

Florida LMSC Board Conference Call

Committee Name:	Florida LMSC BOD	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Jillian Wilkins	Vice Chair:	Bob Jennings
Minutes recorded by:		Date/time of meeting:	May 21, 2020 – 8 pm

Actions Requiring Approval by the BOD:

1. Approval of the January 30, 2020 Conference call.

Motions Passed:

1. January 30, 2020 minutes were approved.

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 3	Number of other members present: 1
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jillian Wilkins, Bob Jennings, Nancy Kryka, Cheryl Kupan, Moore Meredith, Erin Condon, Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk, John Fox, Mike Whaley, Meegan Wilson, Anna Lea Matysek		
Committee Members Absent: Scott Bay, Daphne Elliott, Jim Matysek		
Other Members present: Joannie Campbell		

Minutes

Jillian Wilkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

1. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Bob Jennings moved to approve the January 30, 2020 conference call minutes with one correction by Meegan – under Membership Coordinator Report – change the sentence ‘The “Registrar” title has been changed to “Membership Coordinator” by the USMS National Office’ to ‘The “Registrar” title has been changed to “Membership Coordinator” by the USMS House of Delegates.’ The motion passed unanimously.
2. **2020 Convention:** Jillian reported that the Jacksonville 2020 USMS convention has been canceled due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It will now be a virtual meeting with online access only. We have not received anymore information on how that will take place. It was determined that Florida can have 5 voting delegates due to their registration numbers last year. This does not include automatic delegates. Jillian asked that anyone who wants to be a delegate to contact her.
3. **Awards – Erin Condin:** Erin said that the Awards Social was moved to the Bumpy Jones meet in Sarasota, but was postponed – now possibly to August, the weekend of Nationals that has been canceled. Most meets have been canceled due to the Coronavirus. Erin will ask Meredith to send out another call for nominations.
4. **Registrar’s Report - Meredith Moore:** Meredith reported that due to the COVID-19 virus our registrations are down by 9% as compared to last year at this time with 1859 registrations. There may be a slight uptick of registrations now as pools start to open back up. Florida has 59 clubs and 3 workout groups registered so far. See Meredith’s attached report for more details.

5. **Senior Games Liaison - Mike Whaley:** Mike asked Meegan to post on the website information on the Florida Senior Games in Coral Springs this December 5th and 6th at the Aquatic Center which can be found here: <https://floridalmcsc.org/training/>. Qualification standards have been extended for the 2021 National Senior Games. A swimmer who qualified for the 2017 National Senior Games meet in Birmingham, AL or the 2019 National Senior Games meet in Albuquerque, NM may qualify for the 2021 Nationals if qualifying meets in 2020 are not able to take place. See Mike's complete report attached.
6. **Finance - Nancy Kryka:** Nancy reported that Florida LMSC registrations to date are \$10,809. There have been \$430 in donations. All online meet expenses have been paid, even if the event was not held @ \$3 per person. So far this year meet expenses are \$1,647. There will not be major convention expenses since the convention will be a virtual meeting this year. Jan – May total income is \$11,443 and total expenses are \$2,989. See Nancy's attached report for more details.
7. **Sanctions and Top Ten - Anna Lea Matysek:** Anna Lea said that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many scheduled meets and open water events have been canceled. From January to March, two sanctioned meets and three recognized meets have taken place.

A swimmer, Jim LoCascio - 50, died at the Good Life Games on February 29 during the warmup. The lifeguards and personnel handled everything really well, but were unable to revive him. Joannie Campbell said that they did not know who he was – that there should be a way to mark swimmers as in open water events so that if an emergency happens, the swimmer can be identified quickly. Joannie is a member of the USMS Legislation Committee and they are working on this issue. Bob suggested medical information could be on their swim bag. John suggested that wristbands could be given out. FINA rules say no wristbands. There was discussion that a swimmer may not want his medical condition publicized. Joannie said that whatever is decided needs to be approved by both FINA and USMS. Possibly just having a visible USMS number would work.

So far, two sanctioned meets, two recognized meets and three open water events have been canceled. The Bumpy Jones meet has been postponed possibly to August, and meets still scheduled are the St Pete LCM meet in July, the Gainesville SCY Senior Games meet in September and the Rowdy Gaines SCM meet in October.

