

FLORIDA LMSC
March 20, 2010
North Shore Pool Conference Room
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Officers in Attendance: Meegan Wilson-Chair, Jim Stine- Treasurer, Victor Buehler - Secretary, Marly Wilson-Records, Sue Moucha - Sanctions, Jason Brauer - Newsletter Editor

Meeting Called to Order at 2:50 PM

Introductions were made.

I. Welcome - Meegan Wilson

Meegan welcomed everyone for coming.

II. Verify Voting Members Present-Victor Buehler

Margie Hutingler - FMM-1, Joe Biondi- Coaches & SUN-FACT-1*, Don Puchalski - SUN-FACT-2*, Marianne Bradley-Awards Coordinator-SUN-FACT-3, Charlie Kohnken- Officials Chair - SPM-1, Patty Nordozzi - SPM-2, Pam Geiger - SPM-3, Rick Walker - SYSM-1, Bill Brenner - SYSM-2, Fernette Ramnath - SYSM-3, Scott Bay-
Also present: Joan Campbell- Senior Games Liaison-SUN-FACT, Gary Trimble - SYSM, Jim Matysek -SYSM and guest; Fred Pigot t- ILSM

III. Approval of October 17, 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes - Victor Buehler

Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted at 1:21 PM.

IV. Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

A. Registrar's Report – Victor Buehler for Meredith Moore

Meredith was unable to attend but forwarded the following report:

Our current membership as of 3/20/2010 is 1325, which is up by 175 compared to 1155 at this time last year, about 12% increase. However, there are 817 swimmers from last year not yet registers, 197 of which were unattached. I will contact the club reps to see if any of these people are still around and interested in swimming. As the open water events begin I expect the unattached folks will register. We had a 25% increase in the number of people registering online this past year. Our new clubs this year are: Wahos of Ocala, WOO; Gulf Coast Swim Team Masters (Estero), GCST; High Tide Aquatics (Gainesville), HTA; YMCA of Florida's First Coast Flyers Masters, CYFFC in the Jacksonville area; and Kissimmee Swim Association Masters, KSAM. Meredith also sent along a list of all the currently registers swimmers and associated clubs (51 at this time) which is available on line.

Meredith's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 1:25 PM.

B. Top Ten Report - Marly Wilson

1. Problems with meet results

Marly provided information on what she is currently busy with logging results of meets and top ten data to date. This information will also be available on the new website.

She announced that she will be stepping down come this October.

Marly's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 1:28 PM.

C. Sanctions Report - Sue Moucha

Sue sanctioned a total of 22 events to date this year. All are available for review on the website. These events include 3 one mile open water events. Sue expressed concerns about meet entry forms being updated cause confusion and are not being done correctly. She also noted that some meet directors charge less for registering on line and the cost of meets generally continues to rise. Perhaps because the entry costs sometimes include a T-shirt, sometimes not, e.g. the Sarasota meet in June will cost \$50.00. Sue also noted that some of our older swimmers don't have access to computers nor do they want such. The measuring tape was mailed to Dick Brewer for a swim meet in Ft. Myers may 1-2.

Sue's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 1:43 PM.

D. Newsletter Report - Jason Brauer

Jason share his experiences as editor and the great number of e-mails he and Meegan receive as well as some suggestions for improving the newsletter with a section for top five. He noted that some clubs sent their whole club newsletters and there simply isn't room for that much information. He would prefer that people make their articles more concise. He would prefer that the senders determine what is most important to them instead of him chopping long articles down to a reasonable size to be accommodated within the size limits of the publication. The logistics of getting information into the newsletter and forthcoming deadlines were discussed.

Meegan took photographs of Jim Stine and Jason for the new website.

Jason's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 1:53 PM.

E. Treasurer's Report - James Stine

1. Financial Report Jan-February 28, 2010

Total Revenues through Feb 2010	\$16,127.10
<u>Total Expenses through Feb 2010</u>	<u>\$11,828.00</u>
Net Income through Feb 2010	\$ 4,299.10
Total cash, including checking, savings and CD was \$50,130.09	

This portion of Jim's "reader friendly" report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 1:58 PM.

2. Final Report for 2010

Total of Assets at the end of 2009	\$51595.06
Total Income for 2009	\$39,580.00
<u>Total Expenses for 2009</u>	<u>\$35,235.17</u>
Net Income for 2009	\$ 4,670.85

This portion of Jim's "wonderful" report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 2:05 PM.

3. 2008 Annual Review

The annual report audit was going to be tabled because Christine Swanson was not present until Jim noted that he had a copy of her report. Basically Christine's report said that everything looked great. She did note some concern over the amount of money we have in assets and suggested that perhaps a scholarship be given each year to benefit individuals or groups to get these assets down to a level more reflective of a non-for-profit organization. A variety of ways to spend the money was discussed. Meegan suggested setting up a committee to research ways to spend the excess money, "wisely". Another suggestion was to qualify by size or other factors, all the many swim meets available to our members.

The following two committees were established:

1. The "financial" how best to spend the money committee. Volunteers include: Margie Hutinger as chair, Bill Brenner as sole member.

2. The "technical planning" of meets in such a manner to not financially harm the sponsoring clubs, committee. Volunteers include: Scott Bay will chair, Sue. Moucha as sole member.

