

**Florida LMSC  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2005  
At: Panera Bread - 1908 4th St. North - St. Petersburg, Florida**

**Present:** Chairman Tom Bliss, Treasurer Meegan Wilson, Secretary Victor Buehler, Registrar - Pat Tullman, Records Margie Hutinger, Sanctions Sue Moucha, Senior Games Liaison Joan Campbell, Westside Coach Joe Biondi, VAST-FACT - Joe Neal, SUN-FACT - Marianne Bradley, SWIM-FACT - Gary Trimble, SPM - Harold Ferris, FMM - Paul Hutinger, and SWFA - Chuck Slaght - voting participants. Also present were: Sue Slaght, Jim Wilson and Missy Bliss (the birthday girl).

**Meeting called to Order:** 11:42 AM

**I. Approval of 7/16/2005 Meeting Minutes, Victor Buehler**

Tom recommended that the top ten report as copied from Margie via e-mail be modified to reflect that the pronoun "I" references her and not the secretary. The group agreed. So done.

In the same report, from Margie, Tom suggested and the group agreed, that the reference to the last line of the 5th paragraph indicate that this is addressing any members of chapters with FACT members, regardless of whether a minority or majority. So done.

Under B. Convention Budget, the minutes were typographically incorrect regarding the motion to increase the amount of reimbursement for travel. It should read an increase from \$.14 to \$.30 instead of \$.12 to \$.30. So done.

One last typographical error was detected in New Business. The "#" needed to be changed to "\$" when explaining the cost per plate for the awards Banquet dinner in February 2006. So done.

Motion made, 2nded and passed to accept the minutes at 11:52 AM

**II. Report of Officers:**

**Treasurer's Report, Meegan Wilson**

1. Financial Report for 2005

Meegan presented the financial report for January 1 – September 30, 2005.

Total Revenues \$36,019.45

Total Expenses 35,325.75

Net Excess of Revenues over Expenses \$693.70

Total Cash in Checking account is \$20,430.84

Total Balance in Savings Account is 11,206.01

Total CD 5,748.72

Total Assets as of 9/30/05 \$37,385.57

Motion made, 2nded and passed to accept the report at 11:55AM

**Convention Expenses**

The Budget of 2005 for convention was \$4500.00. Expenses as of this meeting are \$2,976.67 leaving a balance of \$1523.33. Joan Campbell had a problem with keeping a roommate since Meegan was not able to attend and another roommate canceled due to personal problems. Also, since Victor Buehler drove, he had to arrive the night before so that he could attend the coaches' presentations and had no roommate for Tuesday night. Since we have the money, **Meegan moved that we reimburse Joan for two extra nights and Victor for 1 extra night at \$68.93 per night, or \$137.86 for Joan and \$68.93 for Victor.** That will make our final expenses for Convention \$3,183.46 with \$1316.54 left in the budget.

This motion was 2nded and passed.

**Budget Report for 2006**

The budget for 2006 submitted for approval. It was suggested that Meegan change the Swim Clinic category to Swim Clinic Promotion to better reflect what the money should be used for. The 2006 budget reflects an increase of \$50 for registration fees (money we pay to Pat), since the LMSC is growing and an increase in Awards of \$50.

Motion made, 2nded, and passed to accept the report at 12:12 PM

**Registrar's Report, Pat Tullman**

**Current Membership**

Comparative data from USMS national Office

Pat reported 1522 registered swimmers for the 2005 swim year, an increase of 46 swimmers over last year.

Pat noted that 40 clubs were registered also. 81 one- eventers were also noted.

Pat clarified the methods used between herself and Meegan Wilson, treasurer, displaying copies of the program generated file that goes

to national office electronically and hard copies going to Meegan and into her own files. Also displayed was a sample of report sent monthly to Meegan about funds deposited to FL. LMSC account and funds needed to be sent to USMS.

