

**FLORIDA LMSC**  
**March 29, 2008**  
**NORTH SHORE POOL**  
**ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA**

**Attendance:** Tom Bliss; Chair\*, Meegan Wilson; Treasurer\*, Victor Buehler; Secretary\*, Marly Wilson; Records\*, Joan Campbell; Senior Games Liaison & SUN-FACT-1\*, Marianne Bradley; SUN-FACT-2\*, Jason Brauer; TBAY-FACT-3\*, Don Puchalski; SUN-FACT-4\*, Flavia Zappa; SPM-1\*, Kern Davis; SPM-2\*, Patty Nardoizzi; SPM-3\*, Rick Walker; SYSM-1\*, Gary Trimble; SYSM-2\*, Brian Voisard; WIN\*, Matt Hooper; Gold Coast LMSC guest, Missy Bliss; guest, Mrs Voisard; guest.

\*=Voting Privileges

**Meeting Called to Order at 2:50 PM**

Introductions were made.

**I. Approval of October 27th, 2007 Minutes - Victor Buehler**

Copies of the October annual meeting were distributed and Victor requested verification of those designated as voting club representatives in that meeting being correct. He then suggested that at the annual meeting in the future, club reps be declared for the forthcoming year. Because that had not been done in October, 2007, Victor requested designations be done at this meeting. It was determined that those present this date are the club reps for 2008. Marianne noted that club reps could not be designated until USMS registration was initiated each year because people sometimes change clubs. Victor requested that in the future clubs notify Victor and Tom of who the reps are prior to the first meeting of the year. Tom expressed concern about the current bylaws on the topic of voting, club reps, proxy designation persons for club reps absent, etc. be simplified so that anyone in attendance at a meeting from any club would be able to vote at the meetings. Victor pointed out that the bylaws do not address how clubs change club reps during the year and that this is the club's business. But until the bylaws are changed, we need to know who the club reps are once the number of reps, for the larger clubs, is established at the annual meeting.

*Jason moved we accept the minutes, Kern seconded, motion passed unanimously at 3:00 PM.*

**II. Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report - Meegan Wilson**

**1. Final Financial Report for 2007**

Meegan presented the final financial report for 2007. She followed James Stine's suggestion and compared it to the end of the year for 2006.

Total Revenues for 2007	\$48,186.38
Total Expenses for 2007	47,352.62

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Excess of Revenues over expenses	\$ 833.76
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Total cash, including checking, savings and CD were \$41,697.83

Meegan presented a final budget report for 2007: We were over budget in revenues by \$879.88 and under in expenditures by \$453.88 She noted that we were over in expenses in Administrative Costs by \$389.07. We were also over budget in convention expenses by \$309.39.

## **2. Financial Report for 2008**

Meegan presented the financial report for two months, through February 29, 2008.

Total Revenues through Feb 2008	\$27,020.76
<u>Total Expenses through Feb 2008</u>	<u>-23,225.78</u>
Excess of Revenues over expenses	\$ 3,794.48

Meegan pointed out that we reimbursed SUN masters for the meet software Hy-Tek as voted on at a previous meeting. Cost of the software was \$553.73. There was discussion that Hy-Tek is the required software for meet directors.

Total cash, including checking, savings and CD was \$45,492.31

Meegan presented a budget report for the first two months of 2008.

## **3. Final Banquet Accounting**

Meegan presented the final banquet accounting for the 2008 Annual Awards Banquet. It was decided at the annual 2007 meeting that the Florida LMSC would subsidize some of the cost of the banquet dinner. Original cost was \$16 and subsidized cost was \$10. Ticket sales were \$520 of which \$102 were over payments. Refunds were \$78, so the total subsidy was \$378.89. Award costs were \$388.51. Program costs were \$54.40. Final total banquet costs less income were \$821.80.

*Victor moved to accept the report, Kern seconded, motion passed unanimously at 3:15 PM.*

### **B. Registrar's Report - Meredith Moore**

Tom asked if Meredith had sent her report with anyone. No one had it. No report made at the meeting.

### **C. Top Ten Report – Marly**

Marly reported that she submitted the top times for the SCM season to the USMS Top Ten recorder at the end of January. There was one time swum at Sarasota which was incorrect and was corrected during the review of the preliminary results.

