

FACT NEWS JULY 2008

Hope to see a number of you at the St Pete Meet this coming weekend. Please make sure you see me if you are interested in having a FACT relay. The Long Course season gives us more opportunity to form relays with our Chapters since they are put together with the sum of ages rather than definite age groups. Keep this in mind if you want to score points for your Chapters. Last month I covered in detail the subject of Team scoring and will address it further next month so it will be fresh in our minds to discuss at the Florida LMSC meeting to be held at the Cocoa Meet on July 26th.

Betty Lorenzi and I are planning on going to USMS Long Course Nationals in Portland, OR in mid August. I would like to hear from anyone else planning to attend so that we can put together some relays. Please drop me a line at jcampb10@tampabay.rr.com if you are interested.

Our FACT registrar, Marianne Bradley, has asked me to detail the registration procedure newly implemented by USMS. It is causing no end of confusion for Clubs all over the country and I am sure will be a subject of much discussion at the USMS convention this September.

"REGISTRATION: We now have a choice between on-line registration for USMS and the standard manual way by paper. This has created much confusion this year as the procedures created different options to follow, and have created financial confusion with your club dues and FACT dues. It is explained in detail at www.floridalmsc.org under forms and registration, but we continue to encounter problems.

Standard way by paper: If you are following the standard way by paper, the interactive form that you fill out and print spells out how

much to pay and to whom. It is imperative that you make sure you are using the correct form, as there are many choices for the different clubs. Most of you have a club team registrar that collects all of the money and distributes it properly to Florida LMSC and FACT. Each of the chapter forms that are FACT club members explain it well (SUNF, VASF, TMMF, etc.)

<u>On-line registration:</u> Here is where we run into problems. The on-line form does not have any instructions about Chapter dues or FACT dues. Some people are signing up for FACT Unattached, or FACT with a Chapter and paying $33.00. This $33 is ONLY for USMS and the Florida LMSC. It does NOT cover your workout or Chapter yearly club dues OR the $3.00 yearly FACT dues. In order for you to be a registered member of FACT, you must send a copy of your registration or card and email address AND a $3.00 check (best bargain in town) to FACT."

Our long-suffering FACT registrar at this point in the registration process is: Marianne Bradley, 869 Manning Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34683. (email: bradleym@tampabay.rr.com). It would be helpful to her if the Chapter registrar could somehow incorporate the $3. fee and information to send to FACT such as is done in the "Standard way". When getting relays together and reporting FACT swims we need an UP TO DATE list of the paid FACT members so please follow up on these instructions.

Our next Florida LMSC meeting, as I have indicated, is at the Cocoa Meet Saturday, July 26. We have four votes at this meeting. If there is anyone who would like to represent FACT at this meeting, please let us know and we will see that the proper credentials are filed.

See you at St Pete and Cocoa.

Joannie Campbell