Sanction fees for the remainder of the year have been waived by USMS, \$50 for meets and \$100 for open water events, including the open water surcharge up to \$900 depending on the number of entrants. Recognized meets will still be charged \$100. More swimmers in Florida are back in the water compared to other parts of the country. There may be an open water meet in August. See Anna Lea's attached report for more detailed information.
8. **Newsletter - Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk:** Sheila said that the next newsletter deadline is July 15 for the August Newsletter.
9. **Officials - John Fox:** John reported that Officials have to register every four years. The Florida LMSC has four times as many officials as the Florida Gold Coast does. We also have an Officials Award this year.
10. **Webmaster Report – Meegan Wilson:** Meegan reported that she has scanned and uploaded all past newsletters, awards programs, past Records and past Florida Top

5 that she has in her possession. Cheryl questioned why the Top 5 have been posted since we are not reporting the Top 5 now. Meegan said volunteers spent a lot of work compiling the information for our members and it should be posted for our history. If anyone has any document that is not posted, please send it to Meegan.

Old Business:

1. **By-laws and Job Descriptions:** Meegan provided updated job descriptions and bylaws and asked for everyone to read them over and submit any changes. She will send everyone a clean copy, once she has received all changes.
2. **Officials:** Mike brought up the request for rule books for officials as well as clinics and education for officials. John stated that we have a lot of officials and referees get a rule book and all officials receive a name tag. Anna Lea is also sending all meet directors a mini rule book.

New Business:

1. **Sexual Conduct Statement:** Jillian stated that we need to establish a sexual harassment policy and put it in our bylaws. We need something to the effect that states that we are a governing body of volunteers and have no jurisdiction over sexual harassment issues. Some LMSCs have such a statement and some don't. We need to protect our Board of Directors.

Anna Lea said that USMS should give us a statement with standard language. Cheryl pointed out a clause in the USMS rule book on page 86 under *Unsporting Conduct* – section 402.4.6. We need a statement that states that our LMSC is not liable. Joannie said she will follow up with the Legislation Committee. John said he will work on it too.

2. **Unified Fee:** Bob stated that USMS is pushing the unified fee by going ahead with the modified year-end fee that allows anyone to register for this year and next year for a total price of \$60. Anyone who registers now will have free membership for the rest of the year and will be paying the unified fee membership for 2021. LMSCs that vote yes to this year-end request will receive \$12 out of the \$60, but will have to wait until next year before they receive that money. Our LMSC has a fee of only \$8. Some LMSCs have a higher fee. The unified fee will be voted on by the House of Delegates at our virtual annual meeting this September, but USMS is once again, bypassing the HOD with the modified year-end fee. If the unified fee passes, LMSCs will not be able to increase or decrease their registration fees. Meegan stated that LMSCs are not created equal since the cost of living is not equal in all states and the fee is not fair to some LMSCs. Jillian said that she voted no for the modified year-end fee.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Finalize a Sexual Conduct Statement for inclusion in the Florida LMSC Bylaws.
2. Finalize the Florida LMSC Job Descriptions and Bylaws. The Bylaws changes will need to be voted in by the Florida LMSC members at the Annual meeting in October.
3. Determine the Florida LMSC Delegates attending the virtual USMS Annual Meeting this September.

With no further business a motion was made at 8:58 pm to adjourn. The motion passed.

