

FLORIDA LMSC Board Meeting, April 28, 2024

Chair:	Cheryl Kupan	Session #:	2
Minutes recorded by:	Zena Courtney	Vice Chair:	Kirk Clear
		Date/time of meeting:	Apr 28, 2024, 3:00pm EDT

Motions Passed:

- 1) The 28 January 2024 Minutes were approved.
- 2) Approved the Treasurer, Membership and Committee April 2024 Reports.

- 1) Motions Not Passed: None

Number of Committee members present: 10	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 0
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Committee members present: Cheryl Kupan, Kirk Clear, Terri Goodman, Meegan Wilson, Nancy Kryka, Anna Lea Matysek, Jim Matysek, Scott Bay, Joan Campbell and Zena Courtney

Committee members Absent: Kelly Ezagury (long distance and open water chair), Carter Elliott, Cindi Wood, Jillian Wilkins

April 28, 2024 MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 3:02 PM EDT.

1. WELCOME & ROLL CALL (CHERYL KUPAN)

2. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (CHERYL KUPAN)

Minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were approved as edited. Motion was made by [Scott Bay](#) to approve the minutes, second by [Kirk Clear](#), all in favor, no one opposed.

Motion passed.

3. FINANCE REPORT (TERRI GOODMAN)

Terri provided the 'Net Worth by Year' and '2024 Actual to Budget-Summary' reports. Of note is that our Net Worth of \$92,196 is close to the \$99,645 net worth of 2022 and that the 2024 income is about 50% of budgeted and expenses are at 10% of budget as of April 2024. A motion was made by [Anna Lea](#) to approve the Treasurer reports, second by [Zena Courtney](#), all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.**

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT (CINDI WOOD)

Cindi was not in attendance but sent a report. Here is the Florida LMSC Membership 2023 to 2024 comparison as of same dates:

2023 membership year, 11/1/2022 through 4/27/2023: 2,172

2024 membership year, 11/1/2023 through 4/27/2024: 2,179

Essentially no increase (just 7 members compared to last year); holding very steady.

Requests for club changes come to Cindi and then she works with Bethany Burchill to make the changes in the system averaging about 3-4 changes per month. Most changes are the result of moving to the Gold club or out of state; there is a turn time of less than 24 hours. There is a new Membership Plus option with USMS that costs a bit more but includes 2025 membership. A motion was made by Scott Bay to approve the Membership reports, second by Jim Matysek, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. AWARDS & SOCIAL REPORT (CHERYL KUPAN) - Cheryl had nothing new to report.

B. COACHES (Scott Bay) - Scott had nothing new to report.

C. LONG DISTANCE & OPEN WATER RECORDS (Kelly Ezagury)- no report

D. OFFICIALS & RECORDS (NANCY NEVID, formerly KRYKA) - Nancy reported that the SCM records were updated 1 April 2024 and Meegan posted them. The LCM records update is due 1 December 2024. Nancy stated that we had plenty of officials at the Valentine's, Bob Beach and SWAG meets this year. The Bolles meet used USA officials. Nancy reported a new 2025 rule change that, "All officials acting in the capacity of referee shall be certified as a referee or equivalent by a USMS-approved certifying body, as defined by the USMS Officials Committee."

E. SANCTIONS & TOP 10 REPORT (ANNA LEA MATYSEK)

Anna Lea provided a summary for the completed and upcoming FL LMSC meets for 2024. Anna Lea reported that we have two new, first-time Masters meet hosts in the LMSC. The FAST Masters team in Ocala held a dual-sanctioned meet in conjunction with their USA Swimming team. This was a closed meet with only 3 masters swimmers. They hope to host a Mastersonly meet sometime in the future at this new FAST Aquatic Complex. On April 27, the Bolles School Sharks Masters team hosted its first Masters meet in Jacksonville. This meet acquired 71 entrants in only 3 weeks. This is a great turnout for a firsttime Masters meet, especially one that was organized and posted in a short period of time. They also hope to host more Masters meets in the future, which is great for our LMSC members in the Jacksonville area. It was noted that this meet attracted a younger demographics that typical; average ages between 30-40 versus the 50 and higher at other meets. Anna Lea also provide a picture of what 2 years of paper records looks like to help with answering USMS questions after the fact.

F. SENIOR GAMES LIASON (Carter Elliott) – no report

G. WEBMASTER (Meegan Wilson)- Meegan reported that the website is up to date with records, etc. and is ready to add items as requested. She has also updated the Awards page for 2024. The 2023 Annual Minutes are due to USMS by 30 April 2024, Cheryl will send.

A motion was made by Kirk Clear to approve the Committee reports, second by Scott Bay, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.**

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. FL LMSC Coach Certification Reimbursement

Discussion was conducted regarding the reimbursement for the upcoming USMS Masters coach Level 2 and Level 3 certification in Orlando 9/3/24. Cheryl has provided a Proposed Reimbursement Form to which comments were made by Nancy Nevid. We need this policy in place as of 4/28/2024. Last meeting we discussed approving covering 100% of the cost of the coaching certification courses (except Level 4 for now), but no travel or hotel expenses. Any discrepancies will need approval by Coaches Chair. Course costs are: Level 1: \$150, Level 2: \$200, Level 3: \$175

A motion was made by Scott Bay as amended by Jim Matysek to amend the current policy for reimbursement of coaches who attend a coach certification class as:

- a. Reimburse coach certification course 100%
- b. Dependent on the coach attesting that they are coaching Florida LMSC members, which is subject to verification
- c. Dependent upon reimbursement request be submitted within 90 days of completion of the course.

All in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Support to Legislative Proposal by Oregon LMSC

Sandi Rousseau contacted Anna Lea to see if the FL LMSC would support the following Legislative Proposal to the USMS Board:

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506.4.2 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to interested USMS members as non-participatory guests.

Renumber 506.4.2 and 506.4.3

Rationale: USMS members in good standing should be allowed to attend Board of Director meetings. By doing so, members can both gain insight into organizational decision-making, hear first-hand discussions about topics, and be more informed about upcoming changes and have opportunities to learn about USMS leadership resulting in more informed decisions about running for Board positions. Having access to meeting minutes

approximately 6 weeks after the meeting does not adequately replace the opportunity to listen to discussions leading to decisions.

A motion was made by Scott Bay to support this proposal, second by Meegan Wilson, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.**

Anna Lea will check with Sandi for vote results.

A motion by Scott Bay to adjourn, second by Anna Lea Matysek, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 4:17PM.

Next meeting proposed for July 28th and 3:00PM