Additionally, a few of our swimmers swam in meets sanctioned by other LMSCs. These swimmers submitted their results to Marly, which she is using to update records and produce the Top 5 for our LMSC. She did not include these times in my submission to the USMS Top Ten recorder; consequently, some of these times were left out of the preliminary TT results, as the South Carolina LMSC did not submit their results on time. Thankfully, the results were eventually included due to a petition. To assure that this doesn't happen in the future, Marly plans to include all swims submitted to her by local swimmers who have competed in meets sanctioned by other LMSCs in her submission to the USMS Top Ten chair.

Most of Marly's time so far this year was spent preparing lists of award winners for the banquet. Since then, She has been compiling the meet results from our sanctioned meets in 2008. So far, she has received all the results from meets this year except those from the Countryside Sprint Meet. Those results are now online at dixiezone.org, but Marly never personally received a copy.

Marly is currently working on updating the records and compiling the Top 5 for the SCM season. Livia has mailed Marly old results and old records and Top 5 information in paper format, but never sent her this information in computerized format, so it is taking longer than anticipated to update everything. Livia also never gave Marly the Top 5 from the 2007 LCM season, nor the updated records from that season. Marly has gone through the LCM records, and thinks she has noted most of the ones set in 2007. She plans to contact Livia again to have her check Marly's updated records and to request the 2007 LCM Top 5.

Patty provided an explanation on why Livia had not yet responded to Marly's inquiries.

*Victor moved to accept the report, Kern seconded, motion passed unanimously at 3:20 PM.*

#### **D. Sanctions Report - Sue Moucha**

The following is from the written report provided by Sue because she could not be in attendance. She had forwarded the report to Victor prior to the meeting and Victor had left it at home. So acceptance of this report will be made at the next meeting in July.

“Due to the nature of my injury—severed Achilles tendon, I am still not able to full weight on my left foot (am still not allowed to push off pool wall). Thus, I am still not able to drive a long distance. Therefore, I am unable to attend the Florida LMSC Meeting.

To date, since the last Florida LMSC Meeting---October 27, 2007:

##### **SANCTIONED SWIM MEETS**

Countryside Sprints, Clearwater, January 12, SCY-\$200.00 Performance Bond will be required if they host a meet next year. Results not sent to Top Ten Chair (Marly Wilson).

St. Pete Masters Championships, St. Petersburg, March 28-30, SCY

Swim Florida YMCA, Naples, April 5-6, LCM

Bumpy Jones Classic, Sarasota, June 14-15, LCM

St. Pete Masters Championships, St. Petersburg, July 12-13, LCM

Cocoa YMCA, Cocoa, July 26-27, LCM

Bridge the Bay, Sarasota, November 16, SCM

##### **RECOGNIZED SWIM MEETS**

Gulf Coast Sr.Games, Bradenton, February 20, SCY

##### **OPEN WATER**

Tampa Bay Marathon, Tampa, April 19

Hurricane Man, Pass-a-Grill Beach, May 10

Open Water Festival, Ft. Myers Beach, May 31-June 1

##### **CONCERN:**

Why is the Section on the Florida LMSC website “Sanctions/Recognitions” having changes made to it? They are two separate types of meets. I have no trouble with the Contact Person understanding what they are to do.

Thank you for naming the Overcoming Adversity Award after me—it is a very meaningful honor. For 2007, there were two deserving nominees, Paul Cook and Peggy Homans. The Selection Committee found it very hard to determine the recipient. Congratulations to Paul Cook.

Thank you to everyone for their thoughts, cards and e-mails during the last three months. I hopefully will be back participating in May.”

## **1. Sr. Games - Joan Campbell**

All information on the Senior Games can be gotten from the flasports.org website, which has been updated and revised to simplify the information. The Games that are recognized are listed on the floridalmc.org, Dixie Zone calendar; however, they do not have to be recognized to be eligible contests for the State Championships in December. This year is a qualifying year for the National Senior Games to be held in the San Francisco area in 2009.

Joan will attempt to contact the remaining hosts to determine just when their swimming competitions are to be held and notify the Club reps. although they are listed on the website, they state only the dates of the games and not the swimming meets. The Villages last year totally missed notifying us and were belatedly recognized. A special effort was made this year to notify them in time.

