed concern regarding a conflict with a City event during their May meet.	<b>Motion:</b> Give Program authority to contact teams and award the bid for the March 7-8 meet. <b>M/S/C</b>
Athlete Rep Andrea Kroop Present Kadi Mirmontes Present	Welcome New Athlete Reps		None
Board of Review Teresa Pascuzzo Not Present	No Report		None
Old Business			None
New Business & Announcements	Metro Committee Surcharge	Currently Metro Committee collects 50 cents per swimmer from the meet entry fee (Swimmer Surcharge). This fee is used by the committee to promote age group swimming. The Metro Committee currently has a balance of about \$13,000. Our expenses currently are about \$4,000 a year.	<b>Motion:</b> Suspend the Swimmer Surcharge Fee from March through the end of 2009. <b>M/S/C</b>
Adjournment	9:22PM		

**Next meeting: March 10, 2009. 7:00 PM. San Marino Recreation Office. 1560 Pasqualito Dr., San Marino 91108**