

Florida LMSC Meeting Highlights
10/12/02

Meeting called to Order at 3:52.04 PM

<u>Present</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Club</u>
Meegan Wilson	300 Club	Rene James	LCAM
Victor Buehler	300 Club	Cathy Shonkwiler	ORLM
Joe Biondi	CATM	Doug Messineo	HHSC
Joan Campbell	CATM	Peter Nickodem	HLJ
Paul Huting	FMM	Harold Ferris	SPM
Margie Huting	FMM	Christine Swanson	SPM
Frank Tillotson	FMM	Tom Bliss	SPCO
Pat Tullman	FMM	Dick Brewer	SCMM

Introductions made.
Agenda distributed.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 02 meeting distributed and reviewed for corrections.

- Correction to the third paragraph of the **TOP TEN REPORT** which should contain the following addition, “an amendment to the by laws was passed which gave Margie Huting authority to update the Florida records from the early 90s.
- Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes.

II REPORTs FROM THE OFFICERS:

A. Treasurer’s Report:

Meegan Wilson provided copies of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the nine months ending on September 30, 2002. She provided a detailed explanation of the material therein, including the following highlights:

- The rollover from the National convention expenses from the year before and that we went over budget this year by \$100.00, (we sent 6 people). Tom Bliss explained that the reason for the sixth person was because Meegan was nominated for the Dorothy Donnelly Service award and so he secured approval from the other officers to send her to the convention. She did get the award and everyone applauded her on this achievement.
- Dick Brewer suggested that we may want to consider raising our LMSC annual dues above \$8 because USMS is raising its National fee to \$20. No motions and no action taken.
- Meegan discussed and explained the budget proposes for the up coming year based on the previous budgets dating back to 1994.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve last year’s report.

B. Elections Committee:

Victor reported on behalf of the committee that there have been no additional nominations received since the meeting in July. The floor was opened to take nominations. There were none offered and so the following were elected or re-elected:

Chair:	Tom Bliss	Registrar:	Pat Tullman
Treasurer:	Meegan Wilson	Secretary:	Victor Buehler
Sanctions:	Christine Swanson	Top Ten:	Margie Huting
Editor:	Gertraud Perry		

Appointed Positions:

Web Master: Dick Brewer
Coaches Liaison: Bret Hamlin
Safety: Richard Avery

C. Convention Reports:

- Meegan Wilson received Dorothy Donnelly Service award for longstanding services provided to the Florida LMSC and the USMS in general. Congratulations Meegan.
- There is a tentative meeting planned for 11/09/02 in the local of the Chairman’s hometown to review all the notes taken from all the different meetings that the members attended. Check the web for further information in the days to come.
- Minutes from the Convention are on the USMS website.
- Tom Bliss will be sending out to the team reps his and Joan’s notes from the convention.

D. Registrar's Report:

- Current membership at 1405 and still growing.
- 38 registered clubs.
- **Very Important: when sending in registrations (Club registrars), all need to either type them or if writing them in script...MAKE THE INFORMATION LEGABLE!**
- Will take individual registrations from small club members, individually, but prefer they come from club registrars if there are more than 30 members in a club.
- **Important Change in Club Bylaws:** From this date forward, the old rule of needing 4 members to establish a club is now eliminated. New amendment will read along the following lines: A club can be registered without any actual members, (reason being that some businesses/organizations desire to use USMS membership as a lure). Also, a single person may register as a club, providing that the club membership fee is paid, (reason being that a club may get started with just one person and have aspirations of growing in due course). This topic was discussed at length. A motion made, seconded, and approved to change the bylaw.
- There will not be an increase in the cost of registration based on the recent increase in cost based on postal rates.
- Pat informed everyone that she is willing to mail the registrations directly to individuals instead of club representatives. Tom suggested that club reps contact Pat regarding this. The concern here is how best to get the cards individuals quickly. A note to this effect needs to go into the news letter.

