# Florida LMSC Board Meeting/Call - July 11, 2021

Session #: 3

Chair: Cheryl Kupan Vice Chair: Bob Jennings

Minutes recorded by: Shelley Stewart, Secretary Date/time of meeting: July 11, 3:05pm ET

#### **Motions Passed:**

- 1) The April 2021 meeting's minutes were approved
- 2) The June 2021 Finance Report was approved
- 3) The June 2021 Membership Report was approved
- 4) The July 2021 Committee Reports were approved
- 5) The Officials Proposal #1 submitted by Mike Whaley was approved

#### **Motions Not Passed:**

1) The April 2021 meeting's minutes were approved

Number of committee members present: 10 Absent: 5 Number of other delegates present: 1

**Committee members present:** Cheryl Kupan, Bob Jennings, Shelley Stewart, Terri Goodman, Cindi Wood, Scott Bay, Anna Lea Matysek, Mike Whaley, Jillian Wilkins and Meegan Wilson

**Committee Members Absent:** Erin Condon, Daphne Elliott, Shelia Carpenter-van Dijk, Nancy Kryka and Jim Matysek

Others present: Joan Campbell

#### **MINUTES:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 EDT.

## A. WELCOME + ROLL CALL

#### B. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Cheryl: While the January 2021 minutes were approved, just wanted to follow up to the "pending" edits that Meegan had requested.

Meegan: I sent those to you & Shelley.

Cheryl: For the April 2021 meeting minutes, I have some minor edits from Meegan. Does anyone else have any comments/edits?

Motion by Scott Bay to approve last meeting's minutes, second by Bob Jennings.

All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. Motion passes.

Cheryl: Is there some way that we can approve these minutes sooner rather than 3 months after the fact? Anna Lea: It's in our by-laws to approve them at the scheduled Board meetings/calls. We can send them out shortly after the call/meeting, make the edits and "formally" approve them at the next meeting.

Cheryl: Let's do that, if you're okay with it Shelley?

Shelley: Yes, I can get them out next day.

#### C. FINANCE REPORT - TERRI GOODMAN

- 1. Transaction Report: Surplus \$17,300
- 2. Five Year Comparison Report
- 3. Net worth of the Organization

(see attachment for full details)

Noted: For 2021, the registration revenues are as much as full year; Mostly from the \$12 unified fee.

Motion by Scott Bay to approve the finance report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Jennings All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

#### D. MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR REPORT - CINDI WOOD

We are down in membership by -8% since last year, but we are doing well, relatively speaking, and it's just about half way through the year. More events are upcoming and should attract more members.

Motion by Anna Lea Matysek to approve the Membership Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Meegan Wilson. All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

#### **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### 1. RECORDS - NANCY KRYKA

Not present; Cheryl mentioned that the gist of the report was that the records have been updated and posted on our website; and they are close to automating records updates.

#### 2. NEWSLETTER - SHEILA CARPENTER-VAN DIJK

Next newsletter submissions are due July 15, 2021.

#### 3. OFFICIALS - MIKE WHALEY

Please read through the 2 proposals that I had sent. I'm on the road and won't be able to attend the discussion on that. (See attached for information)

#### 4. SENIOR GAMES LIAISON - MIKE WHALEY

Joan Campbell mentioned the date for the December 2021 meet in Coral Springs, FL has not been confirmed. Mike mentioned he had other issues to discuss with Clarissa and will try to get confirmation on the Coral Springs meet dates.

Joannie mentioned that the hotels closest to the ISHOF pool are already filled for next May 2022.

#### 5. SANCTIONS & TOP TEN - ANNA LEA MATYSEK

We have been fortunate to offer swim meets as compared to even some larger LMSCs (i.e, Pacific has not held a meet since February 2020). So the FL LMSC should do very well in Top 10s.

Upcoming Meets: (refer to the attachment for a full list of meet)s

- --St. Pete Masters LCM meet in August is getting a lot of out of town participants; should be a good size meet.
- --Rowdy Gaines SCM meet in October. The facility has undergone renovations and Anna Lea has the measurements for the pool confirmed.
- --Joan mentioned the Clearwater LCM meet was approved and they plan on having the 800 & 1500 events on Friday Night.
- --Bob Jennings mentioned the Villages Senior Games meet will have their meet on October 30+31. Will send the information to Anna Lea this week to be recognized.

#### 6. WEBMASTER - MEEGAN WILSON

New member push, "Try Masters Swimming" July is free. This information is on the registration and training pages of our website if you want to see the full promotion.

