

Minutes of the Florida Local Masters Swim Committee Meeting October 7, 1995

The Florida LMSC Annual meeting was held at the International YMCA & Aquatic Center following the 400 I.M. of the SCM meet in Orlando. The meeting was called to order by Harold Ferris at 5:35 p.m.

Others present were: Charles Kohnken, Registrar; Jeff Perout, Records; Bill Uhrich, Sanctions, Meegan Wilson, Secretary; Kelly Bergdoll, FAST; Joan Glaraton, NJST; Larry Peck, ORLM; Bill Spect, Sandy Steer, Margie and Paul Hutinger, SPM; Brooke Bowman, SMS; Jerry Rutigliano, DSMC; Becky Haldeman, HCFY; Rich De Galan, CCMS; Al Rogerson, SPCO; and Jean Zulich, SCC. This gave representation for 10 out of 28 clubs.

I. Minutes - The minutes of the July 15, 1995 meeting were accepted as they appeared in the August 1995 LMSC newsletter. One correction was noted, Catie Cooper is registered with SPM not FAM.

II. Reports of Officers

A. Registration - Charlie Kohnken reported that we presently have 1,142 members, an increase of 129 over 1994, and a total of 28 clubs. Our newest club is from Tallahassee and has four members. There were over 300 swimmers registered in 1994 that did not reregister in 1995. Charlie will send out current rosters to each club as well as a list of those individuals who have not reregistered. Charlie requests that each club registrar try to reregister those individuals; and reminds clubs that their insurance is void if all members are not registered with USMS. Registration packages will be sent to all club registrars in a few weeks. The November newsletter will also have a registration form enclosed. Of the \$15 National fee, \$7 goes toward Swim magazine. Adding our \$8 LMSC fee your registration cost is \$23 plus your club fee.

'One event registration' will still be available through USMS which is optional for each LMSC. Our LMSC voted against this. If anyone is interested in having this ability, please contact the Florida LMSC board.

B. Treasurer - Harold Ferris presented Chip Jones' report since he could not attend the meeting.

Florida LMSC Treasurer's Report Nine Months Ended September 30, 1995

Cash Balance - January 1, 1995		\$4,272.68
Revenues	Registrations	\$ 17,057.00
	Inter LMSC Transfers	81.00
	Out of LMSC Transfers	44.00
	Club Registrations	160.00
	New Club Registrations	180.00
	Sanction Fees	565.00
	Miscellaneous	188.88
Total Revenues		<u>18,275.88</u>
		\$22,548.56
Expenses	Registrations	11,095.00
	Transfers	46.50
	Clubs	140.00
	Newsletter	2,629.80
	Postage	1,101.47
	Convention	2,213.80
	Rule Books	180.00
	Fees on Registrations	218.10
	Miscellaneous	<u>286.73</u>
Total Expenses		\$17,911.40
Total Cash - September 30, 1995		\$4,637.16

The Treasurer's report was approved.

1. Budget - The proposed budget for 1996 was presented. Larry Peck questioned whether \$2000 for convention expenses was enough since the convention would be held in Orlando in 1996. Harold Ferris and Charlie Kohnken said that the convention expenses would be paid for by USMS. Our LMSC would be responsible for obtaining sponsors and donations and volunteers. It was decided that the \$1000 in contingencies would give us enough flexibility for unforeseen expenses.

The following Budget was approved:

Florida LMSC 1996 Budget

Revenues	Registrations, Net	\$9,000.00
	Other	<u>500.00</u>
Total Revenues		\$9,500.00
Expenses	Newsletter	4,000.00
	Postage	1,500.00
	Convention	2,000.00
	Other	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses		8,500.00

Excess Revenues Available for Contingencies: \$1,000.00

C. Newsletter - Harold Ferris presented Jim Donnelly's report since he was swimming at a Varsity-Alumni Meet at Northern Michigan, University. Jim congratulated everyone who has contributed to the Florida LMSC Newsletter this year. We finished in the top 5 out of 50 entries in the National USMS Newsletter Contest. Jim has his sights set for next year and asks for everyone's help.

