

## **FLORIDA LMSC BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, Apr 22, 2026 7:00pm**

- A. Welcome & Roll call (Cheryl Kupan)
- B. Approval of last meeting's minutes (Zena Courtney)
- C. Finance report (Terri Goodman)
- D. Committee reports:
  - 1. Awards, Ryan Kloppe
  - 2. Membership, Cindi Wood
  - 3. Coaches, Scott Bay
  - 4. Open Water & Long Distance, Andy Kroupa
  - 5. Officials, Cindi Wood
  - 6. Newsletter & Website, Meegan Wilson
  - 7. Senior Games Liaison, Carter Elliott
  - 8. Sanctions & Top Ten, Anna Lea Matysek
  - 9. Records, Jim Matysek
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business

**Topic: April 22, 2026 FL LMSC Board Meeting**

**Time: Apr 22, 2026 07:00 PM Atlantic Time (Canada)**

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## FLORIDA LMSC Board Meeting, January 21, 2026

|                             |               |                              |                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Chair:</b>               | Cheryl Kupan  | <b>Session #:</b>            | 1                             |
| <b>Minutes recorded by:</b> | Zena Courtney | <b>Vice Chair:</b>           | Kirk Clear                    |
|                             |               | <b>Date/time of meeting:</b> | January 21, 2026, 7:00 pm EDT |

### Motions Passed:

- 1) The FL LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes from October 30, 2025, were approved with edits.
- 2) The Finance Report and Committee reports were approved.
- 3) A motion to adjourn at 8:33PM EST was approved.

- 1) Motions Not Passed: None

**No. of Committee members present: 10   Absent: 2   Number of other delegates present: 0**

**Committee members present:** Cheryl Kupan/Chair, Kirk Clear/Vice Chair, Terri Goodman/Treasurer, Zena Courtney/Secretary, Scott Bay, Andy Kroupa, Anna Lea and Jim Matysek, Meegan Wilson, Ryan Kloppe

**Absent:** Cindi Wood, Carter Elliott

### JAN 21, 2026 MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 7:00 PM EDT.

#### A. WELCOME & ROLL CALL (Cheryl Kupan)

Cheryl opened the meeting at 7:00PM. The meeting began with discussion of technical difficulties Kirk was experiencing with his phone's text messaging functionality, which carrier was unable to resolve. The group discussed the positive impact of the new St. Pete Masters coach, Kelly Parker-Palace, who has implemented a more interactive coaching approach. Scott Bay confirmed that his membership renewal was processed on November 3rd, and entries for the upcoming Rowdy Meet were reported to be at 312, slightly lower than last year's 374 which was rescheduled due to a hurricane incident.

Ed Coates, President of USMS was on the call. He informed the group about legal challenges in Florida and Texas, where state authorities filed suits against USMS and LMSCs, alleging deceptive trade practices and public nuisances. Ed assured that their outside counsel would handle the suits, with USMS covering costs, and emphasized that LMSC members are not personally liable. The team discussed concerns about the Open Water Nationals in Sarasota, with Ed noting that while the 20-day response window could overlap with the event, they would do everything possible to ensure its continuation. Ed also addressed issues with email forms on the LMSC website, promising to investigate and resolve the problem.

The board discussed concerns about potential legal challenges to upcoming meets, with Scott noting his involvement as meet director and the possibility of injunctions being filed. The group agreed to monitor the situation closely but remain silent for now, while preparing potential responses.

#### B. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (Zena Courtney)

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The board reviewed the annual meeting minutes from October 2025 and approved them with several edits, including correcting spelling errors and updating dates. Motion by Kirk Clear to approve minutes with edits, second by Meegan Wilson, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

### C. FINANCE REPORT (Terri Goodman)

Terry presented the finance report, highlighting a \$12,467 increase in net worth for 2025 and a 22.1% decrease in memberships compared to 2024. The 2025 budget versus actual expenses was reviewed, along with the 2026 budget, which will be used for comparison in the next meeting. Cheryl suggested cutting the airfare budget for next year's annual meeting from \$5,000 to \$2,500 due to the virtual format, but the group decided to keep it at \$5,000 as it's only a budget and actual spending will be lower. The group also discussed changing the registered agent for the LMSC to Cheryl, as it needs to be filed by April 1st, and agreed to complete the annual conflict of interest form once Cheryl confirmed to whom it applied. Motion by Anna Lea to approve report, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

