

FLORIDA LMSC
March 28, 2009
KERN DAVIS HOME
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Attendance: Meegan Wilson-Chair*, Jim Stine- Treasurer*, Victor Buehler- Secretary*, Marly Wilson- Records*, Sue Moucha- Sanctions*, Joan Campbell- Senior Games Liaison & SUN-FACT-1*, Joe Biondi- Coaches & SUN-FACT-2*, Charlie Kohnken- Officials Chair & SPM-1*, Don Puchalski-SUN-FACT-3*, Patty Nordozzi-SPM-2*, Kern Davis-SPM-3*, Rick Walker-SYSM-1*, Gary Trimble-SYSM-2*, Bill Brenner-SYSM-3*, Jennifer Willis-AQNT*, Robert Mraovich-FACT-VAST, John Cornell- FACT-VAST, Charles Kilbourne-GTMS*, Shirley Fishlock- FACT-VAST, Mark Calvert- TMM*, Ellen Brown FACT-VAST and Susan Newland FACT-VAST.

*=Voting Privileges

Meeting Called to Order at 2:50 PM

Introductions were made.

I. Welcome - Meegan Wilson

Meegan welcomed everyone and thanked Kern Davis for the use of his home for the meeting location.

II. Approval of 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes - Victor Buehler

Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted at 3:11 PM.

Meegan then read the first item from a list of notes forwarded by Margie Hutinger, (see attached) who was not in attendance, regarding the five month time span from a LMSC meeting to preliminary meeting minutes being provided to the membership being too long and that two weeks would be more appropriate. This was briefly discussed with several people in attendance agreeing with her observation and comment. Meegan commented that she also agreed and then commented further on the nature of the elected and appointed positions being volunteer work. She then asked Victor to respond. Victor stated that he could not in good faith make a commitment to keep any deadline because his personal life was not that simply structured. Sue Moucha suggested that perhaps if just an overview or the highlights or even just the motions passed could be forwarded within two weeks after a meeting it would be helpful. (Meegan said that she would send out important information from the meetings to the people in attendance and team representatives within two weeks after each meeting.) She also thanked everyone who responded to her inquiry regarding whether or not they would be in attendance at this meeting. No motions made.

Victor then verified the voting members from each team attending the meeting.

III. Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

A. Treasurer's Report - James Stine

Jim had to leave and Meegan passed out his written report.

1. Final Report for 2008

Total Revenues for 2008	\$54,324.33
Total Expenses for 2008	\$49,216.45

Excess of Revenues over expenses	\$ 5,107.88
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Total cash, including checking, savings and CD were \$46,805.71

2. Financial Report Jan-March 31, 2009

Total Revenues through Feb 2009	\$16,577.92
<u>Total Expenses through Feb 2009</u>	<u>\$13,371.04</u>
Excess of Revenues over expenses	\$ 3,206.88

Total cash, including checking, savings and CD was \$50,130.09

Jim's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:29 PM

B. Registrar's Report - Meredith Moore

Meredith was unable to attend but forwarded the following report:

1. Final Membership for 2008

Our Final 2008 membership was 1680 and 34 clubs.

2. Current Membership

Our current membership as of 3/24/09 is 1155. We have several new clubs this year:

MIST: Marco Island Swim Team

SVOL: Swim Volusia

TWFL: Team Windfall in Clearwater

VBM: Vero Beach Masters

WPRC: Winter Park Racquet Club

GTMS: Golden Triangle Masters Swimming, located in Tavares

JAX: Jacksonville Splash

Teams still in the planning stage but expected soon:

LAS: Lakeland Area Swimming

JDMT: J. Douglas Masters Team #73

BAMS: Bay Area Masters Swimming

Meredith's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:37 PM

C. Top Ten Report - Marly Wilson

1. Problems with meet results

Marly shared that everything is going pretty smoothly although she is a little behind getting the records updated because she started a new job, but that they should be posted in a couple of weeks. She also mentioned being a little frustrated with a few meet directors who aren't sending in the results in the proper format and that some of the claims made for this do not appear genuine. Sue Moucha noted that the instructions for sending in results and records are in the sanction packet including everyone that needs to receive this information. The logistics of working the Hytek software were discussed by several meet directors attending the meeting.