Motion by Scott Bay to approve the all Committee reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Jennings. All in favor, one opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

#### F. CONVENTION

Cheryl: I have received interest from Scott Bay, Nancy Kryka, Mike Whaley and myself. And, Jillian Wilkins asked to be included. Believe based on our membership #'s we are allowed 5 this year. Is anyone automatic? Yes - Joan Campbell is on Legislation. I'll submit the names this week to USMS.

#### G. OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Whaley submitted two proposals (see attached proposals for more detail)

1. Proposal #1: Officials clinics

Motion by Cheryl Kupan to approve the Officials Clinic proposal #1 submitted by Mike Whaley,  $2^{nd}$  by Meegan Wilson. All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

2. Proposal #2: Officials stipends.

The FL LMSC would pay each official, (to be confirmed per official per day or per meet) a \$25 gift card. This proposal includes paying officials for both sanctioned and recognized meets.

☐Mike had left the call, so this proposal was tabled pending further clarification

3. Awards & Social - some awards are outstanding from 2019. We are trying to track down who should receive them and if they've been ordered.

# H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Swim clinics

Jillian Wilkins will put together a proposal for swim clinics to be held throughout the LMSC.

- --How to advertise: by email, newsletters and website.
- --Will charge minimal to "guarantee" a spot/attendance
- 2. A request was sent to Terri and Cheryl from Tsunami Masters for COVID relief funds.

Anna Lea: Go back to our minutes as we decided the LMSC would not be participating in this program; it was all clubs or no clubs. <a href="https://floridalmsc.org/wp-content/uploads/min\_fl\_2020\_08\_06.pdf">https://floridalmsc.org/wp-content/uploads/min\_fl\_2020\_08\_06.pdf</a> Cheryl: I will let him know this week

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:19pm EDT

# Next call/meeting: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Annual Meeting will be in person at Rowdy Gaines Meet in Orlando. Jillian will see if we are able to use the lounge area we've used before. 

[post meeting; Cheryl to see if there is WiFi in the lounge for those who cannot attend in person to do a zoom meeting.

#### Attachments:

- Finance report
- Membership Coordinator report
- Committee reports
- Officials proposals

# **FL LMSC Board Meeting Agenda**

July 11, 2021

- A. Welcome & Roll call (Cheryl Kupan)
- B. Review & Approve last call's minutes (Shelley Stewart)
- c. Finance report (Terri Goodman)
- D. Membership report (Cindi Wood)
- E. Committee reports
- F. Convention
- G. Old Business
  - 1. Tabled discussion on the change in policy for FL LMSC to pay insurance surcharge and sanction fee for open water events
  - 2. Suggestions for use of FL LMSC's funds → Received 1 proposal from Mike Whaley submitted proposal for Officials training
  - 3. Bank account please provide an update
  - 4. Awards & Social
  - 5. Brief summary of the USMS Board Outreach call
- H. New Business

# FL LMSC P&L YTD (June 2021)

Date Range: Custom Dates (1/1/2021 – 6/30/2021)

Accounts: All Accounts
Categories: All Categories

Tags: All Tags

Type: Custom

•	Money In	\$57,476.76
	Donations	\$155.00
	Interest	\$1.93
	Recognition Fee	\$100.00
	Registration	\$19,924.50
	Transfer	\$37,295.33
•	Money Out	-\$40,181.69
	Gifts	-\$120.00
	Meet Expense	-\$999.00
	Office Supplies	-\$165.00
	Pool Sanction Fee	-\$200.00
	Pool Sanction Fee  Transfer to Chase Checking	-\$200.00 -\$38,697.69