### D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Membership (Cindi Wood)

Cheryl reported for Cindi. The membership report showed an increase in registered members from 1,672 to 1,715 compared to last year. Jim clarified that the USMS year-end 2025 figures included college club swimmers, which distorted the actual membership numbers. The USMS national registration numbers remained virtually the same between 2025 and 2026. Motion by Anna Lea to approve report, second by Terri Goodman, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed**

#### 2) Awards – (Ryan Kloppe)

Ryan reported that four people have submitted nominations for the Leather Lung award, but no submissions have been received for other awards. He proposed using kickboards as an alternative to bobbleheads for awards, with a minimum order of 15 at \$24.99 each, though this would require all awards to be the same design. Kirk suggested using the Florida LMSC logo with the text "Annual Award Winner" to allow for multi-year use. The group discussed the possibility of customizing kickboards with different colors for different years, and Cheryl agreed to provide a logo for mock-ups. Kirk offered to have his friend in Melbourne explore the possibility of creating custom kickboards with plaques.

#### 3) Coaches (Scott Bay)

Scott announced that there is an upcoming coaching clinic for Level 2 and 3 certification in Atlanta on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that there was interest from several people in Orlando and Kirk offered same interest on Swim Melbourne for similar training. They agreed to reach out to Bill about organizing spring clinics, with a previous decision to cover 100% of costs but not travel expenses.

#### 4) Official Reports (Cindi Wood)

Cheryl announced that the new officials' shirts have been ordered and may debut at the Rowdy meet. She also added that Rowdy will be the tester for the newly initiated meet stipend policy,

#### 5) Newsletter/Webmaster (Meegan Wilson)

Meegan has updated the website, including posting reports and minutes. She updated the Clubs page and mentioned a new club called UNAT that should change its name as it's confusingly similar to "unattached," which is the acronym's actual meaning. This is being handled by the USMS office. The group also discussed whether US-14, an unregistered club, should be allowed to vote at meetings. It was decided that while they are important members, they should not be allowed to vote and should be encouraged

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to join a registered club. Meegan is working on the February newsletter and requested Ryan to send information about awards.

### 6) Sanctions & Top Ten (Anna Lea)

Anna Lea provided a report that listed the upcoming meets for 2026, which is very similar to the meet schedule form 2025. There is a new masters meet in Jacksonville scheduled for February 7th, organized by Swim Rise Masters. Anna Lea shared the issue with pool measurements for the November 2025 Ft. Lauderdale swim meet, where USMS accepted only Sunday times due to measurement errors on Friday and Saturday. Anna Lea announced the YMCA Nationals at Sarasota this year, but still waiting on an athlete attestation waiver link to complete registration page. Board questioned if there was a transgender policy for the YMCA. Cheryl noted that she would find out.

### 7) Records (Jim Matysek)

Jim reported that he retired 2 days ago and has the starting info to update the LMSC records. He will update manually and investigate if an automated approach is possible.

### 8) Senior Games (Carter Elliott)

Kirk Clear reported that the Nationals Senior Games are in 2027 in Tulsa, Oklahoma so interested swimmers need to attend a qualifier meet and state meet in 2026 to be eligible for participation.

### 9) Long Distance & Open Water (Andy Kroupa)

Andy shared that the April 4-5 USMS Open Water Nationals at Nathan Benderson Park is proceeding as planned. The Board shared that the FL AG may levy an injunction on this event. Rumor has it that Big Mike has been captured and removed from the park.

A motion was made by Scott Bay to approve all Committee reports, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.**

## E. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Continuation of By-Laws Update (Cheryl Kupan & Kirk Clear)

Cheryl offered that she and Kirk will create a red line version of the suggested By-Laws updates. No huge changes, but Kirk and Cheryl are working to align them with other LMSCs including which Board members are elected versus appointed. Anna Lea offered that if there are only four (Chair/Vice Chair/Treasurer/Secretary) elected officers, that their appointment of other Board members could limit the voice of the rest of the membership.