FL LMSC Profit and Loss Statement	2020	May YTD 2020	2020	2019	Dec YE 2019	2019	2018	2017
Income	Budget	Actuals	Actuals to Budget	Budget	Actuals	Actuals to Budget	Actuals	Actuals
Registration Fees to LMSC	\$23,242	\$10,809	-\$12,433	\$23,890	\$23,248	-\$642	\$22,304	\$20,246
Donations	\$250	\$430	\$180	\$250	\$971	\$721	\$545	
Sanction Fees paid to LMSC	\$2,000	\$200	-\$1,800	\$2,000	\$1,170	-\$830	\$2,245	
Interest	\$10	\$4	-\$6	\$10	\$13	\$3	\$12	\$12
Total Income	\$25,502	\$11,443	-\$14,059	\$26,150	\$25,402	-\$749	\$25,106	\$20,258
Expense								
Meet expense	\$5,643	\$1,647	\$3,996	\$5,643	\$4,683	\$960	\$5,929	\$8,353
Convention	\$5,956	\$0	\$5,956	\$10,180	\$14,201	-\$4,021	\$11,520	\$8,025
Registration Fees to USMS	\$4,312	\$340	\$3,972	\$4,312	\$2,732	\$1,580	\$3,009	
Conv Social	\$167	\$0	\$167	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$167	\$0
Pan Am Meet Exp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
ALTS	\$450	\$225	\$225	\$450	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$75
Awards Banquet	\$475	\$0	\$475	\$475	\$432	\$43	\$456	\$494
Sanction Fees	\$4,065	\$200	\$3,865	\$4,065	\$3,020	\$1,045	\$4,860	\$2,815
Registration Exp	\$1,340	\$0	\$1,340	\$1,340	\$824	\$516	\$1,265	\$1,259
Newsletter	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Web Site	\$64	\$65	-\$1	\$12	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$12
Gifts	\$600	\$106	\$494	\$600	\$318	\$282	\$318	\$505
Fees	\$61	\$61	\$0	\$61	\$61	\$0	\$61	\$61
Coach Cert	\$400	\$251	\$149	\$400	\$100	\$300	\$150	\$50
Office	\$51	\$44	\$7	\$51	\$572	-\$521	\$33	\$63
Travel	\$750	\$50	\$700	\$1,400	\$742	\$658	\$0	\$387
USMS Clinics	\$1,050	\$0	\$1,050	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expense	\$25,384	\$2,989	\$22,395	\$28,989	\$27,910	\$1,079	\$36,993	\$22,099
Profit/(Loss)	\$118	\$8,454	\$8,336	-\$2,839	-\$2,508	\$331	-\$11,887	-\$1,841
FL LMSC Balance Sheet	Budget	Actuals	Variance	Budget	Actuals	Varianc	Actuals	Actuals
Savings Account	\$37,101	\$36,987	-\$114	\$24,320	\$36,983	\$12,663	\$36,973	\$39,954
Checking	\$10,595	\$19,045	\$8,450	\$8,465	\$10,595	\$2,130	\$6,250	\$8,465
Total Assets	\$47,696	\$56,032	\$8,336	\$32,785	\$47,578	\$14,793	\$43,223	\$48,419
Liabilities and Net Assets								
Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Assets	\$47,696	\$56,032	\$8,336	\$32,785	\$47,578	\$14,793	\$43,223	\$48,419
Total Liabilities and Net	\$47,696	\$56,032	\$8,336	\$32,785	\$47,578	\$14,793	\$43,223	\$48,419

2020 FL LMSC May YTD Budget Statement

Statement of Revenue and Expense			Statement of Assets and Fund Balances		
Revenue			Assets		
Individual Registrations	\$10,688		Cash-Checking Account	\$19,045	
Club Registrations	\$121		Cash-Savings Account	\$36,987	
One Event Registrations	\$0		Total Assets	\$56,032	
Transfers	\$0				
One Event converted to full	\$0				
Donations	\$430				
Sanction Fee	\$200				
Interest	\$4				
Total Revenue	\$11,443				
Expense			Fund Balance		
Individual Registrations to USMS	\$340		End of 2019	\$47,578	
Club Registrations to USMS	\$0		Net Excess (Deficit)	\$8,454	
One Event Registrations to USMS	\$0		YTD 2020	\$56,032	
Registration Expense	\$0				
Awards Banquet	\$0				
Meet Expense	\$1,647				
ALTS	\$225		2019 Individual	\$53	\$8
Sanction Fees paid to USMS	\$200		Club	\$56	\$11
Office Expenses			OEVT	\$22	\$2
Postage	\$44		Out of State Transfers	\$8	
Copying	\$0		2020 Individual	\$53	\$8
Other	\$0		OEVT	\$15	\$3
Total Office	\$44		Club	\$56	\$11
Newsletter	\$0		Registratio Summary		
Website	\$65		Individua	\$10,348	
Convention			Club	\$121	
Hotel	\$0		One	\$0	
Food	\$0		Transfers	\$0	
Registratio	\$0		OEVT Converted to full	\$0	
Transporta	\$0		Donations	\$430	
Social	\$0		Total Registration	\$10,899	
Total Convention including Social	\$0		x-check	\$10,899	
Gifts	\$106				
Fees	\$61				
Officials Rule Book / Coach Cert	\$251		2020 MISC		
Travel	\$50				
Total Expenditures	\$2,989		x-check	\$56,032	
Net Excess (Deficit) Revenue over E	\$8,454		Fund Balance	\$56,032	

