

Committee Name:	Florida LMSC Conference Call	Session #:	Report #:
LMSC President:	Scott Bay (on the phone)	Vice Chair:	Jillian Wilkins
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Date/time of meeting:	July 13, 2013, 1pm & 3pm EST

Motions Passed:

1. The newsletter will no longer be available in paper format & will no longer be mailed. Those who have requested paper copies will be referred to their coach to make sure the swimmer receives a copy. Cuts down on printing costs and mailing costs.

Number of Board members present: 8	Absent: [4]	Number of other delegates present: 7
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Scott Bay (on phone), Sherri Bogue, Marianne Bradley, Joan Campbell, Bob Jennings, Cheryl Kupan, Pat Tullman, Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk and Jillian Wilkins.		
Other attendees: Bob Aldrich (SPM), Bill Brenner (SYSM), Tracy Grilli (NEM), James Kendig (SYSM), Anna Lea Matysek (SYSM), Jim, Matysek (SYSM) and Patty Nardozzi (SPM).		

Minutes

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:20pm EST, during the meet rain delay; called to order again at the conclusion of the St Pete LCM meet. Scott wasn't physically present so Jillian Wilkins led the meeting.
- 2) APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (Jillian): There were 2 meeting minutes to approve, March 23, 2013 and May 4, 2013.

Susan Moucha:

Corrections to the minutes:

- Under Fitness Report two misspelled words: should be **school** and **It was**
- Question: Under Sanctions Report just submitted by Pat -why were two meets sanctioned for the same weekend, this coming weekend, St. Pete and Ocala?

--Response from Scott Bay:

I agree Sue. Part of the problem we have encountered with online sanctions is that there is a lack of local control. As I am sure you recall, we chose to 'protect' those meets that are longstanding such as Bumpy Jones, The Valentines Meet etc. The problem we encounter is that one someone comes in with a sanction application in November for the following year, there is no conflict at the time so it gets approved. We know about when our traditional meets are so we may want to look closer at those applications + or - a week or so.

No other comments on either minutes. Motion to approve March 23, 2013 notes, seconded & no objections; notes approved. Motion to approve May 4, 2013 notes, seconded & no objections; notes approved.

- 3) PAN AM RECAP (Bill Brenner)
- 4) GROWTH, PROMOTION & RETENTION MEETING IN ATLANTA, AUG. 24, 2013 (Bill Brenner)
[Please refer to the attachment].
- 5) REVIEW OF USMS COACH CERTIFICATION CLINIC/SWIMMING CLINIC IN ORLANDO, JUNE 29-30, 2013 (Scott Bay, Bill Brenner & Jillian Wilkins). On Saturday, June 29th, the class had a total of 30 coaches, representing six different LMSCs including Florida, Florida Gold, North Texas, Georgia, Utah and Niagara (New York). On Sunday, June 30th the stroke clinic was led by Scott Bay was just as successful as the coaching clinic. We had [do you have a #?] athletes from the Villages, Jacksonville, Tampa, Sarasota, St Pete and of course the Orlando area! We have already gotten requests for us to host more clinics in the FL LMSC in the near future. [Please refer to the attached summary].
- 6) REVIEW OF STANDARDS FOR OUR LMSC (Scott Bay) ←have him elaborate on what he discussed.
- 7) CONVENTION (Scott Bay): Scott went through the list of those who volunteered to go to Convention and added committees that some folks are active on, who should be part of the FL group chosen to go. We were fortunate to have Tracy Grilli from the National office present, who explained how the process of delegates and delegates at large and how they are chosen/considered to attend convention. She was pretty sure that all on our list would be eligible to attend.
- 8) GOALS/CHANGES/CHALLENGES FOR 2014 (Scott & Jillian): Tabled until next meeting.

9) OPEN WATER INSURANCE ISSUES FOR 2014 (Scott)

I'm suggesting maybe a \$5 per swimmer surcharge – what are everyone's thoughts? Most were in favor, but tabled the subject until we know what the insurance fees will be in 2014. [Jim Matysek doesn't believe the fees are going to be raised next year [not sure if this is public information].