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 13. He requests the following information: team reports from each club, 1995 registration form, National Convention report, calendar of events, TEAM Orlando SCM meet report and information on the 1997 Masters National meet in Orlando, Top Five vote results, questions for Mr. D.Q., and photo's etc.

D. Sanctions - Bill Uhrich reported that the National YMCA Championships will be held in Orlando in April. Also, it has always been the practice for our LMSC to not issue sanctions to meets that are held on the same day. However, Tallahassee has no control over when they hold a masters meet since they hold joint meets with USS. Because of this, Bill will continue to issue sanctions or recognitions to Tallahassee even if there is a conflict. Tallahassee said that they rarely have outside swimmers.

Paul Hutinger would like to see an improvement in getting the rules changes to the proper individuals in a speedier time frame. Since the Orlando SCM meet falls so closely behind the USMS convention it is not always possible to follow the new rules. Larry Peck said that he cannot accept word-of-mouth but must wait for the official rule changes.

E. Records - Jeff Perout said that he would have the LCM top 10 results to Walt Reed by October 20th. He apologized for some mistakes that were made on the Top 10 SCY results. He stated that he did not have the time to do a proper job for the LMSC and handed in his resignation. Jeff said that meets received on disk from the Colorado touch pad system were easy to incorporate but developmental meets were not. Paul Huttinger suggested that developmental meets be required to put their meets on disk. Jeff said that this would only introduce added human error. He requested the LMSC board to replace him before SCM results are due in February. Jeff's resignation was accepted. The board will search for a replacement.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Florida Top 5 Rule - Meegan Wilson read a proposal in the August LMSC newsletter for changing the Top 5 Rule. Bill Spect felt that the proposal was good if the word permanent was removed before address. Discussion followed. Margie Hutinger felt that it shouldn't matter where one lived if they pay the Florida LMSC registration fee. Paul Hutinger said that all the best times should count. Charlie Kohnken stated that one reason the rule was made was due to a large team, formed in Florida, that contained swimmers from all over the country. Charlie Kohnken moved that we accept the proposal with Bill's change. The motion was seconded and further discussion ensued. After minor changes the final proposal for changing the Top 5 Rule was:

A Florida LMSC member with a residence in the Florida LMSC can set a Florida record or Florida Top 5 time at any USMS sanctioned meet. A Florida LMSC member without a Florida LMSC residence must set the record or time inside the LMSC to be considered for the Florida Top 5. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to submit official results of meets outside of the Florida LMSC to our recorder.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Al Rogerson questioned whether the proposal was retroactive. Jeff Perout suggested that it should be retroactive for records only, not Top 5. Jerry Rutigliano moved that the proposal should be retroactive to January 1995 for records only. This motion was seconded and approved.

IV. New Business

A. Insurance - Harold Ferris said that Fitness events that are sponsored but not sanctioned by USMS do not require USMS registration and are therefore not covered by USMS insurance. US Masters and local clubs could be exposed to lawsuits. Therefore, all participants of fitness events must be USMS registered. Bill Uhrich said that some recognized events are not sanctioned and do not require USMS registration. This may be subject to change.

B. 1995 Convention - The convention was attended by Harold Ferris, Charlie Kohnken, Jerry Glancy, Frank Tillotson, and Catie Cooper.

1. The Officials Committee has drafted a manual for certification of USMS officials.
2. USMS plans to adopt the USS rules on swimmers with disabilities.
3. June Krauser was elected the new Chairperson of the Dixie Zone, replacing Scott Rabalais.
4. The 1996 SCM Dixie Zone Championship will be held in Orlando on October 11-13.
5. Walt Reed's Top 10 Computer program now includes LMSC numbers for swimmers. Florida's number is 14.
6. A fee will be charged for swimmers who fail to submit a copy of their registration card with National meet entries or swimmers who arrive at Nationals without proof of registration.
7. USMS LC Nationals will be held in Orlando in August of 1997. Larry Peck requests help from our LMSC.

C. Swim Calendar - The 1995-96 Swim Calendar was set.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meegan Wilson
Florida LMSC Secretary