2. Board membership reimbursements – Terri shared that all reimbursements requested have been fulfilled. Board members are encouraged to submit any outstanding reimbursements quickly.

3. Meet Stipend – As Rowdy will be the first meet to use the stipend payment, Jim Matysek agreed to create a reimbursement form for meet stipend payments to help streamline the process with Terry.

## F. NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl highlighted the upcoming 2026 National events in our LMSC:

A, Masters YMCA Nationals in Sarasota, FL. Dates: April 16-19, 2026, Entries close: tbd

B. USMS Sprint & Long Distance Open Water Championships in Sarasota, FL. Dates: April 3-4, 2026, Entries close: March 30, 2026, or until maximum # of entrants entered. Entries currently at 65 for each event,

A motion was made by Scott Bay to adjourn, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

# LMSC Finance Report

April 22, 2026

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# 202-04-21 Net Worth by Year

1/1/2020 - 4/21/2026  
All Accounts

|                       | 12/31/19        | 12/31/20        | 12/31/21        | 12/31/22        | 12/31/23        | 12/31/24        | 12/31/25         | 4/21/26          |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>         |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| Checking              |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| CHASE CHK             | \$0             | \$0             | \$38,788        | \$49,635        | \$21,395        | \$34,434        | \$45,281         | \$48,634         |
| Checking              | \$10,595        | \$26,383        | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              | \$0              |
| Total Checking        | \$10,595        | \$26,383        | \$38,788        | \$49,635        | \$21,395        | \$34,434        | \$45,281         | \$48,634         |
| Savings               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| CHASE SAV             | \$0             | \$0             | \$50,003        | \$50,010        | \$50,018        | \$5,021         | \$5,022          | \$5,022          |
| Money Market          | \$36,984        | \$36,989        | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              | \$0              |
| Morgan Stanley        | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$55,230        | \$56,850         | \$57,314         |
| Total Savings         | \$36,984        | \$36,989        | \$50,003        | \$50,010        | \$50,018        | \$60,252        | \$61,872         | \$62,336         |
| Property              |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |
| 7 Month CD 11/15/2014 | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              | \$0              |
| 9 Month CD 10/10/2014 | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              | \$0              |
| 12 Month CD 7/10/2014 | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              | \$0              |
| Total Property        | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0             | \$0              | \$0              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$47,579</b> | <b>\$63,373</b> | <b>\$88,791</b> | <b>\$99,645</b> | <b>\$71,413</b> | <b>\$94,686</b> | <b>\$107,153</b> | <b>\$110,970</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>\$0</b>       | <b>\$0</b>       |
| <b>Net Worth</b>      | <b>\$47,579</b> | <b>\$63,373</b> | <b>\$88,791</b> | <b>\$99,645</b> | <b>\$71,413</b> | <b>\$94,686</b> | <b>\$107,153</b> | <b>\$110,970</b> |

# Transactions by Month

Year to Date: 1/1/2026 - 4/21/2026  
All Accounts, 97 Categories, All Tags, All Payees