Christine Swanson's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 2:25 PM.

F. Social and Awards Report – Marianne Bradley

Marianne announced that the cost for the dinner was \$810.00 and the LMSC intake was \$640.00 so the LMSC only subsidize the cost with an additional \$170.00. Someone suggested that the financial committee explore the value of the LMSC footing the full bill for the annual awards banquet. Marianne then thanked Marly, Meegan, Sue, Joan and Don for all their help with the planning and implementation of the banquet. Lastly she noted the lack of complaints this year compared to last year's dinner.

Sue noted her enormous respect and appreciation of the awards nominating and selection committee.

Marianne's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 2:32 PM

G. Officials Chair Report - Charlie Kohnken

Charlie could not pass out copies of his report this meeting because he left them at home. He then explained his role as our liaison to the national officials committee. Charlie explained why he needs to know who the head official/referee is at all the meets, preferably 30 days in advance of the meet. After some discussion, Patty moved:

****The referee's name will be on the meet information form before the meet is sanctioned. Motion 2nded by Jason and passed unanimously at 2:58PM.***

Charlie's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:02 PM.

H. Web Page Report - Meegan Wilson

It was noted that the new website was not completely up and running 100% but would be soon.

Meegan's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:06 PM

I. Senior Games Report - Joan Campbell

Joan noted she had a short report. This is a qualifying year for the national senior games in 2011 in Houston TX. She discussed the problems in the past with getting folks to bring a copy of their USMS registrations for the senior game meets and suggested that we drop this requirement for "recognized meets", in this case meaning the senior games. After a short discussion Joan moved:

****The Florida LMSC no longer require copies of USMS registration cards for "recognized" swim meets. 2nded and passed unanimously at 3:13 PM.***

Joan's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:14 PM.

J. Coach's Report – Joe Biondi

Joe reported on the logistics of his recent swim seminars over the past 6 months on the west coast of Florida and noted that 70% of those in attendance are tri-athletes, not competitive swimmers. He also noted having taken a course to become a certified tri-athlete coach and the cost.

Joe's report was moved, 2nded and accepted at 3:27 PM

V. Old Business

A. By Laws Change- - Meegan Wilson

After a brief explanation of the rationale prompting this change in the bylaws, Marianne moved: ***ARTICLE 7, GENERAL PROVISION: 7.02 Payment of Moneys: All checks, notes, drafts, orders for payment of money or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation and all such instruments shall be signed by two authorized signatures "if payments are \$250.00 or more". Four authorized signatures should be on file at the bank. The authorized signatures shall be of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar. Motion 2nded and passed unanimously at 3:41 PM.***

B. Update on quest for missing meeting minutes – Meegan Wilson

Margie found some from 1984 that she gave to Meegan. Meegan talked to Bret Hamlin this date and he is going to see about finding those missing from when he was the secretary. Meegan noted that all current policies are on the web except for those missing minutes.

VI. New Business

A. Florida LMSC Fitness Chair Appointment – Meegan Wilson

Meegan announced that she has appointed Sue as our fitness chair and that she accepted the position. Sue spoke briefly about why this is important to her.

B. Delegates to USMS annual convention 2010 In Dallas – Meegan Wilson

Meegan recited the delegates from last year. After some discussion around the room with and of those potential delegates for 2010...the following volunteered to be our four delegates to convention: Bill Brenner, Charlie Kohnken, Rick Walker & Margie Hutinger, above and beyond those on committees or otherwise appointed positions who have annual berths: Meegan, Joan & Victor. With the concensus of all those present Meegan vowed to request a delegate at large slot for Scott Bay and Fernette Ramnath. Meegan asked for a vote of confidence on these four appointments and received it unanimously.

C. Nomination Committee for 2010 Elections

Meegan noted that Marly is planning on stepping down in October, Joan desires to discontinue being the senior games representative although it is not an elected position, Jason is O.K. with continuing as Editor, Sue stated she would prefer pursuing the fitness chair responsibilities provided they carry over into the next term and resign from the sanctions chair position, Victor again noted his willingness to step aside if anyone is interested in the secretary position, Jim noted he is relocating to Pennsylvania so his position will be open. Meegan commented that Bill is interested in the records position. Fernette Ramnath volunteered to chair the Nomination Committee and Joan Campbell will serve on the committee.

D. Florida LMSC Consolidated Meet Entry Form – Don Puchalski

After a very long discussion on consolidated entry forms vs. none, a motion was made by Don:
****To hereby eliminate our current consolidated entry form. Motion 2nded and passed unanimously at 3:47 PM.***

E. Swim Fest June 4-6, 2010 in San Diego, CA – Bill Brenner

Bill explained the purpose and benefits of the swim fest to our LMSC. Victor moved: ****To send four club registered coaches to Swim Fest 2010 at the expense of the LMSC at the same cost as delegates get to convention including travel there and back from home, ½ hotel room, food allowance of \$25.00 per day, with the requirement that receipts are provided for all expenses for reimbursement 2nded and passed unanimously.*** A committee including Joe, Bill, Scott and Meegan was established to determine who would be selected to go at the LMSC expense.

VII. Adjournment

Adjournment was moved, 2nded and approved at 3:32 PM.