

FLORIDA LMSC Board Meeting, October 14, 2023

Chair:	Cheryl Kupan	Session #:	3
Minutes recorded by:	Zena Courtney	Vice Chair:	Kirk Clear
		Date/time of meeting:	Oct 14, 2023, 5:34pm EDT

Motions Passed:

- 1) The 22 August 2023 Minutes were approved with edits.
- 2) Scott Bay made motion for interested parties to submit any additions to the 2024 budget to Terri Goodman by Noon 30 November 2023, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed**
- 3) Approved the Treasurer, Membership and Committee August 2023 Reports.

- 1) Motions Not Passed: None

Number of Committee members present: 10	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present: Jim Matysek, Nancy Kryka, Cindi Wood, Scott Bay, Kirk Clear, Cheryl Kupan, Anna Lea Matysek/on computer, Meegan Wilson/on computer, Zena Courtney, Terri Goodman/on computer		
Committee members Absent: Carter Elliott, Christopher Rieder, Megan Howson, Sheila Carpenter-vanDijk		
Others present: Joan Campbell, Bob Wermuth, Bob Griffiths, Tere DeMoss, Jillian Wilkins		

October 14, 2023 MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 5:34 PM EDT.

1. WELCOME & ROLL CALL (CHERYL)

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

Minutes of the August 2023 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 & 2023 BUDGET (Terri Goodman)

Terri reported that the FL LMSC continues to perform well and has significant reserves, as of 10/11/23 of \$69,120. During 2023 we supported:

- The FL LMSC teams by making Grant Distributions of \$25/swimmer, totaling \$31,350.
- The USMS Summer Nationals Meet, hosted by the Sarasota Sharks with a grant of \$15,000.
- Officials with gift cards, name badges, and opportunities for education.
- Members with opportunities to attend convention, and other training.
- Coaches with opportunities to participate in USMS training courses.

The '2023 Actual to Budget - Summary and 2024 Proposed Budget' report was reviewed and several items were requested for addition. A motion was made by Scott Bay for interested parties to submit any additions to the 2024 budget to Terri Goodman by Noon 30 November 2023, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.** Another motion was made by Scott Bay to approve the Treasurer reports, second by Cindi Wood, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.**

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Cindi Wood)

Cindi provided the Membership Report. Cindi's report showed that the FL LMSC 2023 membership is 2,676 members (1280/Men and 1404/Women), which is higher than 2022 at 2,555. Cindi noted that Florida makes up 21% of all USMS registrants but some questioned that being so high. The National registration is 55,359 members. The USMS memberships for the FL LMSC Board members will be automatically for 2024. USMS will be raising the rates again next year to \$70.00. 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 stated that it is almost time when the nomination process for the FL LMSC Awards for the 2023 season is opened from November 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. She will once again encourage the nominators to use the forms that were posted two years ago and will once again ask Mark Robison for the use of a room at the Long Center to host the lunch at the conclusion of the Valentine's Day meet - Saturday's session. If anyone is interested in assisting with the awards selection and lunch, please contact Cheryl. Sarasota's Rick Walker was named the 2023 USMS Coach of the Year. Rick attended the first couple of days at Convention so he could receive the award in person. Congratulations Rick – long overdue! For the "social" aspect of this position, Cindi & Cheryl have been updating the Facebook page. Cheryl encourages all to send team's pictures from meets, workouts, socials, sunrises, sunsets, etc... to post on the site. If you have any ideas, please let us know. If you'd like to manage the page, Cheryl's all ears! Thank you Jim Matysek for the new photos on the FL LMSC website, they look great!

B. COACHES (Scott Bay) Scott reported that B.J. Graham attended the USMS Convention Coaches session and reiterated congratulations to Rick Walker for the 2023 USMS Coach of the Year Award. The focus remains to recruit more coaches. Registration does have a spot to indicate that one is a coach. Folks can become Level 1 online. To support new people, Scott will provide a proposal for the FL LMSC budget. Gold Coast LMSC is offering Level 1&2 certification and ALTS in December 2023. The USMS Kerry O'Brien Award recognizing USMS coaches who are building our membership in communities throughout our country, proposals will be requested.