Money In: \$57,476.76 Money Out: -\$40,181.69

Net Total: \$17,295.07

# **Five Year P&L Summary** (June 2021)

Category	1/1/17 - 12/31/17	1/1/18 - 12/31/18	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	1/1/20 - 12/31/20	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	Total
INCOME	\$20,810.63	\$21,907.24	\$21,498.67	\$19,683.53	\$20,181.43	\$104,081.50
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	\$700.00	\$155.00	\$755.00
Error	\$0.00	-\$487.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$487.00
Interest	\$10.73	\$15.88	\$10.17	\$5.53	\$1.93	\$44.24
OEVT	\$0.00	-\$315.00	\$206.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$109.00
One Event	-\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$210.00
Recognition Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Registration	\$21,206.00	\$19,692.00	\$21,382.50	\$18,882.00	\$19,924.50	\$101,087.00
Sanctions	-\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00
Uncategorized	\$3.90	\$3,001.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,005.26
USMS to LMSC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$96.00	\$0.00	\$96.00
EXPENSE	-\$23,164.31	-\$28,053.19	-\$17,144.38	-\$3,949.49	-\$40,181.69	-\$112,493.06
ALTS 25%	-\$75.00	-\$225.00	-\$225.00	-\$225.00	\$0.00	-\$750.00
Awards	-\$494.73	-\$455.82	-\$158.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,109.00
Coach Certification	-\$50.00	-\$150.00	-\$100.00	-\$50.00	\$0.00	-\$350.00
Convention	-\$8,539.93	-\$4,834.44	-\$7,335.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$20,710.35
Convention Social	\$0.00	-\$167.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$167.28
Fees	-\$61.25	-\$61.25	-\$61.25	-\$61.25	\$0.00	-\$245.00
Gifts	-\$505.00	-\$318.00	-\$318.00	-\$519.00	-\$120.00	-\$1,780.00
Meet Expense	-\$8,353.65	-\$14,928.65	-\$4,683.00	-\$1,833.00	-\$999.00	-\$30,797.30
oevt for Desoto & Tropical Splash	-\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$750.00
Office	-\$642.57	-\$570.25	-\$572.89	-\$294.99	\$0.00	-\$2,080.70
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$165.00	-\$165.00
Officials Coach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$248.00	\$0.00	-\$248.00
OW fee	\$0.00	-\$67.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$67.50
Pool Sanction Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$200.00	-\$200.00
Registration Expense	-\$678.30	-\$727.50	-\$823.10	-\$650.01	\$0.00	-\$2,878.91
Rule Books	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2.80	\$0.00	-\$2.80
Sanction	-\$2,615.00	-\$2,547.50	-\$1,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$7,012.50
Social	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$274.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$274.25
Transfer to Chase Checking	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$38,697.69	-\$38,697.69

# **Five Year P&L Summary** (June 2021)

Category	1/1/17 - 12/31/17	1/1/18 - 12/31/18	1/1/19 - 12/31/19	1/1/20 - 12/31/20	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	Total
Travel	-\$387.40	\$0.00	-\$742.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,129.86
Uncategorized	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00
Web Site	-\$11.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$65.44	\$0.00	-\$76.92
TRANSFER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,295.33	\$37,295.33
Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,295.33	\$37,295.33
TOTAL	-\$2,353.68	-\$6,145.95	\$4,354.29	\$15,734.04	\$17,295.07	\$28,883.77

# **FL LMSC Net Worth** (June 2021)

	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19	12/31/20	6/30/21
Assets	\$50,774.92	\$48,421.24	\$43,224.29	\$47,578.58	\$63,312.62	\$80,607.69
Cash	\$10,833.06	\$8,464.75	\$6,250.56	\$10,594.68	\$26,323.19	\$55,607.20
CHASE CHK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55,607.20
Checking	\$10,833.06	\$8,464.75	\$6,250.56	\$10,594.68	\$26,323.19	\$0.00
Savings	\$39,941.86	\$39,956.49	\$36,973.73	\$36,983.90	\$36,989.43	\$25,000.49
CHASE SAV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.49
Money Market	\$39,941.86	\$39,956.49	\$36,973.73	\$36,983.90	\$36,989.43	\$0.00
Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12 Month CD 7/10/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7 Month CD 11/15/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9 Month CD 10/10/2014	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NET WORTH	\$50,774.92	\$48,421.24	\$43,224.29	\$47,578.58	\$63,312.62	\$80,607.69

# FL LMSC Membership Report

Cindi Wood, FL LMSC Membership Coordinator June 2021

# Florida 2021

- · 1,999 Members Registered
  - o 1.054 Men
  - o 945 Women
  - 2 today
  - o 2 this month

# Florida 2020

- · 2,133 Members Registered
  - o 1,139 Men
  - o 994 Women
  - 2 today
  - 46 this month

# Florida Clubs

- · 57 registered clubs for 2021
  - 62 registered clubs for 2020
- · 160 self-identified coaches for 2021
  - 179 self-identified coaches for 2020

# National 2021

- · 42,095 Members Registered
  - o 21,534 Men
  - o 20,561 Women
  - 47 today
  - 47 this month

# National 2020

- 51,333 Members Registered
  - o 27,071 Men
  - o 24,262 Women
  - 46 today
  - o 1,097 this month

# National Clubs

- · 841 registered clubs for 2021
  - 1,131 registered clubs for 2020
- · 3,333 self-identified coaches for 2021
  - 4,134 self-identified coaches for 2020

# **Newsletter Editor Report**

Sheila Carpenter-vanDijk July 2021

Our next newsletter is due online and in the inbox of our FL LMSC members in August. Please have articles for the newsletter to me by July 15.