|                         | Date    | Account        | Payee                      | Category                 | Amount   |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| <b>1/1/26 - 1/31/26</b> |         |                |                            |                          |          |
|                         | 1/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | St Pete Masters            | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$540   |
|                         | 1/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | To Karyn Austin Coachi...  | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$450   |
|                         | 1/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | Sarasota Sharks Inc        | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$520   |
|                         | 1/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | St Pete Masters            | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$475   |
|                         | 1/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | To Karyn Austin Coachi...  | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$390   |
|                         | 1/23/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Club Membership          | \$60     |
|                         | 1/23/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Current Year Membersh... | \$5,750  |
|                         | 1/23/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Year Plus Membership     | \$2,090  |
|                         | 1/30/26 | CHASE SAV      | INTEREST PAYMENT           | Interest                 | \$0      |
|                         | 1/30/26 | Morgan Stanley | morgan stanley             | Interest                 | \$159    |
| Total 1/1/26 - 1/31/26  |         |                |                            |                          | \$5,684  |
| <b>2/1/26 - 2/28/26</b> |         |                |                            |                          |          |
|                         | 2/18/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Club Membership          | \$10     |
|                         | 2/18/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Pool Recognition Fee     | -\$100   |
|                         | 2/18/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Mini Rule Book           | -\$216   |
|                         | 2/18/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Full Rule Book           | -\$60    |
|                         | 2/18/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Registration Income New  | \$3,020  |
|                         | 2/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | Zelle payment to Scott...  | Meet Expense             | -\$1,800 |
|                         | 2/20/26 | CHASE CHK      | Zelle payment to Scott...  | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$2,095 |
|                         | 2/27/26 | CHASE SAV      | INTEREST PAYMENT           | Interest                 | \$0      |
|                         | 2/27/26 | Morgan Stanley | morgan stanley             | Interest                 | \$144    |
| Total 2/1/26 - 2/28/26  |         |                |                            |                          | -\$1,097 |
| <b>3/1/26 - 3/31/26</b> |         |                |                            |                          |          |
|                         | 3/9/26  | CHASE CHK      | Zelle payment to Joe Cl... | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$445   |
|                         | 3/23/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Club Membership          | \$40     |
|                         | 3/23/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Current Year Membersh... | \$790    |
|                         | 3/23/26 | CHASE CHK      | Zelle payment to Lake...   | Shirts                   | -\$56    |
|                         | 3/31/26 | CHASE SAV      | INTEREST PAYMENT           | Interest                 | \$0      |
|                         | 3/31/26 | Morgan Stanley | morgan stanley             | Interest                 | \$160    |
| Total 3/1/26 - 3/31/26  |         |                |                            |                          | \$490    |
| <b>4/1/26 - 4/21/26</b> |         |                |                            |                          |          |
|                         | 4/16/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Current Year Membersh... | \$960    |
|                         | 4/16/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Club Membership          | \$20     |
|                         | 4/16/26 | CHASE CHK      | Orig Name United           | Pool Recognition Fee     | -\$100   |
|                         | 4/17/26 | CHASE CHK      | To Maureen Buzdygon...     | ALTS 50%                 | -\$125   |
|                         | 4/17/26 | CHASE CHK      | To Erin Green 04/17        | ALTS 50%                 | -\$125   |

# Transactions by Month

Year to Date: 1/1/2026 - 4/21/2026  
All Accounts, 97 Categories, All Tags, All Payees

| <b>Date</b>            | <b>Account</b> | <b>Payee</b>               | <b>Category</b>          | <b>Amount</b>  |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 4/17/26                | CHASE CHK      | To Susan Ludwig 04/17      | ALTS 50%                 | -\$125         |
| 4/17/26                | CHASE CHK      | To St Pete Masters, Inc... | Meet Expense             | -\$1,000       |
| 4/17/26                | CHASE CHK      | To St Pete Masters, Inc... | FL LMSC Club Assistan... | -\$515         |
| 4/20/26                | CHASE CHK      | Zelle payment to Adam...   | ALTS 50%                 | -\$125         |
| 4/20/26                | CHASE CHK      | To Sue Watts 04/20         | ALTS 50%                 | -\$125         |
| Total 4/1/26 - 4/21/26 |                |                            |                          | -\$1,260       |
| <b>Total</b>           |                |                            |                          | <b>\$3,817</b> |

# Category Summary Year to Date

Year to Date: 1/1/2026 - 4/21/2026  
 All Accounts, 97 Categories, All Tags, All Payees

| <b>Category</b>                      | <b>1/1/26 - 4/21/26</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |                         |
| Banking                              |                         |
| Interest                             | \$464                   |
| Registration Income New              |                         |
| Club Membership                      | \$130                   |
| Current Year Membership              | \$7,500                 |
| Registration Income New (Other)      | \$3,020                 |
| Year Plus Membership                 | \$2,090                 |
| Total Registration Income New        | \$12,740                |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>\$13,204</b>         |
| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                         |
| Education                            |                         |
| ALTS 50%                             | -\$625                  |
| Meet Expense                         |                         |
| FL LMSC Club Assistant Reimbursement | -\$5,430                |
| Meet Expense (Other)                 | -\$2,800                |
| Recognition Fee                      |                         |
| Pool Recognition Fee                 | -\$200                  |
| Total Meet Expense                   | -\$8,430                |
| Officials                            |                         |
| Rule Books                           |                         |
| Full Rule Book                       | -\$60                   |
| Mini Rule Book                       | -\$216                  |
| Total Rule Books                     | -\$276                  |
| Shirts                               | -\$56                   |
| Total Officials                      | -\$332                  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>-\$9,387</b>         |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>\$3,817</b>          |

