

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA ANNUAL LMSC MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2000

A regular meeting of the Florida LMSC was called to order by Chairman Larry Peck on 14 October 2000 at the YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando after the conclusion of Saturday's swim meet events.

The following people were present: Larry Peck, Chairman; Cathy Shonkwiler, Secretary; Maud Orlando, Registrar; Pam Geiger, SPM; Ron Collins, Sanctions; Barbara Bird, CVST; Nancy Durstein, CATM; Frank Tillotson, FMM; Paul Hutinger, FMM; Marjorie Newman, IRCC; Gertrude Zint, IRCC; Victor Buehler, 300 Club; Brian Henderson, TOM; Gertraud Perry, DST; Kitty Magness, DST; and Tom Bliss SPCO.

The minutes of the June 24, 2000, Florida LMSC meeting were approved by those in attendance.

Treasurer Report: Victor Buehler, filling in for Meegan Wilson who was at the National Swimming Convention, distributed the Florida LMSC Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the twelve months ended September 30, 2000 and the Budget Report dated October 14, 2000 with Revenues and Expenses January 1 - September 30, 2000. (see report).

Registrar's Report: Maud reported there were 1,516 swimmers registered, and 38 Clubs. This is up 130 swimmers from this time last year. There are 601 women and 835 men in our LMSC.

Top 10 and Records Report: Paul Hutinger distributed Margie's report who was also at the National Swimming convention here in Orlando. (see report).

Sanctions Report: Ron Collins presented a list of upcoming events in the Florida LMSC and Dixie Zone. The list will be posted on the Dixie Zone website. Added to this list were: October 28, 2000 - Ft. Myers 3.2 mile open water swim; November 11, 2000, 1 mile open water swim in Clearwater Beach; and April 21, 2001, Tampa Bay 24 mile swim. (<http://home.att.net-dixiezone>.)

Newsletter Report: Victor Buehler distributed a report from Meegan Wilson who is Interim Editor and was not present due to being at the National Swimming Convention. The report stated there were many changes to the manner of our newsletter production. We went from printing by Jim Donnelly to Xeroxing, and from having our own postal permit, a \$100 annual permit fee, to using a mailing service's permit. This eliminated the need for Maud to buy and print labels and saved the Editors time to affix them. It also allowed for the use of bar coding which cut our postage in half. In May 2000, we reduced the size of the Newsletter thus reducing xeroxing costs and rather than using staples we went to folding and tabbing which further reduced our costs. The following is the cost of the August 2000 issue:

August 2000 Issue -	\$0.4862	Xeroxing/collating
	\$0.0460	Tab & label/sort
	\$0.1190	postage
	\$0.6512	cost per newsletter

Assuming 1,420 newsletters, that's about \$925. Webmaster Dick Brewer has put both May 2000 and August 2000 on our website at <http://home.att.net/~floridallmsc>. Swimmers who have access to the web and are able and willing to download the newsletter can save the LMSC a lot of money.

Old Business: The slate of officers were voted on and are as follows:

Chairman	Tom Bliss
Secretary	Bret Hamlin
Treasurer	Meegan Wilson
Sanctions	Ron Collins
Registrar	Maud Orlando
Top Ten/Records	Margie Hutinger
Safety	Richard Avery
Officials	Joan Campbell
Webmaster	Dick Brewer
Newsletter Editor	Gertraud Perry
Senior Games Liaison	Joan Campbell

The USMS Convention was going on here in Orlando. This is held usually prior to our annual meeting, so Convention reports will not be presented. Your Delegates to the Convention this year were: Larry Peck, Margie Hutinger, Dick Brewer and Meegan Wilson.

New Business: 2001 meet calendar (see calendar and sanctions report).

Announcements: Those going to YMCA Nationals April 26-29, 2001 can sign up at Orlando YMCA Aquatic Center. John Vasbinder, Director of the Orlando Aquatic Center, has a special deal for those signing up. You must be a member of a YMCA for three months prior to the meet to be eligible to swim. So sign up by January 26,01. This will not change the status of the team you are currently swimming for and results still will be sent to the top ten. This is a great way to even get some national YMCA records! We combined forces with other Florida teams last year and did great.

The next meeting of the Florida LMSC TBA.

Motion approved for adjournment of the meeting by those present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Shonkwiler
Secretary