

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE
NADADORES SWIM COMMITTEE**

**March 3, 2015
7:08 pm PST**

In-Person

Location: 22111 Castlewood, Mission Viejo

The following are the minutes of the meeting of the Nadadores Swim Committee (the “Committee”) held at the above time pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the Committee. Present at the meeting were committee members Miguel Ramirez (Vice Chair), Alexander Arrow (Secretary), Kim Burton (Publicity), and Audrey Viers (9 am Workout Captain). Also present by invitation of the Committee was Mark Moore (Head Coach of MVN Masters and 2005 USMS Coach of the Year). Audrey supplied cookies and a selection of wine.

Because Duncan Houldworth, Chairperson of the Nadadores Swim Committee, was not in attendance, Vice Chair Miguel Ramirez was deputized as Chairperson for the evening and proceeded to call the meeting to order, following the protocol for meeting leadership in the event of an absent chairperson. Secretary Alex Arrow kept the minutes of the meeting as normal.

Miguel declared that he was waiving the quorum requirements for the meeting. He then proclaimed that the meeting would commence.

Miguel proclaimed that the first order of business was the discussion about branded water bottles. Audrey pointed out that there was substantial interest in team suits. Miguel thought that there should be a new suit every year.

Audrey asked Mark how was the turnout for personalized swim cap orders. Mark reported that he received orders for 17 caps. Six of the 17, however, were ordered by Audrey.

The discussion then turned to feedback on the proposed social events. Mark said some Nadadores have come to him and asked for family-oriented events. Kim pointed out that as the weather gets progressively better, we could hold a bonfire down by the beach. It was decided that someone should also talk to “Weisman” about doing a May social event at his place. There was substantial interest in a “singles group” social event. Even for regular events, Audrey pointed out that most swimmers would not want to bring their kids to a social event.

The discussion then turned to the check-off challenge caps. Coach Mark reminded Miguel that we decided against doing such caps.

Regarding development ideas, Miguel asked whether the golf tournament is still possible. Without John Parker present, this topic was tabled.

The discussion then turned to Tina’s open water clinic. Miguel was concerned that people without open water experience would be challenging to teach because they could panic and Tina could not get to all of them at once. Mark suggested a buddy system. Audrey brought up that insurance requirements provided that a coach would have to be present, and that Eileen Span, who is a coach, could run the group. Follow Up: Mark is going to ask Tina one more time if she is willing to hold the open water clinic. If not, Mark will bring in someone from the outside, such as Wendy at Nova, who is on the open water clinic committee at USMS.

Kim would like to compete in an open water event herself, but doesn’t want to do Salt Creek event because it is too long (two miles). Hence, she is unable to find a suitable event for the open water part of the checkoff challenge, and this is concerning to her. She speculates that it may be similarly concerning to other Nadadores. Mark said we could hold a 1-mile version of the Salt Creek event in June or July. Kim said that most of the issue is the water temperature. Audrey

pointed out that you can double-cap, double-suit. Miguel posited that the temperature is not that bad.

Alex pointed out that the Mission Viejo Triathlon in June is a way to get a 0.9 mile open water swim. Audrey and Mark then described the “Swimmers Itch” risk for which that event has become known.

Regarding the upcoming Mission Viejo Meet, Coach Mark announced that we need volunteers, especially timers. Miguel asked how are we doing on volunteer sign-ups. Mark said we need check-in, timers, awards. We are going to have to shift the lane lines.

Regarding the Santa Barbara Regional meet, no Nadadores have signed up yet.

A discussion ensued about the cost of local Santa Barbara hotels. Kim and Audrey have been looking for hotels and noticing that most are at least \$250 per night. The conclusion of the group was that if you can’t get a reservation at the South Coast Inn, members should look for other hotels on their own.

Regarding the March Team Social, Miguel has been talking with Saddleback Lanes about a bowling event. For one hour, shoes included, the quote was \$10 per person on Friday, March 20th. Miguel suggested an organized outing to a bar afterward.

Kim proposed an Angels Game night. Audrey said that sounds like “a whole lot of drunkenness.”

Miguel declared that he will reserve four lanes for bowling. However, they are going to want a \$100 deposit, which Miguel will need Mark to provide. Mark asked whether Miguel could use his own credit card for this. Miguel declined that idea, stating that Mark was functionally his sugar daddy, and then sang a couple lines of “Honey Honey” to emphasize the point.

The discussion then turned to the Las Vegas bus trip on June 13th, which Audrey pointed out is the same weekend as the Seal Beach meet. Mark asked for someone to work on reserving a bus, pricing, logistics. Miguel volunteered to work on the bus reservations.

Regarding the rough water swim (at Salt Creek Beach) scheduled for May 16th, Mark brought up the idea of charging for sponsors to have a booth presence at the event. Mark has charged \$500 per sponsor. Audrey considered holding a Repair booth at the event.

The discussion then turned to the April Social event. Miguel asked for suggestions for a cool, hip venue for an evening social event. Mark asked for brainstorming. Alex suggested a play, which Mark said would be too expensive. Alex suggested that instead of watching a play, we could put on a play. Audrey asked if there were any hotels in the area with suitable social venues. Miguel said that he knows the director of the Ritz.

Kim brought up Elegant affair in Red as an event in which Nadadores could see each other in a new setting. Alex liked this idea.

Miguel asked Audrey if she knows the owner of “The Hills.”

Regarding the newsletter, Kim declared that we need two more people to interview: Kevin Weisman and Deanne Weisman. Miguel volunteered to interview Kevin. Miguel said that we need someone to write-up the open water event. For the Santa Barbra regional meet, we need someone to take pictures. Regarding the March social, we need someone to write about it. Alex volunteered that if he goes, he would be happy to write it up.

For the next newsletter, Kim would like a flyer for the Las Vegas meet.

Regarding ordering custom team swim suits, Mark pointed out that we are contractually bound to TYR. Miguel would like to approach TYR, and reason with our contact there that we are

in need of a small number of custom suits, which TYR is not likely to want to provide, therefore we should be free to order these from another vendor.

At this point, esteemed Coach Mark bid the Committee farewell for the evening and took leave. Deputized Chairperson Miguel declined to hold an executive session (as there was no remaining business that would warrant one), so the meeting broke up with all in attendance thanking Audrey for the delicious dinner she provided.

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Alexander K. Arrow, MD, CFA,
Secretary of Meeting