## FY2026 Budget

| 2026: JANUARY to DECEMBER |                                        |              |              |              |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           |                                        | Actual       | FY 2026      |              |
|                           |                                        | FY26-04-21   | Budgeted     | Difference   |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>            |                                        |              |              |              |
|                           | Income                                 | 13,204       | 23,751       | (10,547)     |
|                           | Expenses                               | 9,387        | 46,370       | (36,983)     |
|                           | Difference                             | 3,817        | (22,619)     | 26,436       |
| <b>INCOME</b>             |                                        |              |              |              |
|                           | Banking                                | 464          | 1,600        | (1,136)      |
|                           | - Interest                             | -            | 1,600        | (1,600)      |
|                           | Donations                              | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - ISHOF                                | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | Registration Income New                | 12,740       | 22,151       | (9,411)      |
|                           | - 2025 USMS Net Rev. Disbursemen       | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - Club Membership                      | 130          | 1,740        | (1,610)      |
|                           | - Coach Add On                         | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - Current Year Membership              | 7,500        | 17,151       | (9,651)      |
|                           | - Full Registration                    | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - One Event                            | -            | 200          | (200)        |
|                           | - Reg Individual Refund                | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - Registration Other                   | 3,020        | 1,260        | 1,760        |
|                           | - USMS Payment to LMSC                 | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - Workout Group                        | -            | 100          | (100)        |
|                           | - Year Plus Membership                 | 2,090        | 1,700        | 390          |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>           |                                        |              |              |              |
|                           | Education                              | 625          | 7,250        | (6,625)      |
|                           | - ALTS 50%                             | 625          | 1,750        | (1,125)      |
|                           | - Coach Certification                  | -            | -            | -            |
|                           | - Coaches Clinic                       | -            | 500          | (500)        |
|                           | -Swim Clinics                          | -            | 5,000        | (5,000)      |
|                           | Meet Expense                           | 8,430        | 19,375       | (10,945)     |
|                           | - FL LMSC Club Assistant Reimbursement | 5,430        | 6,000        | (570)        |
|                           | <b>-Meet Stpend Fees</b>               | <b>2,800</b> | <b>9,200</b> | <b>6,400</b> |
|                           | <b>-Club Registration Program</b>      | <b>-</b>     | <b>3,375</b> | <b>3,375</b> |
|                           | - Recognition Fee                      | 200          | 800          | (600)        |
|                           | - - OEVT                               | -            | 100          | (100)        |

## FY2026 Budget

| 2026: JANUARY to DECEMBER |                                       |            |               |                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                           |                                       | Actual     | FY 2026       |                 |
|                           |                                       | FY26-04-21 | Budgeted      | Difference      |
|                           | - - Pool Recognition Fee              | 200        | 600           | (400)           |
|                           | - -Recognition Fee Other              |            | 100           | (100)           |
|                           | - Sanction                            | -          |               | -               |
|                           | - - Open Water Sanction Fee           | -          |               | -               |
|                           | - - Pool Sanction Fee                 | -          |               | -               |
|                           | <b>Office</b>                         | <b>-</b>   | <b>2,750</b>  | <b>(2,750)</b>  |
|                           | - Fees                                | -          | 150           | (150)           |
|                           | - Gifts                               | -          | 450           | (450)           |
|                           | - Membership Coordinator              | -          | 850           | (850)           |
|                           | - Newsletter                          | -          | 100           | (100)           |
|                           | - Office Supplies                     | -          | 100           | (100)           |
|                           | - Postage                             | -          | 50            | (50)            |
|                           | - Reg Other (Board - Committee)       | -          | 900           | (900)           |
|                           | - Web Site/SSL/Hosting                | -          | 150           | (150)           |
|                           | <b>Officials</b>                      | <b>332</b> | <b>5,995</b>  | <b>(5,663)</b>  |
|                           | - Gift Cards-Officials                | -          | 3,400         | (3,400)         |
|                           | - <b>Officials Name Badges/Shirts</b> | <b>56</b>  | <b>1,250</b>  | <b>(1,194)</b>  |
|                           | - Officials Clinic                    | -          | 1,000         | (1,000)         |
|                           | - Rule Books                          | 276        | 345           | (69)            |
|                           | - - Full Rule Book                    | 60         | 45            | 15              |
|                           | - - Mini Rule Book                    | 216        | 300           | (84)            |
|                           | <b>Travel &amp; Entertainment</b>     | <b>-</b>   | <b>11,000</b> | <b>(11,000)</b> |
|                           | - Airfare                             | -          | 5,000         | (5,000)         |
|                           | - Annual Meet Delegate Fee            | -          | 1,750         | (1,750)         |
|                           | - Awards                              | -          | 350           | (350)           |
|                           | - Awards Luncheon                     | -          | 600           | (600)           |
|                           | - Hotel                               | -          | 750           | (750)           |
|                           | - Meals                               | -          | 500           | (500)           |
|                           | - Mileage                             | -          | 150           | (150)           |
|                           | - Parking                             | -          | 150           | (150)           |
|                           | - Relay Regisitration                 | -          | 1,750         | (1,750)         |
|                           | - Social                              | 0          | 0             | 0               |