Note was made of the forms for 2006 that Dick Brewer, WEBMASTER extraordinaire, has customized for individual team use. Pat said the next few weeks would have her mailing out 2006 club registration forms and 2006 one year registration forms for unattached swimmer.

She stated that the program for registration provided by USMS' "Leoware" works well and is updated annually. This in regard to previous July meeting discussion about changing the program. She advised against that until USMS makes a change.

#### Registration Application

##### One event Applications

The form and the work recording it is the same as the regular one.

##### Fact Chapter

Meegan said that there has been a problem determining who a swimmer is registered with if a meet director decides to score the meet as chapters of FACT versus other teams when the name of the FACT chapter is the same as the name of the parent Club. This problem does not go away if the swimmer fills out the entry form correctly. She suggested that the last letter of the team abbreviation be replaced with an "F" or adding an "F" if a team's abbreviation has only three letters/numbers. If any FACT chapter wants to change the name to something else, that is up to them. But regardless of whether the parent club has only FACT swimmers or both FACT and Club swimmers, the Chapter name must be different. She is planning to make this mandatory for 2006 registrations. FACT teams will look like this: 300F, AJAF, BLUF, BMSF, CATF, EAJF, HLJF, IRCF, ORLF, SCMF, SPCF, SUNF, SWFF, SWIF, TBAF, TPSF, UNAF, VASF.

Motion made, 2nded, and passed to accept the report at 12:35 PM

### **C. Top Ten Report & Fitness Report, Margie Hutinger**

#### **TOP TEN:**

LCM meets and times submitted: Games for Life, Good Life Games, Sarasota T-Shirt, St Pete, Gulf Coast, Brandon, Euler from Germany meet, World Games in Edmonton (from those that gave me their events) and USA meet times for Melissa Varlas and Mark Drennen. USA meets must meet the USMS pool measurement standards, with the form on file with Sanctions. For the Florida Top 5 and Records, the only addition will be from LCM Nationals.

Florida records can be set by any FL LMSC swimmer, at any meet, anywhere, applying the same standards as a Top Ten time. This is in contrast to Dixie Zone records and top ten which conforms to the USMS "Records" standard, which require three watches in hand-held watch meets.

The proposed Approved Orlando USA/USMS meet did not meet the USMS standards for accepting times. We only accept them from USA sanctioned meets. The resulting discussion with the USMS Rules Chair led to discussions with the USA & USMS Rules Committees. This rule has been changed, see my Convention Report, Legislation.

FINA a major rules, which is now in effect. The dolphin kick is now allowed on breast stroke starts and turns. See my Convention Report, Rules, for the proper interpretation.

Also from FL, the Rules Committee began a discussion on handicapped swimming, as it applies to swimmers with age and injuries. The officials do have the authority to allow these swimmers to compete, and their times will count for Top Ten.

#### **FITNESS EVENTS**

More than 50% of swimmers in FL never compete. How can we get them involved, so they will participate in USMS Fitness events? If your club has done something unique to achieve this goal, please let Margie know so that it can be shared with others.

The Virtual Swim Series, 30 Minute Swim and Checkoff Challenge (Mission I.M. Possible) are excellent ways to involve the

fitness and competitive

swimmers who are looking for a swimming challenge, other than swim meets.

Read the monthly articles posted on the Fitness Web Site. This year, they will also include Sports Medicine.

Motion made, 2nded, and passed to accept the report at 12:49 PM

#### **D. Sanctions Report, Sue Moucha**

Since the last Florida LMSC Meeting, July 16, 2005 Sanctions have been approved for:

2 Recognized Meet Events

3 Swim Meet Events

Sue Has sanctioned the Sun Masters Valentine Meet for February 11-12, 2006. This Meet will also be a Dixie Zone Meet.

Sue attended the U.S. Aquatics Convention as a Florida LMSC Delegate, September 14-18, Greensboro, North Carolina. The Convention was a tremendous learning experience.