Online Entry Fees Reimbursed by the Florida LMSC for Sanctioned Events

Meet Expense (Online Entry Fees)	Estimated # 2019 entrants	Proposed 2019 Budget (@ \$3/entrant)	# 2018 swimmers (est.)	Estimated 2018 cost	# 2017 swimmers	2017 Actual cost	# 2016 swimmers	2016 Actual cost
Valentine meet	192	\$ 576	192	\$ 700	196	?	183	\$ 737
St Pete SCY meet	114	\$ 342	114	\$ 400	138	?	153	\$ 463
Ocala Spring Meet	22	\$ 66	22	\$ 66	17	\$ -	13	\$ -
NTC Masters Spring Classic	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	45	\$ -	0	\$ -
Lido Key (OW)	200	\$ 600	164	\$ 2,013	177	\$ 2,133	158	\$ 1,892
Hurricane Man (OW)	250	\$ 750	195	\$ 833	305	\$ 1,220	332	\$ 1,350
Tropical Splash (OW)	225	\$ 675	148	\$ 591	256	\$ 750	311	\$ 1,089
Naples T2 meet	50	\$ 150	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Bumpy Jones meet	155	\$ 465	155	\$ 600	128	\$ 501	151	\$ 571
St Pete LCM meet	121	\$ 363	121	\$ 400	107	?	139	\$ 402
Pan Am Meet	0	\$ -	1709	?	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Pan Am (OW)	0	\$ -	400	?	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Ocala Fall Meet	22	\$ 66	22	\$ -	14	\$ -	18	\$ -
Dog Days/Tails End meet	60	\$ 180	60	\$ 200	0 (canc.)	\$ 119	78	\$ 250
Rowdy meet	350	\$ 1,050	350	\$ 1,950	302	\$ 1,373	347	\$ 1,940
Shark Tank meet	120	\$ 360	120	\$ 400	116	\$ 408	129	\$ 428
Swim DeSoto (OW)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	100	\$ 1,156
Total		\$ 5,643		\$ 8,153		\$ 6,504		\$ 10,278

2020	# Members	2020	2019
Feb: Gulf Coast Sr Games (Sarasota) = yes	SHARK Sarasota - 335	\$70	\$272
Mar: Good Life Games (Clearwater) = yes	SPM St Pete - 263	\$55	\$213
Mar: Capital City Sr Games (Tallahassee) =	CAM Clearwater - 152	\$32	\$122
Apr: Y-Nationals (Orlando) = yes	FACT - 111	\$23	\$90
Apr: The Villages Sr Games (The Villages) =	YCFM Orlando - 79	\$17	\$64
Sep: UF-Health Gainesville	T2NM Naples - 75	\$16	\$61

2019 FL LMSC Convention Worksheet for St Louis

FL LMSC Convention 2019 Worksheet St Louis MO- Based on 2017 BUDGET for Dallas		Feb YTD 2019					
2019 Notes: Convention Rate = \$180. Groselles no longer are Auto Voting			.30/mile car;650 miles	hotel 1/2 rate \$132 max 5			5 voting are allotted, Optional to pay for travel and the remaining are
			Plane shuttle parking	\$30 tax, r	Food = \$100	Total	Minimum Required
Type	Name Ten	Convention	Travel				
FL Vote 1	Scott Bay	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
FL Vote 2	Meegan W	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
FL Vote 3	Jillian Wilk	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
FL Vote 4	Cheryl Kup	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
FL Vote 5		\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
FL Vote 6		\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
Auto Voting 2	Laura Gros	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$620
Auto Voting 1	Jack Gros	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$0
Auto Voting 3	Joannie C	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$0
Auto Voting Chair 1	Bob Jennings	JSMS pays	USMS pays	JSMS pay	\$100.00	\$100	\$100
Total						\$10,180	\$4,440