## **Board Report — LMSC board Committee Update: Awards (USMS Florida LMSC)**

**Prepared by:** Ryan Kloppe, CPA, MSA (Awards Chair)

**Report date:** April 22, 2026 (Board Meeting Agenda Item “Awards”)

Ceremony was on March 21 after the Bob Beach meet, with the Florida LMSC Awards Assembly planned at North Shore Pool (Classroom) following the Bob Beach Championship. Very low attendance, more awards sent for hand delivery than passed out. Social budget was not used based on timing of the meet completion vs food delivery. Kickboard awards were \$388.75. Mixed reception on the awards decision; some liked, some didn't liked.

### **Award recipients for 2025 were:**

Leather Lung: Cheryl Kupan (SCY), Christopher Stickle (SCY, SCM, LCM), Sarah Swoch (Postal), Steven Gold (Postal), Marcarena Martin Mayor (Postal)

Club Service Award – Joan Campbell

LMSC Service Award – Cheryl Kupan

LMSC Service Award – Kirk Clear

Sue Moucha Overcoming Adversity Award – Tom Stokes

### **Need use for the remaining kickboards (5)**

Cheryl proposed review group for Awards selection process

## Membership Report, April 22, 2026

The numbers are down from last year. We are trailing about 500 members down. I ran these numbers after Nationals closed registration.

### **Florida 2025**

- 2,464 Members Registered
  - 11293 Men
  - 1171 women
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### **Florida Clubs**

- 62 registered clubs for 2026
  - 65 registered clubs for 2025
- 98 self-identified coaches for 2026
  - 107 self-identified coaches for 2025

### **Florida 2026**

- 2,000 Members Registered
  - 1,025 Men
  - 975 Women

### **National Clubs**

- 1,148 registered clubs for 2026
  - 1,372 registered clubs for 2025
- 2,514 self-identified coaches for 2026
  - 2,812 self-identified coaches for 2025

## Officials Report

No new news from the Officials meetings. Some minor changes to the backstroke starts, but nothing concrete. Cindi will keep us posted on any changes.

## **Webmaster – Newsletter Report, April 22, 2026**

Meegan Wilson

Meeting information, reports, etc., are added to the website, if I receive them. I have updated the [Club Information](#) page on the website. The name of the club UNAT has been changed to Southwest Florida Aquatics (SWFA).

I am working on the May newsletter. I have sent out a request for club news as well as Board news. A few clubs have already sent submissions. If anyone on the Board is planning to submit something to me please let me know. I would like to send the newsletter out by May 1<sup>st</sup>, if possible.

## **Senior Games Liaison Report**

Carter is traveling out of the country, and will miss the board meeting. 😞.

Not much going on with the Seniors. Local seniors meets will be held over the next several months, leading up to the state meet, to be held in early December in Pasco County.

# Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

Anna Lea Matysek, April 21, 2026

## ***New USMS Sanction Software***

USMS launched a new sanction system on March 9. Anyone applying for a USMS sanction or USMS recognition for a meet is now required to have a USMS “MyAccount” login. If the meet director is a USMS member, that is the same login as they use for their USMS membership account. If the meet director is not a USMS member, they are required to create a “MyAccount” login.

In the old system, each LMSC sanctions chair had a login to the sanctions system dashboard. There they could see any pending sanction requests that had been submitted, along with all of the approved sanction and recognition applications for meets held in that LMSC over the past 10 years. That dashboard was useful for the sanctions chair because (a) sometimes they didn’t receive the email notification that a new sanction request had arrived, but they could always log in and view their dashboard for any pending requests and (b) they could look back at past meets to see what the sanction number was, whose names had been submitted for the meet referee, meet data coordinator, etc.

The dashboard was also useful because the meet directors frequently submit incorrect information in their sanction applications. For example, they might submit the wrong entry link for their online entry page. In the old system, the sanctions chair could correct those mistakes before they approved the sanction request, so that when it was approved the correct information and link would appear in the USMS Calendar of Events.

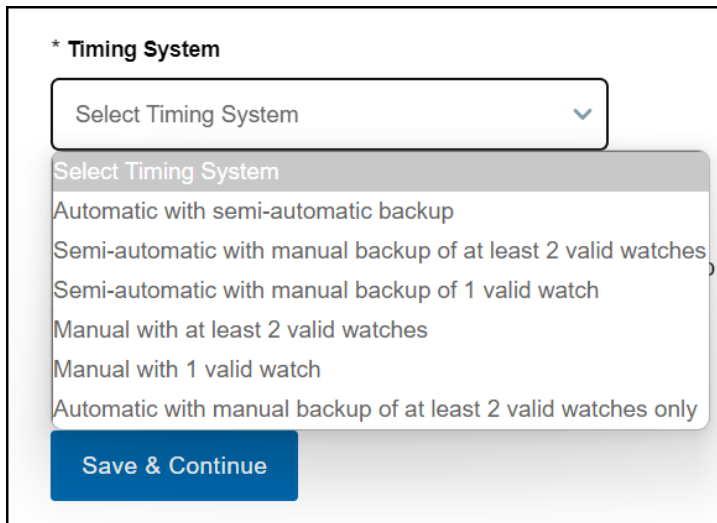
In the new system, there is no dashboard, no way for the LMSC sanctions chair to access the sanction requests online that were submitted for past meets, and no way for the sanctions chair to make corrections to a sanction application.

The new system operates solely by email. When a sanction request is submitted, the LMSC sanctions chair receives an email that contains the information submitted by the meet director in their sanction application. The email contains two buttons, one to approve the sanction request and the other that says “Edits Needed.”

If the “Edits Needed” button is clicked, the sanctions chair is redirected to a web page that instructs them to send an email to the meet director, inform the meet director of what edits are needed, and to instruct the meet director to log in to their USMS “MyAccount” and make the necessary updates. After the meet director logs in and makes their edits, they submit their updated sanction request, and then the sanctions chair receives another email that contains their updated sanction application information.

The new sanction system also requires the meet director to answer some questions about the pool course they will be using and the timing system they will be using. The pool course question requires that they search for the pool and then select the specific course. USMS now has a database that contains the list of measured pools and courses that are on file and when the meet director selects that from the list in the sanction application, it automatically determines and fills in whether times from the meet will count for USMS Top 10, national records, or world records. Those designations are determined by whether the pool is long enough and whether it’s a yards or meters course (there are no world records for yards meets).

For the timing system designation, the meet director selects the type of timing system from a drop-down menu (see screenshot below). What I am finding is that some meet directors don't understand the difference between different types of timing systems, and are selecting the wrong one from that list. (For example, there is a difference between an automatic timing system and a semi-automatic timing system.) If they select the wrong type of timing system and the sanctions chair doesn't catch it, the meet may not be counted at the end of the season for USMS Top 10 or records. (If the meet director selects the wrong timing system and the sanctions chair catches it and follows up with them, the meet director must be instructed to log in and update their sanction application.)