10) SUMMARY OF SC & CHAIR REPORTS

- Sanctions report (Pat Tullman)

Future events sanctioned or recognized (as of July 2nd):

St Pete meet 7/13+14, Ocala Marlins 7/13 (since has been cancelled), Dog Days/Clearwater 8/3+4, Univ. of Tampa 10/19, Rowdy Gaines 10/11+13 and Ocala Fall meet 9/21.

Pending sanction from National OW USMS: Tropical Splash in October.

Brings 2 questions: Should USMS do the sanctioning for OW since they have to approve that kind of event? Cost for OW in 2014, we will be billed. How will we pay for these items like insurance for OW and online registration fees?

- Registration report (Meredith Moore):

We have 1905 registered members putting us way ahead of last year. 47% female; 53% male.

We have 58 registered clubs including our 2 newest clubs: Planet Swim Aquatic Masters in Ponte Vedre and Central Florida Masters Swimming in the Clermont area.

- Fitness report (Susan Moucha)

- Submitted fitness article to Florida LMSC Newsletter.

- Submitted Fitness article to Dixie Zone Newsletter.

- Officials Chair report (John King):

Report from Officials Chair does not have a whole lot to report. I was going to come up, but life got in the way. I want to thank Mark McCaw and Dottie Daniels for running a great International level meet. They were scrambling every day to find officials to cover the pool and did a great job. This meet was especially tough because many people who are officials were swimming in the meet. I know I myself would work most of the day and then pop in for my events, ouch. I want to thank all the officials who helped anytime during the meet. It was well done and everyone should be commended. I also want to send a special thanks to Claudio Aita who made the trip up from South America to help out with officiating the meet. I can't thank everyone who helped out. We had some discrepancies with the open water finished, but I think they went back to backups and video and worked through most of those. Overall not a whole lot of issues. If anyone has any comments please let me know and I will forward to appropriate people.

- Senior Games Liaison (Joan Campbell):

National Senior Games are scheduled to begin next week with 568 athletes from Florida entered. I know of 9 members of the Villages Swim Team competing and am sure there are more throughout the state entered in the swimming competition – will have to wait for the results to determine how many. I have answered their inquiries about “ways to improve” and if others feel the same way, I would encourage you to do so also. Years back all age groups competed at the same time – alternating afternoon and morning – but we were all there during the same period. Over the years we developed many friendships with other participants from around the country and suddenly we no longer saw them or were able to room with them because they swam on different scheduled days. Also, I found many of the vendors and health testing areas were closed by the time we older people got there. I see no reason why they couldn't return to that plan.

There are listings of the remaining Senior Games local meets on flasports.com and if any of these are recognized, they will be on the events listing on dixiezone.org. Local meets will qualify you for the Florida State Senior Games which have moved to Fort Myers and Lee County this year. The venue for swimming will be the Fort Myers Aquatic Complex – this is different from previous Lee County competitions. In order to qualify for the State Meet, Florida residents must have swam in a Local Senior Games and placed in the top 5 – they need to do this in one event and are able to compete in any event at the State meet. This is not a qualifying year for the 2015 National Senior Games.

11) OLD BUSINESS (Scott).

Sheila Carpenter–van Dijk on the newsletter, wanted to know when the printer would be paid.

Sherry Bogue: I never received an invoice, but if you send it to me, I'll pay it.

Conversation turned to how many are still receiving hard copies and why aren't we solely on electronic copies?

It was suggested that a coach or teammate make a copy for the teammate that doesn't have a computer/printer.

Cheryl made a motion to eliminate paying a printer to create hard copies and to no longer mailing newsletters.

All in favor, no objections.

Scott: Do we have any other old business to discuss? None

12) NEW BUSINESS (Scott).

Joan Campbell: Suggested to email the reports via email before the meetings/conference call so people can have time to read ahead. All in favor.

It was suggested that the October meeting be in person & also serve as the Annual meeting. Options are: October 5th after the Tropical Splash in Sarasota provided we have a place to meet and a quorum. October 12th at the Rowdy Gaines meet in Orlando (provided the meet doesn't run too late) or the Shark Tank meet in November 9th in Sarasota, but some has mentioned that is the same weekend of the state high school meet. TBD.

Motion to adjourn; All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm EST.

Next conference call/meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2013 at 6pm, Conference call.