There was a discussion of the redundancy involved with the current USMS rule; 202.1.1 F (5), requiring copies of membership cards being submitted with meet entries. Several of the meet directors including: Joe Biondi, Patty Nordozzi and Rick Walker noted that all the contained information is on line and easily accessible. They also noted that collecting and copying or scanning the membership cards is a time consuming and cumbersome chore. Meegan suggested a committee be formed to draft a rule change to present to the Chair of the USMS Rules Committee. Rick Walker volunteered to: *Draft the rewording of the rule to have changed, send it to both Meegan and Victor so that Meegan can forward it to Kathy Casey; USMS Rules Committee Chair on behalf of our LMSC and Victor will have it for the LMSC records.* A motion was so made, 2nded and passed unanimously at 3:46 PM.

Marly's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:47 PM.

D. Sanctions Report - Sue Moucha

SANCTIONED SWIM MEETS

Countryside Swim Meet, Tampa, January 24, '09, SCY*****
Bumpy Jones Swim Meet, June 13-14, '09, Sarasota, LCM
Florida LMSC vs Gold Coast Swim Meet, March 27-29, '09, St. Petersburg, SCY
Ocala Marlins Masters Spring Swim Meet, May 17, '09, Ocala, LCM

RECOGNIZED SWIM MEETS

Good Life Games, March 21, '09, Clearwater, LC
Gulf Coast Senior Games, February 20, '09, Sarasota, SCY
Florida Senior Games, December 5-6, '09, Ft. Myers, SCY

OPEN WATER EVENTS

Amelia Island, May 23, '09, Fernandina Beach, 1-mile & 5k
Open Water Festival, June 12 & 14, '09, Ft. Myers, 5k(12th) & 1 mile (14th)
Tampa Bay Marathon Swim, April 18, '09, Tampa Bay, 24-mile
Hurricane Man, May 9, '09, Pass-a-Grill Beach, 1000 yd & 2.4-mile

*****Received \$200.00 Performance Bond before issuing Sanction. Results turned in correctly to Top Ten Recorder; Marly Wilson. Performance Bond returned to Jason Brauer.

Page 3 of the Sanction Packet details Performance Bond regarding sending in Meet Results to Top Ten Recorder. When I send Sanction # to Contact person, I send Contact info to Marly Wilson and Charlie Kohnken.

Meegan commented that she recognizes a couple of problems with our sanctions packet. One being that it makes reference to USMS rules and provides the rule number for the meet directors in numerous places, but does not state the rule and another being the ongoing problems with getting results forwarded to the top ten recorder in the proper format and on time. She handed out a 2.5 page listing of those rules and instructions titled, "Florida LMSC and USMS Requirements for Running and Reporting Swim Meets." She stated that this is not an official segment of the sanction packet but that she would like it to be added once it is reviewed and perhaps put into better organization. It is intended to help meet organizers. She requested that everyone take the time to read it and e-mail her corrections/suggestions for improvement, especially meet directors, so that it can become part of the Florida LMSC Sanctions Packet.

Sue's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:55 PM.

E. Newsletter Report - Jason Brauer

No Report

F. Officials Chair Report - Charlie Kohnken

Charlie passed out printed copies of his report and reviewed the highlights. One being that he requested an immediate change to the "Official Sanctions" letter, adding the following line as #5: "Meet Directors submit the name of the Meet Referee to the Officials chair 30 days prior to the scheduled meet." He then explained that although Sue sent him the list of meet directors, none of them have replied to his initial contact. He reported that the National Officials Committee has prepared a helpful document on how to run a Master's meet and he would like to forward this to all meet directors. He

also requested a copy of a meet's sanction, once it is granted, along with the information sheet (meet letter). Charlie noted that most meets are run very well and gave an example of one that was not well run last year. He then stated that any future suggestions he has for changing the sanction packet he will forward to the BOD.

