

The Annual Florida LMSC Membership meeting was held at Maguire Printing in St. Petersburg, FL. Chairman John Maguire called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Others present were: Charles Kohnken, Registrar; Catie Cooper, Records and Tabulation; Richard Avery, Treasurer and HLJ rep.; Bill Uhrich, Sanctions; Frank Tillotson, Newsletter Editor; Meegan Wilson, Secretary and FAST rep.; Roy Ward and Dave Perkey, CATM; Al Rogerson, BSAM; John Bishop and Abrasha Brainin, SPM.

## I. General Business

A. Minutes - The minutes of the General Florida LMSC July 17, 1993 meeting were approved after correcting the following sentence under Recorder's Report. The added words are in quotes: Catie Cooper requests that meet directors provide a list of out-of-LMSC competitors that includes the swimmers full name, club affiliation, and current USMS registration number "and also include a xerox copy of their USMS Registration card."

B. Treasurer Report - Richard Avery reported a bank balance of \$4581.39. Richard said that Frank Tillotson requested that records of income and expenses be itemized and reported. John Maguire said that in the past there have been no clear cut guidelines for this, but now reports need to be filed at the National level. John and Richard are compiling records for 1992 and 1993 that will include operational expenses, Convention costs, newsletter expenses, and postage costs. The \$25/day sanction fee for meets is not considered income since this fee is returned if all sanction requirements are met. It is not necessary to file an income tax form for a nonprofit organization if income is below \$25,000. The Florida LMSC annual income is around \$8,000. The treasurer report was approved.

C. Sanctions - Bill Uhrich reported that when he was out of town, a sanction fee was not collected from Suncoast Masters for the Pentathlon. He has approved one sanction for 1994.

Bill has changed the waiver that swimmers sign before participating in a meet. The sentence 'In addition, I agree to abide and be governed by the rules and regulations of USMS' has the added words 'and Florida LMSC swimming'. There was discussion whether or not this would invalidate the waiver since it must be presented 'as is' for insurance purposes.

John Bishop has decided to do away with the one page waiver form that all swimmers could sign prior to swimming at a development meet. Each swimmer will have to sign an individual waiver prior to warming up at a development meet.

Bill has developed a sanctions packet that will be sent to meet directors when a sanction is applied for. John Bishop requested that the packet be sent to all meet directors prior to sanction application so that they have more time to meet the requirements. The items to be included in the packet were discussed. The packet will include: 1) An application for a National or World Record; 2) A list of Florida LMSC Clubs; 3) An information sheet on how to report meet results; 3) A suggested Medical Planning sheet which should stress that no diving or jumping into lanes is allowed at meets during warm up and warm down. Swimmers must 'slide in' only or they can be disqualified from the meet. Diving is acceptable in designated one way sprint lanes. 4) A Report of Occurrence for incidents, no matter how minor is to be filled out by the Safety Coordinator; 5) A suggested format for meet announcements and entry form. In addition, meets should conform to the rules and regulations listed in the "USMS Rules Handbook".

Bill included some additional guidelines to follow and the following points were discussed:

- 1) A designated Safety Coordinator with up to date certification in CPR, First Aid, and Life Guard training or equivalent must be on deck and must have an emergency action plan. The plan would include emergency phone #'s and the precise action to take in case of an emergency.
- 2) Two to four officials are required and must fill the following positions: referee, starter, and two stroke and turn judges if automatic timing is not used.
- 3) The waiver must be signed by all swimmers prior to entering the water.
- 4) A \$25 per day deposit will be collected. Make checks out to Florida LMSC.
- 5) The warning to swimmers 19-24 about jeopardizing their amateur status has been deleted.
- 6) Individual event splits are acceptable for records and top ten times provided times are completely automatic and are brought to the attention, in writing, to the LMSC Top Ten Recorder (Catie Cooper). Relay splits are not eligible
- 7) Deck entries are acceptable provided no heat sheets are available.
- 8) 'No time' meet entries are not permitted.
- 9) Heats must be swum slowest to fastest. This is not a National rule.
- 10) Smoking is not permitted, even outdoors, anywhere there is a swimmer. Signs must be posted.
- 11) Meet Results "must be sent to the FLMSC Top Ten Recorder (Catie) within 21 days after the meet" and also "must be sent directly to the National Recorder with required paperwork."
- 12) LMSC registration cards must be presented prior to swimming if entries are sent in without a copy of the card on the entry form.

They must also be shown at development meets or meets where deck entries are permitted

Charlie asked about getting the Good Life Games 'approved' so that swim times of Masters swimmers competing will count toward 'top 5/top 10' consideration. Masters swimmers must sign the waiver to get approval. Frank Tillotson said that the word 'approved' was changed to 'recognized' at the Convention. He volunteered to be present at the meet. Bill Uhrich can 'recognize' a meet, if it meets all qualifications and is observed by someone active in masters.

D. Registrar Report - Charles Kohnken reported 1012 registered FLMSC swimmers as of October 31. This is an increase over last years membership of 874. Registrations for 1994 has begun with about 40 swimmers and one team registered so far.

Registration for the new year can't begin until November. Charlie reported that at the 1993 Convention the National registration fee will be reduced by \$5 (from \$15 to \$10) for registrations applied for in September and October. There was discussion and a motion made to reduce FLMSC fees from \$8 to \$5. The motion was defeated. Abrasha Brainin said that individual clubs can waive their club fees during September and October if they want to cut costs. Catie reminded members that new members have a one month (one time only) trial period. They must fill out the registration form and sign a check. After a month the check can be returned if the swimmer decides not to join.