Motion made, 2nded, and passed to accept Report at 12:56 PM

#### **E. Newsletter Report, Tom Bliss for Gertie Perry**

After some discussion we acknowledged that Gertie has not registered with USMS this past year and has not attended more than two consecutive meetings. Therefore she can no longer hold her position as newsletter editor. Tom requested that it be noted in the minutes that he had reminded her of the position requirements several times this past year in addition to he and Meegan providing a detailed timeline based listing of duties. Tom agreed to formally communicate her dismissal from the Board of Directors. Meegan agreed to handle the copying and mailing of the November newsletter. Chuck volunteered to ask around, look for someone to fill the position for the remainder of 2006 and we all agreed that something needs to go into the newsletter advertising the position vacancy for the election of officers in 2006.

This report ended at 1:16 PM

#### **F. Web Page Report, Victor Buehler for Dick Brewer**

Victor reported that he received a "No Report" e-mail message from Dick and a formal request to miss the meeting earlier in the week. All is well at the website. Everyone agreed that Dick continues to do an amazing job. Report ended at 1:17 PM

### **III. Old Business**

#### **A. Annual Audit Review, Meegan Wilson**

Meegan spoke to a CPA and was told, considering the intent of our bylaws that we want to steer clear of the words audit and review since they are very restrictive. An actual audit would cost us \$1500 - \$3000. A review would cost \$1500 and a compilation, the intent of our bylaws, would cost \$500-600 (maybe less depending upon the amount of work involved). If the LMSC feels that any problems exist with our books, an audit would be the way to go since it is the most thorough, but doing this annually would be very expensive. Our main problem is passing the books around to three people when one would do by USMS standards and they do not even suggest that this take place annually. Meegan stated that she thinks we were making it difficult on ourselves to review our financial records. We have a built in checks and balances system since both Pat and she are working together and the USMS registrar is involved as well. All we need is one volunteer. Therefore this issue is being addressed in the revisions of the bylaws.

Meegan asked if anyone would be interested in reviewing the books and Joe Neal agreed to take the books and try to find someone to look them over.

Motion made, 2nded, and passed to accept the report at 1:23 PM

#### **B. Annual Awards Banquet Review, Joan Campbell**

Joan updated everyone on the arrangements, we finalized the cost per plate and the menu and how the drinks were going to be accounted for.

Motion made, 2nded, and passed to accept the report at 1:28 PM

#### **C. Convention Reports, Delegates**

These reports ended at 1:44 PM, See them on the website

Meegan reported that she had not purchased the Hy-Tek software since Margie had reservations and she was not sure what to get, but at the Dixie zone meeting at convention they voted to purchase the Hy-Tek software for all LMSCs in the Dixie zone, so we decided not to buy anything until we see what they get.

#### **D. Policy Review & Management**

This issue was tabled in lieu of New Business agenda.

#### **E. July 16: Mileage Reimbursement Motion Revisited, Tom and Victor**

We agreed to leave the previous motion intact and that in the future the Board will review and decide upon granting request for reimbursements of selected coaches and clinics travel expenses. Also, that we would provide reimbursements to Board members and team reps for travel to all regular meetings. Lastly, that travel to future national conventions by land instead of air will only be reimbursed a comparative amount based on the average of the cost of airfare. E.G.: This is to avoid anyone planning on driving to California in the future expecting to get reimbursed \$.30 per mile.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **Review proposed Revisions to Bylaws, Victor Buehler**

See attached. This chore was not completed based on a lack of time. The group agreed to continue the review of revisions via E-mail. Report ended at 3:00 PM.

##### **USMS rule changes, Tom Bliss**

This information was covered during the convention reports.

##### **Underwater Camera, Victor Buehler**

Victor reported his experience at convention and the information from the coaches presentations. He then displayed a camera and attachments he purchased from Harbor Freight the week before. The group discussed but did not move on providing reimbursements for clubs and/or chapters within the LMSC to get this camera. Report ended at 3:08 PM.

#### **V. Adjourn The meeting was moved, 2nded, and passed for adjournment at 3:09.24 PM**