2020 FL LMSC Convention Worksheet for Jacksonville based on 2018 JAX							
			.30/mile car	hotel 1/2			5 voting
				max 5			are
				normal 4			allotted,
			Plane shutt		Food = \$10	Total	Minimum
Type	Name tent	Convention	Travel				
FL Vote 1	Scott Bay	\$170.00	\$129.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$749	\$620
FL Vote 2	Meegan V	\$170.00	\$129.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$749	\$620
FL Vote 3	Jillian Wilk	\$170.00	\$129.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$749	\$620
FL Vote 4	Cheryl Kup	\$170.00	\$129.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$749	\$620
FL Vote 5	Laura Gro	\$170.00	\$430.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,050	\$620
FL Vote 6	Jack Gros	\$170.00	\$430.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,050	\$620
Auto Voting 2		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Auto Voting 1		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Auto Voting 3	Joannie C.	\$170.00	\$261.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$531	\$270
Auto Voting Chair 1	Bob Jenni	JSMS pays	JSMS pays	SMS pay	\$100	\$100	\$100
Hospitality 1	Dave Wilson	\$0.00	\$129.00	JSMS pay	\$100.00	\$229	\$229
Hospitality 2		\$0.00	\$0.00	JSMS pay	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Hospitality 3		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Hospitality 4		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
Hospitality 5		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
					Total	\$5,956	\$4,319

Unified Fee for FL LMSC	Current			Unified			2019 # Registrations as of August 2019
<u>Fees</u>	USMS	LMSC	Total	USMS	LMSC	Total	
Individual	\$45	\$8	\$53	\$48	\$12	\$60	2352
Club	\$45	\$11	\$56	\$48	\$12	\$60	68
OEVT	\$20	\$2	\$22	\$12	\$3	\$15	103
<u>Revenue</u>							
Individual	\$105,840	\$18,816		\$112,896	\$28,224		
Club	\$3,060	\$748		\$3,264	\$816		
OEVT	\$2,060	\$206		\$1,236	\$309		
	<u>\$110,960</u>	<u>\$19,770</u>		<u>\$117,396</u>	<u>\$29,349</u>		
Delta USMS	\$6,436						
Delta LMSC	\$9,579						

Meredith Moore, FL LMSC Registrar
May 2020 Report

Unfortunately, the Covid19 Virus put a damper on our registrations for March, April, and May. As of May 20, 2020, the FL LMSC has:

- 1859 registrations for 2020 vs. last year at this time, we were around 2020, so we are about 9% behind for 2020. (Don't let the 2020's confuse you 🤖).
- Last year in March, we had 113 registrations, this year only 45.
- In April last year, we had 93 registrations with only 4 registrations this year.
- In May last year, we had 72 registrations, and this year we have had 40 so far, so we are seeing a slight uptick of registrations now that pools are reopening.
- We have 59 Clubs and 3 Workout Groups registered for 2020.

Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk, Newsletter Editor
May 2020 Report

Our next newsletter is due in August.
So the deadline for that newsletter will be July 15.

Meegan Wilson, Webmaster
May 2020 Report

- All past Florida LMSC newsletters that I had in my possession have been posted onto the Florida LMSC website, <https://floridalsmc.org/>.
- I have also uploaded past "Top 5" data and past "Records" data. You can find these on the "Meets & Results" page.
- On the Award's page you can find past programs. If anyone has a program, or anything else that is not posted, please send it to me.

Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

May 19, 2020

Anna Lea Matysek

Status of Meets in the LMSC

Many scheduled meets and open water races in the LMSC were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are the meets that have been held so far in 2020:

Start Date	End Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
01-25-2020	01-25-2020	Circus Town Classic Mini-Meet (Sarasota)	SCY	Sanction
02-01-2020	02-01-2020	Gulf Coast Games for Life (Senior Games)	SCY	Recognition
02-08-2020	02-09-2020	28th Annual Masters SCY Valentine's Meet (Clearwater)	SCY	Sanction
02-29-2020	02-29-2020	Good Life Games (Clearwater)	LCM	Recognition
03-11-2020	03-11-2020	2020 Capital City Senior Games (Tallahassee)	SCY	Recognition

These meets and races were canceled due to the pandemic:

