

## Florida LMSC Conference Call Minutes – January 27, 2013

### 1. Call to Order @6:03pm - Roll call by Scott Bay:

#### Board Members Present

Scott Bay  
Marianne Bradley  
Gary Henderson  
John King  
Cheryl Kupan  
Meredith Moore  
Sue Moucha  
Pat Tullman  
Jillian Wilkins  
Meegan Wilson

### 2. Approval of last meeting's minutes- Chair

Approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2012 conference call was submitted by Jillian Wilkins. Pat Tullman moved that minutes be accepted. Jillian Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### 3. Changes in Officers:

Any vacancies, based on nomination from the President of the Board – according to Rob's Rules, Scott nominates Cheryl Kupan to replace Fernet Ramnath as the LMSC Secretary.  
Motion to accept: Meredith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marianne Bradley; Unanimously accepted.

### 4. Chair reports

- a) Registrar, Meredith Moore reported 1,315 registrations, up 7%; 51 registered teams of which there are 2 new clubs. Sarasota to reorganize as the Sarasota Tsunami (?) & didn't get the name of the 2<sup>nd</sup> new club. Motion to accept Meredith's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Tullman, Unanimous accepted
- b) Long Distance report: Sanctions for Open water – Tough new rules. Waiting to hear on meeting taking place in Sarasota early February. Nothing new to report.  
Motion to accept Gary's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ?? & Unanimous accepted
- c) Newsletter: Sheila not on call - Glen Kay was inducted into High School Coaches Hall of Fame; it was suggested that they notify Sheila to include in newsletter.
- d) Officials: (John) New rule book received; nothing new to report.
- e) Coaches: (Jillian) Nothing exciting; email from HS kid who wants to help/volunteer with Masters program. Since he's located in Deerfield Beach/Gold Coast Scott Bay suggested they forward to Barb Protzman [swimbarb@hotmail.com](mailto:swimbarb@hotmail.com) or Matt Hooper.
- f) Sanctions (Pat Tullman): Submission of 5 Open Water (OW) events of which only 1 passed. Not heard from USMS if it was accepted. Major casualty @Hawaii w/major lawsuit; USMS formed committee redesigning requirements that are very strict for open water swimming when using motorized vehicle, where by any motorized vessel with a blade has to be covered. Spoke w/Ron Collins, Tampa Bay Bay Swim – he won't have any real answer until ~2 weeks prior to the event. Very concerned about high insurance for each boater – big quagmire; Calendar being kept by Dick Brewer updating immediately. Open water big thing as we don't have any say in approvals; very slow process. Worried about PanAms'.

Scott: background on new OW rules. USMS carries liability for all sanctioned events & 3 claims vs. USMS. In Hawaii last year a participant was run over by and escort boat & lost an arm. As a result, insurance premiums have increased 5 times the after event. Made additional requirements with motorized escort boats & requires blades covered. New regulations to enforce new insurance unfortunate situation; makes tough to get last minute sanctions for events approved.

Task force thru USMS Executive Board : recommendations – meet 1<sup>st</sup> week of Feb for further clarification. Most FL swims not motorized escorts. Dixie Zone proposed OW swim series affected by this & on hold. Sanctions based on new, higher liability insurance. Final implication to ask LMSC's to pay % add'l liability insurance.

Q: Additional money goes to who? To meet director to subsidize insurance.

Scott asked that no one call Nat'l office.

Q: Additional liability money to come out of event; Events are high cost, so shouldn't have LMSC to cover a lot.

Q: Boats: is it required that meet director to provide proof?

Scott: Race Director would have to provide proof. Still waiting for language & USMS' Board's suggestion.

Q: Nat'l office were notified of the Race Director @Tampa Bay immediately. Incumbent upon USMS to notify race directors.

Scott: still very messy & can't do anything until USMS Board had made a determination; not sure where the additional liability money is going to come from; just want to make you are aware. Will communicate any changes once Board has determined what to do.

5. Reimbursements for Convention/bank accounts- Update  
Sherry – not on phone

6. USMS Certification opportunity in Florida- Update Jillian did some work on this.  
Jillian: Orlando HS offered us to use their classrooms to host a coaching session-free of charge.  
Just need to give them dates for coaching certifications; Not sure if talked to USMS about this.  
Scott: only thing USMS requires is a 1 day gig; ample classroom space; \$2900 in revenues with shortfall made up by USMS. For us, 4-5 requests to happen here; Gold coast unwilling – but participant are willing to come North to attend. Take advantage of whether we sponsor our coaches, but Gold pays.  
May postpone voting until better sense  
Combine coaching clinic on a Saturday with Sunday swimmers clinic. Make it a worthwhile weekend.  
Does it make sense for our LMSC?  
Sue Moucha: key that its free.  
Jillian: There is a pool down street where HS trains; can rent pool @\$100/hr. Participants each pay a \$3 facility fee & have a clinic. Can explore other facilities as well.  
Scott: continue to research  
Q: Any date/time in mind?  
Scott: Late Summer; Early Fall. Spring is too close to Nationals.  
Pat: Suggestion to combine some training for Referees? Having problems with meets with 2 certified referees. Asked if we have a list of Officiating contacts for training.  
S: Reach out to [Saltzman] head of Dixie zone & try to do same time.  
Sue Moucha: Signing off; Likes the idea.  
Scott: get in writing & send out to group; find a date that works; propose to get done in next 6 wks.

7. Awards Banquet: Marianne  
Under planning review; not a lot of answers; lots of mail to record; Banquet is Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> right after the Saturday Valentine's Day meet in Clearwater; \$10/person (cost is \$15 but \$5 subsidized by FL LMSC).  
Pat: item talks about details – connection to meet? FL LMSC & # in party

Thought it was on entry; in last Fall LMSC newsletter

Program: Welcome by Scott, Master of Ceremonies, then Dinner & Awards ceremony.

Already notified folks who are getting awards.

Jillian has list of recipients; will send list to Scott.

Marianne: where's the list? Joan Campbell sent to her; Joan purchased awards

Will accept last minute attendees at door if under 100. Would like a headcount prior with final headcount 2-3 days prior.

8. Old Business

Scott: any old business? None

9. New Business

Scott: any new business? None

10. Retake roll to capture anyone joining late. Cheryl read out names & confirmed all in attendance; all listed above.

11. Motion to adjourn; Unanimously accepted.

Meeting adjourned @6:46pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Kupan