

Florida Local Masters Swim Committee, Inc.

Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2001

Tom Bliss, Chairman of the Florida Local Masters Swim Committee, Inc. (Florida LMSC) called the meeting of the general membership to order following the end of the competition on Saturday, March 31, 2001, at the St Pete Masters Short Course Swimming Championships held at the Northshore Pool in St Petersburg, Florida.

Tom Bliss introduced the recently elected officers and board members of the Florida LMSC as follows:

Tom Bliss	Chairman
Bret Hamlin	Secretary
Meegan Wilson	Treasurer
Maud Orlando	Registrar
Ron Collins	Sanctions
Margie Hutinger	Top 10/Records
Gertraud Perry	Newsletter Editor
Dick Brewer	Web Page

The following team representatives (or alternates) were in attendance:

NAME	TEAM
Bret Hamlin	Tampa Tarpons
Nancy Durstein	CAT Masters
Ryan Woodruff	Gator Swim Club
Joan Campbell	CAT Masters
Bob Magness	DST
Kitty Magness	DST
Gertraud Perry	DST
Tom Bliss	SPCO
Judy Rohrs	Marion County Y Masters
Allison Beebe	St Pete Masters (SPM)
Brian Hendrickson	Team Orlando
Maud Orlando	SPM
Dick Brewer	SWIM
Meegan Wilson	300
Paul Hutinger	Florida Mavericks
John Tilley	Holmes Lumberjax
Michael Barnard	Gator Swim Club
Ron Collins	CAT Masters - Sanctions

Tom encouraged all team representatives to get involved on committees of the LMSC because much work will have to be done outside of the regular LMSC meetings.

We then discussed the upcoming Annual USMS Convention in Dearborn, MI. Margie Hutinger and Meegan indicated that in the past 100% of registration expenses, 100% of travel, 50% of hotel room rate and 100% of food expenses were paid by the Florida LMSC for each delegate. Margie Hutinger suggested that we set a policy so that we don't have to address this same issue each year. Tom Bliss agreed and added that the appropriate course of action is to adopt policies and procedures rather than amending the bylaws to address this issue, as the bylaws are intended to provide general guidelines.

Dick Brewer then made a motion that we budget for 6 delegates, pay the expenses as discussed above (i.e., 100% registration expenses, 100% of travel, 50% of hotel room rate and 100% of food expenses) for 4 delegates and divide the remaining money in the budget among the at-large delegates, up to the same maximums as the regular delegates. Joan Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tom Bliss then discussed adopting a mission statement for the Florida LMSC. The idea of a mission statement was briefly discussed.

Tom Bliss said that he would like to have the Florida LMSC establish goals for the year. He asked for volunteers and said that he would be contacting team representatives and others to solicit their help.

We then discussed whether the by-laws should be amended to provide that Florida LMSC notices and other communications can be sent via e-mail.

Meegan Wilson discussed a proposed budget and gave the Treasurers report (copy attached to the original minutes).

A discussion regarding the dissemination of the Florida LMSC Newsletter ensued - should it be emailed, put on the web, and/or sent via US Mail (as is currently the case)? Tom Bliss suggested that a committee address this issue and report back. He suggested that the committee include Ron Collins, Gertraud Perry, Dick Brewer, Allison Bebee and Bret Hamlin.

It was then decided that we would keep the convention expense budget at \$4,000 for this year.

Tom Bliss announced that the Florida LMSC meetings this year would be as follows:

March	St Petersburg
July	St Petersburg
October	Orlando

A discussion then ensued regarding an "Officials Chair" position. Dick Brewer suggested some duties that we should consider for this position. Ron Collins asked what the meet director's duties would be then. No decision was made on this issue.

Gertraud Perry then reported on the Florida LMSC Newsletter.

Margie Hutinger then proposed that we impose some sort of deposit, such as \$100, on teams hosting meets. If the meet is run according to sanction rules, then the deposit would be returned. If not, all or a portion of the deposit would be forfeited.

Margie Hutinger, Ron Collins and Joan Campbell will get a proposal put together to be addressed at the next meeting.

Nancy Durstein made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$30 to look into website registration. The motion was seconded by Meegan Wilson. The motion carried. It was suggested that we use the address "floridalmc.org".

Ron Collins gave the Sanctions report. He also discussed the party/banquet that will be held at the Orlando meet. A committee of Ron Collins, Gertraud Perry, and Margie Hutinger was established to handle this.

It was reported that there are currently 1117 swimmers registered with the Florida LMSC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were prepared by Bret Hamlin, Secretary, Florida LMSC