Charlie moved that line #5 above, 'Meet Directors submit the name of the Meet Referee to the Officials chair 30 days prior to the scheduled meet,' be added to the sanction packet. Motion seconded and discussed. The discussion included: whether or not the sanction packet needed to be changed with this as a requirement or this statement go into a letter granting the sanction as a "request", also that the following people should be notified of the referee's name: Records, Sanctions and Officials Chair, as well as whether or not 30 days is a reasonable amount of time prior to the meet. The motion was revised by Meegan and seconded as follows: *In the 'Official Sanction', item #5, be added stating; "It is strongly recommended meet directors submit the name of the head referee, 30 days prior to the meet, to the following individuals; Florida LMSC Sanctions Chair, Records Chair and Official's Chair."* Motion passed unanimously at 4:13 PM.

Charlie's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 4:13 PM.

G. Web Page Report - Meegan Wilson

Meegan requested that missing minutes from various years be submitted to her if any one can find copies of them at home.

Rick Walker suggested that we don't have much current information on our website, that we have \$50,000.00 and can afford to hire someone "professional" to maintain it and keep it updated when news items such as the USMS head office being moved to Sarasota, occur. Another example was the lack of communication of the competition between our LMSC and the Gold Coast LMSC. He suggested that the newsletter editor contact Rob Butcher and ask him why Sarasota was chosen out of the six cities that offered interest. There was also a brief discussion on how and when the decision to move the USMS head office was researched and decided upon. Rick noted that the decision to select Sarasota was not made by Rob Butcher, but rather by the USMS BOD.

We discussed hiring a registered USMS member to restructure and maintain our Website with the secondary responsibility being to improve communication to the membership. Patty mentioned someone in their club designing websites as a side-line living and that he would be able to tell us how much it costs and whether or not he is available. Rick motioned and it was seconded, *"Patty Nordozzi will be a committee of one, to contact a member of the St. Petersburg Masters; Ted Bradley, and inquire about the cost of reconstruction and maintaining the Florida LMSC website as well as his interest and availability."* This motion as well as Meegan's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 4:23 PM.

H. Senior Games Report - Joan Campbell

Joan handed out and read her full written report. She noted that this is not a qualifying year and that the senior games appear to be hurting financially because of the economy. There was a good showing at the Good Life games and three individual LCM national records and one relay. Joan will endeavor to get a complete list of when and where all the senior games are being held this year, as she did last year. The state meet will be December 5 & 6, 2009 at Gulf Coast University. The venue will be the same this year as last year. She noted that her club attempted to help out with the costs of the Good Will Games by giving back previously won medals to be given out anew to encourage some of the new competitors.

Joan's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 4:26 PM.

I. Annual Social & Banquet Report - 2009 - Marianne Bradley

Meegan read Marianne's written report, the highlights of which follow: 66 people paid for the social and 64 attended. This is an increase in attendance of 52 in 2008. The cost breakdown for both years was as follows:

2008: Dinner expense: \$923	2009: \$882
Cost of Awards: \$389	\$422
Cost of Program: \$54	\$74
Expense to LMSC: \$822	\$718
Number of swimmers at meet: 230	190

Meegan shared Margie Hutinger's comments about the awards social being that the restaurant was too noisy and not very special. This led to a discussion on the pros and cons of this location and what can be done in the future to lower the noise level and restructure the presentation of the awards to make the dinner more enjoyable. Meegan volunteered to pass this information on to Marianne Bradley and noted that we will continue the discussion at our next meeting.

Marianne's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 4:39 PM.

IV. Old Business

Meegan assessed that we had already covered any old business during previous reports.