E. Top Ten

- Margie explained that she is working with the Dixie Zone records person to get all our LMSC top times accepted by the Dixie Zone. There has been a problem with this in the past. Margie requested our support on this task. Support was unanimously provided. Dick Brewer pointed out that our records are USMS records and therefore this national authority supercedes any Zone idiosyncrasies. (See attached handout).
- Margie informed that at the convention it was decided that all pools must have on record, either maintained by the club's records person or the sanctions person, verification of the pool's true length. Therefore all pools need to be remeasured and officially recertified. Joan suggested the LMSC purchase a tape to do the measuring with and provided it to meet directors in advance of meets. The location for finding a tape and probable cost was discussed. It was pointed out that there can be such a thing as a sanctioned meet in a short pool, however, no records would be valid nor accepted. Pools with bulkheads will be required to be measured prior to every meet. An example pool being the one at the University of Florida.

F. Sanctions

- Chris verified that everything discussed by Margie was accurate and she has taken this information to its next logical step by including in the sanction packet a check off list including the verification of length of pool lanes. (See attached).
- All pools need to be measured for accurate lengths according to new USMS regulations.
- Sanctions registration forms in the future will have a section to verify pool/lane lengths and once recorded will not be necessary in the future unless the pool has a moveable bulkhead which will require measuring for each and every meet, (University of Florida).
- The LMSC will purchase a metal tape measure to make available to every meet director... you find your own notary republic to sign the form.
- Meet organizers and directors need to include a map and/or decent directions to their pool.
- Senior Games will also require that their pools be measured.

G. Newsletter

- The deadline for the next newsletter is October 15, 2002.
- Our newsletter was recognized as one of the top ten in the country!!! And getting better with each publication.
- The editor has a new e-mail address, see above.
- Whenever possible, send the editor pictures, we all love looking at one another.
- Although Gertie was not able to attend the meeting, she was able to forward Tom the above information and more.

H. Web Page Report

Will do whatever, whenever, just keep him posted on important news and go to our webpage for the latest updates.

II: OLD BUSINESS:

A. Florida At Large Team

A very long discussion covering both the pros and the cons ensued. In summary: We are still working on it. Lots of support for it. It will in the end be voluntary. Even though it will be a lot more work for the registrar, she supports it. Dissension is minimal. We are hopeful to have this worked out in time for the

2004 nationals. Option to be on the State team will be implemented into the annual registration form. Details will be finalized at the July meeting in St. Pete. Be there to voice your opinion. All team reps are encouraged to discuss this issue with their individual club members. Florida Gold Coast is in support and wants to combine with our LMSC for this purpose. The pros and cons of the state team need to be posted in the newsletter. Joan and Dick agreed to send something to Gertie for the newsletter.

B. Annual Audit Review

Clean as a whistle. Meegan Wilson gets yet another vote of confidence from everyone present.

C. New Member Registration Emergency Procedure for Meets:

Tabled, (we were getting kicked out of the YMCA). Hopefully this will be discussed at the November 9th meeting.

D. Swim Clinic Proposals:

- A draft survey to collect information on the interest of having one or more LMSC sponsored clinics handed out, (see attached). See your team rep for a copy or to provide your input.
- Lots of potential here, lots of energy available. If there is interest in a coaches clinic along with a swimmers clinic, please do indicate such on the survey.

III New Business

A. 2004 National Convention

- The convention will be in Orlando again.
- We are responsible for the social, among other things.
- We need all the volunteers available.
- Please make time in your busy schedules to help out.
- Dates and agenda forthcoming.

B Awards/Social/Recognition Banquet

- This was a major success last year.
- The food was then and will be again, fantastic.
- This is a perfect time of year for this affair.
- *If you think you have something better going on at home, on this night, then you need to get a life, (LSMC secretary editorial, not to be mistaken for anyone else's view).*
- Joan suggested a committee be formed and made up of a rep from every club to help decide/pick those who need to be recognized.
- Cost at the banquet will be \$15.00 per person, no two for \$25.00 this year.
- We need to get someone from the local news media to attend.
- We need to encourage members of all teams to attend.
- The Frank Tilloston award is currently accepting nominations.

IV Adjourned

The meeting was officially adjourned at 5:10.23 PM.