C. LONG DISTANCE & OPEN WATER – Megan Howson, Megan was not present and did not send a report.

D. OFFICIALS & RECORDS (NANCY KRYKA)

Nancy provided her Officials & Records report in table form with her 2024 Budget requests. There was much discussion regarding a proposed Jan 2024 Officials Clinic. A Save the Date announcement was requested. There was some confusion regarding who is in charge, where to stay, why the FL LMSC was selected. Jillian Wilkins took an action to follow up with Bill Brenner to help create an USMS Officials clinic, not a FL LMSC Officials clinic. Nancy reported on several new officials being certified and the need for more name tags. Funding for the new small 2024 Rule Books was requested and support for attendees to the USMS relay 2024 meeting in Houston, TX. She also announced a stroke clinic being organized by Rick Walker and Scott Bay for Summer 2024

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

Anna Lea provided a summary for the 2023 Summer Nationals and the list of completed and upcoming meets/events in FL LSMC for 2024 and the completed events for 2023. Anna Lea also stated that the Florida LMSC members are fortunate to be able to choose from so many Masters meets. Our LMSC hosted five Long Course (LCM) meets in 2023. Many LMSCs only have one Long Course meet per year; some don't have any! Long Course and Short Course Meters (SCM) meets are popular with top-level Masters swimmers because world records and world Top 10 rankings can be set in those courses. It's not unusual to see Masters swimmers from other parts of the country at these Florida meets, for that reason. New events in 2023 included the Swim Melbourne open water race in March and the Summer SWAGfest meet in Gainesville in August. The Swim Melbourne open water race director is planning to hold a race in 2024, tentatively scheduled for late February. We are also fortunate to be able to offer USMS recognition status to six senior games meets in the LMSC. These meets draw a significant number of registered members of the Florida LMSC and the recognition status encourages participants to maintain their USMS memberships.

F. SENIOR GAMES LIASON (Carter Elliott) The swimming portion of the National Senior Games was completed on July 14-17, 2023 in Pittsburgh, PA. Florida had 53 participants, including Board Member Kirk Clear. Of all states participating, FL had the third most swimmers (Ohio had 73; Pennsylvania had 56). Carter provided the link to the results

G. WEBMASTER (Meegan Wilson) Meegan Zoomed in to the meeting. She is keeping the website up to date with LMSC meeting information, minutes, and board reports. Jim Matysek is working on updating our Contacts page. Meegan updated the Awards page with the 2022 award recipients. She also added a 'Florida LMSC Members Receive National Award' and 'Remembering Our Florida Members' pages. Feel free to share any missing info. Finally the "Thank You to Officials Photo" has been posted from LCM Nationals in Sarasota.

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

6. 2023 CONVENTION Meegan Wilson provided a 2023 Delegate Convention Report. The Florida LMSC had seven delegates representing Florida this year, one automatic, Kirk Clear as Chair of the History and Archives Committee and six appointed, Scott Bay, B.J.

Graham, Cheryl Kupan, Jim Matysek, Rick Walker, and myself. Meegan attended virtually. For this hybrid meeting, Committee and Zone meetings met virtually during the month prior to the HOD meetings which met in-person and virtually from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. This shortened schedule decreased delegates ability to interact and connect with other delegates and it made for a very long day on Saturday. Jessica Reilly did a fantastic job of handling the voting and delegate comments, etc. Rick Walker, Sarasota Sharks, received the 2023 USMS Coach of the Year Award, and congratulations to Barbara Dunbar, San Diego Imperial, for receiving the highest award that USMS offers, the Captain Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award for 2023.

The In Memoriam video that was produced by the History & Archives Committee was very emotional and all could view the presentation prior to the start of the HOD on Saturday morning. Meegan had issues with the way the Legislation Committee went about revising the mission, vision, and values statements in the rule book, using a task force that no one knew about until the last minute and not published with task force minutes or any Legislation Committee meeting minutes for the entire year. She was also concerned with the way the Long Distance Committee handed over the running of the postal long distance pool events, (the hour swim, 3000/6000 and 5K/10K), to the National Office. It was thought that if the Long Distance Committee receives no bids, then the National Office should handle it. The Fitness Committee was eliminated this year and the Sports Medicine and Science Committee last year.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Joan Campbell is still having a hard time cashing FACT's grant distribution of \$25/swimmer. The original check will be cancelled and another issued to Joan Campbell. Cindi Wood will send Joan's address to Terri Goodman.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 Goals: Cheryl suggested that the LMSC By-laws need reviewed and updated. She will make first run through them.

B. FL LMSC Board & Committee Memberships. Cindi will send FL LMSC Board member list to USMS for 1 November renewal, USMS will take the renewal fees out of the membership check to the FL LMSC

A motion by Scott Bay to adjourn, second by Kirk Clear, all in favor, no one opposed.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 6:31PM