

Treasurer's Report:

See Treasurers Report on nine months ended September 30, 1997 and 1996. Proposed Budget for 1998 was handed out. Budget approved by Charlie Kohnken and 2nd by Ron Collins.

Registrar's Report:

At the completion of the 1997 registration year we had 1384 registered swimmers. This is up 104 swimmers from the last year. Our re-registration rate remains the same at 65%. This is the national average. In an attempt to register early and increase the re-registration rate, Charlie does not expect to do many registrations during the Christmas Holidays. Charlie will be with his family and will not be able to accommodate those late registrations.

At the convention they added check off boxes for contributions for the Swimming Hall of Fame and the USMS Foundation.

Records Report:

All results from meets must be electronically sent by email or disk for the Top 10. There is a standard set up for results and must be sent in the right order. John Ware's email address is jware@GTE.net.

Sanctions Report:

Only two sanctions have been approved for 1998 - Tampa and Clearwater. Please keep entry forms to 2 pages. Make sure results are sent to John Ware and Ron Collins. Ron still does not know what teams have a deposit for their swim meets. Some teams may have a \$25 deposit.

Remember: Some events are not sanctioned and the event may or may not be covered by some type of insurance, i.e., Open Water, Senior Games, Swim to Key West, Corporate Games, etc. Please make sure to send a self addressed stamped envelope along with the sanction requests. Extra stamps would be appreciated if you are able to send extras.

Ron would welcome any input on the Distance Matters calendar.

St Pete Masters is having another open water event in May or June, 1998. Their first event was a success even though the weather wasn't! The one day registration worked well.

The 2nd Tampa Bay Open Water Challenge is May 2nd, 1998.

The new schedule for 1998 is out thru the end of the year. Ron requested any additions or changes to be sent to him as soon as possible.

Newsletter Report:

Please get newsletter information to Jim Donnelly as soon as possible. The next newsletter will be out in November.

Old Business:

Please keep newsletter information down to 2 pages. The price may increase if more than 2 pages are sent in.

Announcements:

The calendar of events were checked. The Indian River Meet was not on the calendar.

Dan Kerr from FAST in Gainesville would like to host a meet in April. He will work it out with Indian River so that the meets can be at least 2 weeks apart.

Orlando's SCM meet will be in the 2nd week of October, 1998. Ocala Masters would like to host another 1 day yards meet in October. They will work it out with Orlando.

The next meeting of the Florida Local Masters Committee will be March 29, 1998 in St Pete.

Cathy Shonkwiler
Secretary