Charlie said that a 'one event only' registration fee was approved at the National Convention. It is now up to individual LMSCs to approve this. John Maguire said that many swimmers who wish to compete in open water swims are complaining that they have to join USMS. Frank Tillotson moved that we don't approve the one day registration fee. The motion carried.

In the past, the "Swim" magazine subscription was good for one year regardless of membership date. In the future, the magazine subscription will expire at the end of the registration year. If you want to keep getting "Swim", register early in the year. "Swim" magazine is published bimonthly starting with the Jan/Feb issue.

E. Records Report - Catie Cooper apologized for the lateness of the SCY Top 5 results. Her computer problem has finally been solved. She has completed the LCM results also. She still needs the SCM IRCC meet and the St. Pete SCM Development meet results to finish the SCM Top 5. SCM records have been lost. Please notify Catie of any errors when the SCM Top 5 come out. She needs: A past Florida LMSC Top 5 list; official meet results from a Florida LMSC Sanctioned Meet; or other official documentation. She reminds members that these times must have been swum in a Florida LMSC Sanctioned or 'Recognized' meet. Other meets also count for National Top 10 and Zone.

Catie's new address is: 9775 SW 52nd Road, Gainesville FL 32608. Home phone: 904-336-9027. Work phone: 904-392-8283 (for the next 5-6 months - then it will change to 392-4251).

F. Newsletter Report - Frank Tillotson reported that the newsletter is progressing and requested more contributions. He would like to see a one page entry form with all necessary information. This would save money when printing the FLMSC Newsletter. He passed out a copy of a one page Colorado entry form. John Maguire said that the Newsletter should promote swim meets within the LMSC and include as much information as possible. He felt that meet directors rely on the Newsletter for getting this information out and they should be contacted to see if meets should be included. Frank said that if more than one page is required for meet info, the host club could pay the extra cost.

Frank informed members that this will be his last year as Newsletter Editor. He felt we needed to get someone new involved.

## II. Old Business - None

## III. New Business

A. 1993 USMS Convention - Also see the Registrar and Sanctions report for Convention highlights.

1. Awards Across America - John Maguire reported that 'Awards Across America' is a program sponsored by the USMS Dixie Zone. The purpose of the program is to recycle awards by giving them to those agencies and groups that represent the disabled and underprivileged. LMSCs have been asked to donate used awards and also solicit agencies in their area who may benefit. Scott Rabalais will coordinate the effort for the Dixie Zone. John Maguire has volunteered to collect awards for the Florida LMSC and he will send them on to Scott. Those interested in recycling your awards should send them to John. If you know of an agency that might benefit send that information also.

2. Computer Committee - The House of Delegates approved a program to encourage LMSCs and USMS clubs to automate their swim meets and Top 10 reports by utilizing the Hy-Tek, Ltd. computer program. USMS, Inc. is offering to subsidize the purchase of one set of programs (Meet Manager, Team Manager, and Commlink) for each LMSC. The package which lists for \$689 could be purchased for

\$200. Catie Cooper said that while it would speed up processing of the Top 10, it could not be used for the Top 5. She feels that John Ware's Meet Management program is working well and we should wait to see what problems arise for other LMSCs. John Maguire said that our LMSC may not need the program but that some Clubs may benefit.

3. Delegates to the USMS Convention can now only serve on one committee at a time.

4. Coach of the Year - Catie said there were six candidates for coach of the year. Coach George Bole was one of them. Emmett Hines from Houston TX was the winner for 1993 and was a Marketing Committee member at Convention. It appears that the `National Coach of the Year, must also be involved at the National Convention. The Coaches Committee urged LMSCs to initiate their own `Coach of the Year' award since all coaches cannot be involved at the National level.

5. Finance Committee - John Maguire said that LMSCs must submit an annual financial report to the National Committee.

6. Sports Medicine Committee - John Maguire reported that a brochure will be developed on how to handle a cut on the pool deck. The possibility of blood borne pathogens puts swimmers at risk. If the bleeding can't be stopped, the meet must be delayed until the situation is controlled. The brochure will have no copyright infringements.

7. Insurance premiums have decreased.

8. 1996 SCY Nationals - Catie Cooper reported that there was a possibility of Georgia Masters bidding to hold the 1996 Nationals in Atlanta in the Olympic Pool. This would be an out-of-rotation bid and caused much discussion at the Convention about its fairness. Frank said that if Washington relinquishes their bid then there would be no problem.

## B. Swim Calendar

The swim meet calendar was discussed and set.

Dave Perkey said that the Tampa meet will no longer be held at the University of South Florida pool. The university feels that it is needed for faculty and students. Tampa and Clearwater will have a combined meet at the Long Center in February.

John Bishop said that in 1995, St. Pete will be celebrating their 25th anniversary for their SCY meet. They are starting to plan for this now.

Also, St. Pete is offering underwater taping of swimmers every Sunday. Paul Hutinger will do the taping. All you need to bring is a VHS tape.

John Maguire said that he was contacted by Bruce Douglass from the University of Florida about holding masters meets at the O'Connell Center pool.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meegan Wilson  
FLMSC Secretary