

Minutes of Florida LMSC Meeting - October 29, 1988
Edgewater High School, Orlando

Chairman John Maguire called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The following officers were present:

Chairman - John Maguire
Secretary - Angela Dickey
Treasurer - Lynn Brownstein
Registration and Records Chairman - Catie Cooper
Sanctions Chairman - Walter "Tony" Rosenbaum
Dixie Zone Chairman/LMSC newsletter editor - Frank Tillotson

The following LMSC teams were represented as follows:

St Pete Masters: Maguire, Tillotson, Brownstein, Enid* and Bill Uhrich
Suncoast Masters: Lee Stauffer
Central Florida Masters: Dickey, Larry Peck, Bertha Masterson
Holmes Lumber Jax: Telfair Mahaffy
University Swim Club: Brian Wilder
Forest Hills Aquatics: Wilder
Clearwater Y Masters: Joe Biondi
Swim Florida: Craig Rubin
FAST Masters: Rosenbaum, Cooper

*Enid is also National Registrar and Chairman of the Top Ten and Tabulation Committee.

Judy Meyer, masters coach at Mission Bay in Boca Raton, also was present.

Angela read the minutes of the July 30 meeting. They were approved.

Lynn delivered the following financial report, which was approved:

Previous Balance:	\$5,248.91
Income:	1,898.24
Disbursements:	1,953.24
New Balance	5,193.91

Catie reported a registration of 1,114 members for 1987-88. She said that the new computer software we acquired this year has helped her keep track of new members. She reminded teams that we cannot accept applications from 18-year-olds. Only swimmers aged 19 and up are eligible.

Regarding records, Catie said she had filed results for Top 10 national long course. However, she said some records are missing for Top 5; Consequently, reporting for those records has been delayed. She moved, and Tony seconded, that we buy two computer programs that will assist in our records reporting. The cost to the LMSC will be approximately \$100, she said.

There was general discussion about the need to publicize masters swimming and to recruit new members into local clubs. John said the LMSC is a "phantom organization" that most potential masters swimmers don't even know about. Some people suggested that the best stories about masters are often in newspaper style sections rather than on the sports pages.

Joe Biondi's promotional efforts in Clearwater were widely admired. Enid moved, and Catie seconded, that the LMSC provide local clubs with copies of Joe's PR packets. The motion passed unanimously.

Note to local clubs: The USMS national office is collecting stories about masters swimming. Send all copies of such articles about your team to Dottie Donnelly, 2 Peter Ave., Rutland, Mass., 01543; 508/886-6631.

Judy explained that Mission Bay is taking over Justus Aquatic Center and that she will be responsible for developing a masters program there. She said she does not intend to do anything to undermine Central Florida Masters, whose members swim at various pools around Orlando.

Franks expressed some doubts about the future of the Dixie Zone championship, which in reality is nothing more than results sent in by mail. He said some LMSCs in the zone were not supporting the championship this year. Nevertheless Tony moved, and Lynn seconded, that our LMSC give the Dixie Zone champs one more chance. We voted to participate.

There was some general discussion about the ongoing issue of insurance. John cautioned that water polo, diving, and synchronized swimming are not insured or sanctioned by USMS.

We voted to move up the effective date for registering for master's by 30 days. Thus, a swimmer can register as early as Sept. 1 for the following year. A local team must renew its charter by Sept. 1 if it plans to register new swimmers for the year.

Catie, John, Frank, Enid and Bill, all of whom attended the national convention, reported the following developments:

1. Henceforth, a swimmer applying to swim in a national championship must submit a copy of his USMS registration card. No card, no swim. (Catie moved, and it was passed, that we require this procedure for all meets within the LMSC.)
2. So many people have been attending nationals that the maximum number of individual events may be cut from 6 to 5 at Nationals in 1989.
3. Henceforth at national championships, the first leg on a relay team cannot use his or her time for a USMS record.
4. The USMS now strongly recommends that all meet directors have certified officials on hand for meets. (To comply with this trend, the LMSC voted to require all meets to be supervised by certified USMS, USS or YMCA officials. It is recommended that teams offer tokens of appreciation to officials, who serve without pay.)
5. Henceforth at national championships, swimmers no longer will be permitted to exit the pool at the end of the lane. Instead they will be required to swim to the side of the pool. During a relay, swimmers who have finished their legs of the race must wait by the buoy lines until all have swum, then move to the side and exit.

(Catie moved, and Enid seconded, that the LMSC adopt a similar procedure. Bill Uhrich offered the following amended language, which passed:

"Under the advice of the USMS medical committee, it is recommended that at all meets the competitors exit from the sides of the pool and not from the ends of their lanes. Swimmers should wait until the last person in the heat finishes before crossing lanes to exit. Swimmers should wait at least one yard from the end of the lane, on the right side of the lane."

There was some concern about the availability of emergency care at local meets. Bill moved that the LMSC encourage every team to get its swimmers certified in CPR, that the organization develop safety guidelines for meet directors, and that we submit these guidelines to the USMS medical committee for approval. This passed.

Angela tendered her resignation as secretary; she is moving to a new job in Washington, D.C. Tony, who previously had submitted his resignation, passed the sanctions torch on to Craig Rubin, of Swim Florida. Enid Uhrich was selected unanimously to replace Angela; Paul Enders of Swim Florida will take the records load off Catie. All other officers were reelected without opposition.

The Meet schedule for 1988-1989 was then compiled. John adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Dickey
Secretary