The screenshot shows a web form section titled "\* Timing System". It features a dropdown menu with the placeholder text "Select Timing System" and a downward arrow. The dropdown menu is open, displaying the following options: "Automatic with semi-automatic backup", "Semi-automatic with manual backup of at least 2 valid watches", "Semi-automatic with manual backup of 1 valid watch", "Manual with at least 2 valid watches", "Manual with 1 valid watch", and "Automatic with manual backup of at least 2 valid watches only". Below the dropdown menu is a blue button labeled "Save & Continue".

The new USMS sanction system launched on March 9. There were four meets in the Florida LMSC that had already been issued sanctions through the old system, but the meets hadn't been held yet. For those four meets, the meet directors were required to log in to their USMS "MyAccount" and update their previously-approved sanction requests to answer the questions about the pool course (which required them to delete the pool name they had previously submitted, then search for that pool name and select the course from the results that appeared) and the timing system.

USMS sent emails to all meet directors who had meets in that status (already sanctioned in the old system but not yet held), instructing them to update their meets. After a week or two, when I hadn't received any updated sanction requests, I contacted those four meet directors myself and sent instructions for how to update their meets. All four of those meet directors ended up having issues in the new system when trying to update their meets that required them to contact USMS for assistance.

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## Meets in the Florida LMSC for 2026

The Long Center pool in Clearwater has been undergoing a major renovation. They are tentatively planning to host a Masters long course meet in August, 2026.

The Southeast Zone website (<http://southeastzone.org>) contains a list of all meets scheduled in our zone as they become available. Below is a list of all of the USMS-sanctioned or USMS-recognized meets scheduled so far in the Florida LMSC in 2026.

| Date                        | Event Title                                                                                                                                                    | Course | Sanction Type      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| January 30-February 1, 2026 | Rowdy Gaines Classic, Orlando<br>416 participants (414 USMS member, 2 foreigner)                                                                               | SCM    | Sanction           |
| February 7, 2026            | SwimRise Masters Invite, Jacksonville<br>146 participants (all USMS member, majority were College Club swimmers)                                               | SCY    | Sanction           |
| February 7, 2026            | Gulf Coast Senior Games, Sarasota<br>53 participants (41 USMS member, 12 nonmember)                                                                            | SCY    | Recognition        |
| March 21-22, 2026           | Bob Beach Championship Meet, St. Pete<br>103 participants (all USMS member)                                                                                    | SCY    | Sanction           |
| April 3-4, 2026             | USMS Open Water National Championships (1-Mile and 5K), Sarasota<br><i>(Note: Held in conjunction with the USA Swimming national open water championships)</i> | OW     | Sanction           |
| April 12, 2026              | 6th Annual Show Your SWAG Meet, Gainesville                                                                                                                    | SCY    | Sanction           |
| April 16-19, 2026           | YMCA National Masters Meet, Sarasota<br>378 participants (335 USMS member, 43 nonmember)                                                                       | SCY    | Sanction           |
| April 18-19, 2026           | The Villages Senior Games                                                                                                                                      | SCY    | Recognition        |
| June 20-21, 2026            | Bumpy Jones Classic, Sarasota                                                                                                                                  | LCM    | Sanction           |
| July 11-12, 2026            | St. Pete Masters LCM Championships, St. Pete                                                                                                                   | LCM    | Will be sanctioned |
| August, 2026                | TENTATIVE depending on pool renovation:<br>Clearwater Dog Days Meet, Clearwater                                                                                | LCM    | Will be sanctioned |
| September 13, 2026          | Gainesville Senior Games, Gainesville                                                                                                                          | SCY    | Recognition        |
| November 7-8, 2026          | Shark Tank Meet, Sarasota                                                                                                                                      | SCM    | Will be sanctioned |

## Florida LMSC Meet Stipend Policy

A new meet stipend policy is in effect for 2026 meets. This policy was proposed and approved at the 2025 Florida LMSC Annual Meeting. Upon successful completion of a sanctioned meet, the LMSC will send a stipend to the meet host to cover the costs of financial gifts for the officials, assist with the costs of online meet entry, and any other meet expenses. Details of the policy are posted [in this document on the Florida LMSC website](#) and I am directing meet hosts to that document prior to approving their sanctions.