V. New Business

Meegan asked Victor and Joan to provide an update on the Senior Games problem involving the bulkhead measurement at the O'Connell Center, University of Florida, senior games regional meet? Joan commented that she wasn't involved this year. Victor provided the following information: 1. He explained the history of the hassle received in past years, from meet staff, while measuring the bulkhead after the meet with either our own tape measure or one provided by the University. 2. The University's claim to using an electronic/laser measuring device annually before the meet. 3. Permanent marks in the pool deck verifying the 25 yard distance. 4. Photographing after the meet that the bulkhead was accurately bolted at these preset marks on both sides of the pool. 5. A particular meet official's expressed disgust with our need (per current USMS rules) to tape measure it after the meet. 6. This past year's experience with the meet director providing a documented certificate signed by a licensed engineer the day before the meet that the bulkhead was measured with a tape. 7. The meet director's attempt to ward off any verbal confrontations between them and us. 8. All this information has been forwarded to the USMS Rules committee with a request for them to at least discuss this issue in one of their meetings or at convention. Until then, the current USMS rule stands and the times from that meet are not being recognized for USMS national records and Top 10 times. No known records were broken. The question arose, "What are we going to do about this year's meet?" John Cornell volunteered to discuss this problem with his contacts within the University of Florida athletic department. No motions made.

A. How can the Florida LMSC help meet directors- Meegan Wilson.

Meegan started out by reading Margie Hutinger's comments which addressed the topic of whose responsibility it is to forward to USMS any new records or top ten times. In her notes she listed USMS 2009 rule 105.3.8, which identifies the responsibility being that of either the LMSC's Records Chair or the Official Scorer at the meet in which the record was set. She made particular effort to communicate that it is not the swimmer's responsibility and that during her eight years as Records Chair no national or world records established in our LMSC were lost. This was the introduction to a discussion regarding whether or not Margie Hutinger's interpretation of this rule is accurate. The meet directors present expressed the concern that this is asking of them a little too much and that the swimmer should be responsible for filling out the required USMS form and collecting the necessary

documentation to go with it. No one expressed any prior difficulty with meet directors providing the necessary documentation to any of the swimmers who have established records at their meets. No motions made.

B. Travel expenses for past officers to attend LMSC meetings

Meegan again read the comments from Margie Hutinger which basically was a “no” vote and a comment about such expenditures being “frivolous”. The argument in favor of the expenditure was made based on having these people available to provide historic information. It was noted that this could, “...get out of hand...” while it was also noted that we can choose to pay for such expenses when we “invite” a particular past officer for a particular reason. No motions made.

Meegan led a question and answer session regarding which clubs, if any, were intending to enter bids for national meets. Patty responded that St. Pete Master is going to make a bid for SCY nationals in 2011. Rick Walker mentioned Sarasota hosting YMCA nationals in 2010 and that he got the impression that the USMS national office would like them to host one national meet or another every two years or so in Sarasota, but not necessarily every year.

C. Other

Meegan then read Margie Hutinger’s last written note which was a request to be selected as a delegate at large by the LMSC, with expenses paid, for the 2009 convention. Her note points out that there is no lack of funding according to recent Treasurer’s reports. This prompted Meegan to announce her choices of delegates for the 2009 convention and the reasons, where applicable: Joan Campbell because she is on the finance committee (our LMSC expense), Victor goes as the USMS Convention Coordinator (USMS expense), Meegan goes because she is on the legislation committee (our LMSC expense). Beyond these three, we have four delegate slots to fill (our LMSC expense). She would like to send Charlie because he has experience and is on the officials committee, Meredith Moore has requested to go, Marianne Bradley has prior experience and is being selected again and Margie Hutinger because of her prior experience and her request to be recommended as a delegate at large. Meegan clarified for Patty that going to convention to make a presentation for a national meet bid does not include delegate voting privileges in the House of Delegates. Because she is interested, Meegan agreed to make a request of the USMS President, Rob Copeland, for a delegate at large slot for her (our LMSC expense).

VI. Adjournment

Adjournment was moved, 2nded and approved at 5:05 PM.