

Florida LMSC Annual Meeting - September 30, 1989, Orlando, Florida

(Note: The following attendees had signed in on a page of Florida LMSC letterhead that was included with the minutes in the October 1989 newsletter. They are typed below.)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Maguire. Others present were: Enid Uhrich, Secretary; Ruth M. Smith, Clearwater Largo YMCA; Brian Wilder, USC; Carol M. Cowan, Space Coast Masters; Wayne Reilly, St. Pete Masters; Catie Cooper, Registrar & FAST Masters; Joe Biondi, Clearwater Masters; Tom Harmon, IRCC; Lee Stauffer, Sun Coast Masters; Telfair Mahaffy, Holmes Lumber; Frank Tillotson, Editor & Dixie Zone Chairman; Bill Uhrich, SPM; Joe Lewkowitz, USC; Dave Williams, AJAX; Miguel Lopez, Florida Aquatics; Rosie Vijil, Pasco Aquatic Club; Fred J. Robertson, IRCC; Paul Enders, Records & SWIM Florida.

Minutes of the June meeting were accepted as published. No treasurer's report was available so John Maguire announced that we were solvent and the report would be published in the next LMSC newsletter.

At a special meeting on September 16 it was voted that "If less than 75% of a club's members reside in the Florida LMSC, a club will have to obtain approval of the Executive Committee before the registrar can accept its registration." Since no separate minutes were written for this special meeting, it was agreed to add this to this report.

Craig Rubin's resignation as sanction chairman was accepted and John said he would act as temporary sanction chairman until a new chairman could be found. He felt that with this being the busy season for sanctions, it was not fair to try to load this all on a new chairman who would require a fair amount of education about the process.

Paul Enders gave a report as Top Ten Recorder and explained the importance of correctly preparing meet results with name, date on the top of each page as well as including swimmer's full name with initial and affiliation as it appears on the card. He also agreed to look over the present instructions that are sent to clubs when they are applying for sanctions. As soon as he has checked this, he will send it to Enid Uhrich for typing and inclusion in the sanction packet. Enid agreed to update the rest of the material for the sanction packet. The meeting voted a \$250 honorarium to Paul for his top ten work. Paul said the Top Five was almost ready for publication and explained that last year's was not published due to change in Top Ten Recorders.

Frank Tillotson gave a report on the Dixie Zone meeting at the convention and explained that the zone voted to have its own newsletter which would be sent to LMSC officers, delegates and clubs. He also discussed our own LMSC newsletter and explained that meet entry forms averaged between \$25 and \$35 per page (according to the number of newsletters mailed out). Joe Biondi commended that this fee was far cheaper than trying to send it out yourself for your own meet - and certainly easier! It was also pointed out that All known meets were included in the list of meets.

Catie Cooper said that the registrations for 1989 were much easier than previous years. She also emphasized the importance of registering with the middle initial and with the name that a swimmer was planning to use at all meets. The changes coming from convention were: a) that a swimmer's registration expires on Oct. 31st and that he is considered to be registering anew and would therefore not need a transfer form at the time of registering if there was a change of clubs or associations. However, once registered the swimmer MUST fill in a transfer form and pay the appropriate dues and, if changing LMSC should give old card to the new registrar. b) that a new and more comprehensive waiver form was designed and the new insurance requires that each swimmer must sign this form at the time of registering and again with each meet entry. The registrar's honorarium was raised to 30 cents per swimmer.

Judy Meyers reported on the coaches committee and their activities at the national championships and at the convention. She also gave an impromptu demonstration of the latest techniques for breaststroke and freestyle.

After considerable discussion of the difficulties of organizing and running long distance swims in the Florida area - as compared to other LMSCs - and discussion of insurance requirements - Joe Biondi was appointed Chairman of the Long Distance Committee and was asked to investigate all possibilities. It was moved and passed that the Executive Committee be empowered to waive the LMSC fee for USMS registration for first time long distance swimmers - to encourage this sport - if the Long Distance Committee finds that this would be helpful. The cards so issued would be stamped across the front "for Long Distance only" and would only be for the first year and not be acceptable for any other type of meet. This committee was voted a \$200 budget.

The reports of other committees from the convention were then discussed, with Bill Uhrich reporting for Medical, John reporting for marketing and financial - particularly about the funding of insurance. Frank reported for legislation and Catie covered the rest of the committees. Paul reported for Doug Messineo who was unable to be present due to a death in the family. The report he gave was from a hand written copy given him by Doug and John helped fill in gaps from the Long Distance Committee's written report. It was pointed out that our delegates covered every meeting, including late evening meetings not on the original schedule and one that even roused committee members out of bed after midnight for an emergency meeting. It was agreed that full attendance at the convention

helped our LMSC immeasurable for the coming year and it was voted that the LMSC Chairman, whenever possible, be a member of the delegation.

A series of amendments to the by-laws and articles of the LMSC Constitution were proposed by Doug Messineo. After through discussion one was rejected as inappropriate and the rest were all turned down unanimously.

The rest of the meeting was then opened to filling the calendar with known meets. The Zone meets for short and long course were awarded. These meets are the ones for the postal zone championships and swimmers may enter any or all of the Dixie Zone meets. They will be designated on the calendar.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Enid Uhrich
Secretary