*Victor moved to accept the report, Kern seconded, motion passed unanimously at 3:31 PM.*

## **E. Newsletter Report - Tom Bliss**

Flavia is stepping down but has agreed to do the distributions of the letter while someone is being found to put it together. Tom informed everyone that he has been putting the word out without any positive responses. He noted that Meegan volunteered but Tom turned her down because she is doing the webpage in addition to the treasurer's position. There was some discussion of Margie Hutinger having offered to fill this position. Tom clarified that after several correspondences with her regarding how the letter has been done historically in comparison to some of the changes Margie was recommending she would implement, should she fill this position, that she withdrew her offer. It was pointed out what a fantastic job she does with the Maverick newsletter and her many talents, her ability and willingness to put a great deal of time and effort into projects that she commits herself to, as well as her many contributions to USMS, that it was unfortunate that this didn't work out to everyone's satisfaction. Jason volunteered to do the next two newsletters with Flavia's guidance as an interim and then decide whether or not he wants to take it over. Some of the logistics of this change over and how Jason's involvement would be communicated to all the clubs was worked out among those involved.

*No motions made, discussion ended at 3:42 PM*

## **F. Web page Report - Meegan Wilson**

Meegan announced that Gary had resigned as the webmaster. She provided an overview of the work she has been doing since she took on this added responsibility. She encouraged people to send her information appropriate for the website.

*Victor moved we accept the report, Joan seconded, motion passed unanimously at 3:45 PM.*

## **G. Official's Chair Report – Victor for Charlie**

Victor informed the group that he had just a few copies of Charlie's report, not enough to pass around and then read the following:

At the present time Charlie has fifteen certified Officials that will work Master's meets. They are all Florida LSC Officials. They will work if they don't have and LSC meet to go to. Meet Directors should check the LSC meet schedule before scheduling a Master's meet. The Official Sanction has to be changed to add Marly's address and Charlie would like to have added a statement saying that the Meet Referee send a meet report to the LSC Official's Chair. This is necessary so that the Officials get credit for a

Meet worked. Officials have to work a specific number of meets in order to keep their certification. Charlie hasn't done anything more on changing the Organizing a USMS Sanctioned Meet. He has a marked copy of things he would like to see changed. He believes this document should be updated by someone who has Meet Director experience. Charlie is in the process of getting certified as a Meet Referee. He believes this will help him with his job as Official's Chair. In February and March he worked five swim meets. At these meets he asked Officials that he worked with if they would work a Master's Meet. Charlie was placed on the National Officials Committee. He doesn't know how he got placed on this committee, but it has helped him with his position. This committee has conference calls and exchange E-mail. The Chairman has put out a document "Recommended Pre Meet Briefing Note for Referee" that Charlie would like to send to the Meet Referees. He would also like to send the Meet Referee a copy of the mini rule book. To do this he will need copies of Sanctions when they are issued and also get copies of Sanctions for the meets scheduled for 2008. The National Office suggests that the Officials be approved by the LSMC Chair. Charlie has written two articles for the newsletter. The last one was about the backstroke turn. He requests suggestions for future articles.

*Meegan moved we accept the report, Kern seconded, motion passed unanimously at 3:49 PM.*

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **A. Policies & Procedures – Tom**

Tom discussed putting a "cookbook" together of policies and procedures to help us cover the issues that the bylaws do not specifically address and to help remind us of how to get things done that we are not routinely required to do. *No motions made.*

##### **1. FL LMSC Voting – Tom**

Tom suggested that we consider simplifying the voting procedure and possibly removing the issue of how we vote from the bylaws and placing it into a policy. He then opened this issue up for discussion. The popular simplification change suggested, discussed and agreed upon by those present was that anyone from a club who shows up at a meeting is eligible to represent that club, that day, and we do away with the need for proxy notifications. Victor addressed the need to issue notice to all club reps 15-30 days in advance of a meeting during which there would be a discussion and possible vote of any change in a bylaw and that this does not have to occur at the annual meeting. This was discussed and one suggestion was that USMS requires voting to be in LMSC bylaws. Victor volunteered to bring this issue to the USMS attorney for advice. We also discussed the Florida Non for Profit State statute and how that addresses voting. Patty brought closure to the discussion by recommending that we put the notice out for the next meeting to discuss how the current bylaws address voting and that this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting for review and possible change, meaning a vote. *No motions made.*

A discussion then evolved regarding not "identifying" the "annual awards banquet" as such, but rather to just post it as a social because people may not be attending because they think that if they are not getting an award, why go. Much of the participation in this discussion favored this idea in order to increase participation. *No motions made.*