Start Date	End Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
03-21-2020	03-22-2020	CANCELED: 50th Annual SCY/Bob Beach Championship Meet 2020 (St Pete)	SCY	Sanction
04-04-2020	04-04-2020	CANCELED: Marlins Spring Invitational (Ocala)	SCY	Sanction
04-22-2020	04-23-2020	CANCELED: The Villages Senior Games 2020	SCY	Recognition
04-25-2020	04-25-2020	CANCELED: 6th Annual Swim Around Lido Key (Sarasota)	OW	Sanction
05-02-2020	05-02-2020	CANCELED: 17th Annual Daiquiri Deck Tropical Splash Open Water Swim (Sarasota)	OW	Sanction
05-02-2020	05-02-2020	CANCELED: Hurricane Man 2.4 Mile & Pass-A-Grille Challenge 1000 Meter Swim (St Pete)	OW	Sanction
05-07-2020	05-10-2020	CANCELED: 2020 YMCA Masters Nationals (Orlando)	SCY	Recognition

These meets are still scheduled (the Bumpy Jones meet has been postponed possibly until August or September):

Start Date	End Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
08-2020?	08-2020?	POSTPONED: 2020 Bumpy Jones Classic Long Course Meet (Sarasota)	LCM	Sanction
07-11-2020	07-12-2020	2020 St. Pete Masters Long Course Swimming Championship	LCM	Sanction
09-13-2020	09-13-2020	20th Annual Gainesville Senior Games Swimming	SCY	Recognition
10-09-2020	10-11-2020	Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic XII (Orlando)	SCM	Sanction

February 29, 2020, Good Life Games

The Good Life Games (Pinellas County senior games) were held at the Clearwater Long Center on February 29. This was an event that was recognized (not sanctioned) by the Florida LMSC, but traditionally many participants are USMS members. During the warmups, Jim Locascio of Cape Coral collapsed on the pool deck. Despite efforts by lifeguards, doctors and nurses in attendance, and EMTs who quickly arrived on the scene, he was not able to be revived. Mr. Locascio was 50 years old and had been a longtime USMS member. His obituary can be found here: <https://www.fullermetz.com/tributes/James-LoCascio>

Sanction fees waived for remainder of year

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, USMS is waiving sanction fees for meets (\$50) and open water events (\$100) (including the open water insurance surcharge, up to \$900 depending on number of entrants) for the remainder of 2020. Recognition fees (\$100) will still be charged.

Mike Whaley, Senior Games Liaison
May 2020 Report

1. NSGA understood the need to develop options for alternative qualifying rules. The main concerns were to act in the best interest of the athletes, and to honor the qualifying process for those states who could conduct games while providing an alternative method for our loyal athletes to participate in the next National Senior Games.

In preparation of the 2021 National Senior Games, NSGA has established a registration process which includes a Priority Registration Period for qualified athletes followed by an Open Registration Period to accommodate athletes age 50+ unable to attend or qualify at a state senior games in 2020. Registration dates will be announced later this year. NSGA reserves the right to make further adjustments to the National Senior Games qualification and registration.

Qualification for Priority Registration Period

If a state qualifying senior games is ABLE to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, the qualification standards for the sports/events as specified in the 2021 NSGA Rulebook will determine qualifiers. In addition athletes from that state's senior games who qualified for the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will also qualify in the respective sports/events for the National Senior Games in 2021 (i.e., qualifiers from 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).

If a state qualifying senior games is UNABLE to conduct Games or specific sports/events in 2020, athletes from that state's senior games who qualified for the 2017 National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL and/or 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM will qualify in the respective sports/events for the 2021 National Senior Games (i.e., qualifiers from 2016 and/or 2018 respective sports/events from that state's senior games).

Open Registration Period

An Open Registration period will also be offered to athletes age 50+, who were unable to attend or qualify at a state senior games in 2020. This will follow the Priority Registration Period. The number of registrants may be limited for certain sports.

2. The Florida Sports Foundation is currently planning the 2020 Florida Senior Games Swim Meet. As of early May, Florida's Senior Games Swim Meet will be held at the Coral Springs Aquatic Center, Saturday, 5 & 6 December. The Meet Referee will be Silkie Labie, from Tallahassee. More Meet specifics will be announced as plans solidify and are announced by the Events Coordination, Karissa Pendleton.