#### **B. Hy-Tek Update – Marianne**

Marianne shared with everyone the observation that it appears as though, if a pool or club wants to sponsor a swim meet and have it sanctioned they must have an "ap-

proved recording method” such as hy-tek. There does not appear to be any other “approved” product available besides hy-tek. She then mentioned their club purchasing hy-tek and being reimbursed for the basic package by the FL LMSC and what they purchased in addition. *No motions made.*

### **C. Survey Result Prioritization**

Tom led this portion of the meeting by sharing the three “points” made by the club reps who responded. He then turned the meeting over to Rick Walker to share his vision of a state championship meet.

#### **1. State Meet Championships - Rick Walker**

Rick shared his observation that participation in swim meets has decreased the past couple of years, at all the meets, state wide. Rick mentioned the topic of having a state meet, or a scheduled meet either in Gold Coast territory or ours, being titled a state meet, to enhance participation. He also mentioned that a dialog has already been initiated with Debbie Cavanaugh and she supports the concept. We discussed the different ways such a meet could be promoted, either as a “state meet” or a Florida LMSC vs. Gold Coast LMSC meet. Rick pointed out that a portion of the state of Florida, west of Tallahassee, the panhandle, is in another LMSC and that they would need to contribute their support for a “state meet”. That LMSC is the “Southeastern LMSC”, which includes: Alabama, Tennessee and the Florida Counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington and Bay as well as parts of Jackson and Calhoun Counties west of the Apalachicola River. It was mentioned that although anyone registered with USMS could attend a “state meet”, for the purposes of scoring in the state competition, they would need to be State of Florida residents. Tom suggested that Rick chair a committee to look into and possibly develop a “state meet”. Rick accepted. *No motions made.*

#### **2. Additional New Meets**

Tom informed everyone that this was a topic in several survey responses and that he is happy to report that there are some new meets: Cocoa’s meet the last weekend in July, (as well as the location of our next LMSC meeting). *No motions made.*

#### **3. Meet Volunteers - Patty Nardozzi**

Patty shared the St. Pete master’s experience running three meets a year and some of the difficulties they have getting volunteers. She suggested that those people participating and/or their significant others who travel with them, help out with the timing. It was mentioned that at age group meets there is the threat of the meets stopping when there are not a sufficient number of timers. One suggestion was having people sign up when they get their packets, to time events during the meet. Tom asks Patty to chair a committee to brainstorm this problem and publish it in the newsletter. *No motions made.*

### **D. Newsletter Interim position – Tom**

Already covered, no discussion.

## **IV. New Business:**

### **A. Directors expense/reimbursement – Tom**

This item was skipped.

## **B. Delegates to the Convention – Tom**

Tom announced that the delegates would be pretty much the same as last year: Marianne Bradley, Charlie Konken, Sue Moucha, and himself , Tom, because Joe Neil cannot go. Tom mentioned that traditionally, being a delegate is at least a two year stint. He has also gotten some requests for delegates at large, which he is dealing with. Tom noted that Joannie, Meegan and Victor are delegates by invitation of USMS because of the committees or roles they hold.

## **C. Elections – October**

Tom asked Joannie to chair the election committee and she accepted.

## **D. July meeting - Tom**

Already announced.

## **E. Conference Call Meetings - Victor**

Victor shared information regarding how the Georgia LMSC holds conference calls monthly. The service is available for free and the only cost being attributed to those who participate; either their cell phone minutes or long distance phone charges. He noted that he has been participating in these calls this year because the convention is in Atlanta. He shared his observation that they appear to get a great deal of work done and do not suffer the extended periods of time between meetings that we are accustomed to. Victor gave examples of how much the Georgia LMSC has already accomplished at this point in time preparing for the annual convention. Tom asked Victor to chair a committee to look into this, as there does appear to be some interest. Victor said he would send information out on the logistics of the conference call meetings to everyone present and respond to any questions they might have. *No motions made.*

## **V. Team Representative drawing for gift card – Tom**

The winner of a \$25.00 gift certificate to Red Lobster was: *Marly Wilson*

## **VI. Adjournment**

Tom thanked everyone for attending. He moved the meeting be adjourned, Marianne seconded and it was a done deal at 4:30 PM.