Send articles to me at: FLeditor@USMS.org If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thanks, y'all. Sheila Carpenter-vanDijk

# Officials Chair Report Mike Whaley July 2021

- Since April's Florida LMSC meeting: 2 additional USMS Officials have been credentialed within the FL LMSC area
- Requests for Assistance (asking for credential officials for Meets): Capital City Senior Games, SCY, 4 May (completed) Bumpy Jones Classic LCM, 5 & 6 June (completed) Cocoa Beach AAU Championship, 26 & 27 June (completed) USMS SCY Nationals, 21-25 July (will attend) St Pete Masters, LCM, 14 &15 August (Pending, will attend)) Clearwater Dog Day LCM, 11 September (Pending, will attend) Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic Swim Meet, 15 - 17 October (Pending, will attend)

Gainesville Senior Swim Meet, 12 September (Pending, will attend)

Florida Senior Games Swim Meet, 11 & 12 December. (Pending, will attend)

- Florida LMSC Officials Chair Participation:

Observer/Official at Capital City Senior Games

Referee at Bumpy Jones Swim Meet, 5-6 June

Selected as Deck Official at USMS Short Course National Championship, 21 - 25 July

Submitted Omega backstroke ledges article to LMSC Newsletter

#### Records update July 11, 2021

Nancy completed the reformatting of the records and updated all the records manually for 2020, which Meegan posted on our website.

During the reformatting work she did, she discovered the SCM individual records were updated to be SCY records in 2005. This required her to go back to 2004 and then go through the yearly update to correct the mistake, and the SCM records are now corrected.

Nancy's husband, Jim, has made good progress on the automation of the Records. He has the individual automation code working pretty well, so Nancy will be able to use it to update the Florida Records, at the end of June when the SCY 2021 Top 10 will be released. He says there are 1,668 individual records. Nancy will be doing the SCY relay records manually until he has the relay automation code working. The automation code is pretty tricky and he has been spending a lot of time working on it. He also is validating the results of the automated program to compare to the history of the Florida records, and finding and fixing mistakes made. He hopes to modify the program to try to use the USMS top ten file, and compare it to the FL LMSC top ten. This sounds confusing, but with Jim and Anna Lea's knowledge, he found the 2 sources are needed before 2013-2015 so the USAS meet times are included in our records.

When he completes that he will start the relay code. When he completes the relay code he will look at writing code that creates the formatted updated records file, instead of having someone take the raw output of the program and updating the formatted updated records file by hand. Finally, he will write documentation on how to set up and use the automation code.

Thank-you, to Jim and Anna Lea Matysek for their knowledge and advice.

Nancy and Jim Kryka June 29, 2021

# Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

Anna Lea Matysek, July 9, 2021

# Status of Meets in the Florida LMSC

We have been lucky to host as many, if not more, meets in 2021 than any other LMSC in the country. The Florida LMSC also appears to have more meets on its schedule (for the rest of 2021) than most other LMSCs. (In contrast, the Pacific LMSC, which is the largest in the country, has had NO meets since February, 2020.)

Sarasota's April SCY meet had 171 participants and the annual Bumpy Jones LCM Classic had 153 participants. Six national records were set at the April meet, and 13 national records were set at the Bumpy Jones meet, six of which are also potential world records.

I expect to see more potential national records being set at our next two events, the July 31 Good Life Games (Clearwater) and the August 14-15 St. Pete Long Course meet. I'll be working with the data administrators for those meets to ensure that they load the current USMS records into their Hy-Tek software before the meet, and flag any potential national records set during the meet. (This is important because the paperwork required for national records includes the timing console tapes and paper timer sheets, which must be collected at the meet.)

Because of the lack of meets in the U.S., our events are attracting out-of-town participants. The upcoming St. Pete meet, scheduled for August, already has entrants from Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Utah!

The Southeast Zone website (http://southeastzone.org) has a list of all meets scheduled in our zone.

## Here is a list of the meets held or scheduled in the Florida LMSC in 2021:

Date	Event Title	Course	Sanction Type
February 6	Gulf Coast Games for Life (Senior Games)	SCY	Recognition
	Meet held; 56 participants		
February 14	SPM Love of Swimming Intersquad Meet (St. Pete)	SCY	Sanction
	Meet held; 26 participants		
April 17-18	Sarasota Sharks "Take a Bite out of COVID Invitational"	SCY	Sanction
	Meet held; 171 participants		
May 4	Capital City Senior Games (Tallahassee)	SCY	Recognition
	Meet held; 29 participants		
June 5-6	Bumpy Jones Classic Long Course Meet (Sarasota)	LCM	Sanction
	Meet held; 153 participants		
July 31	Good Life Games/Pinellas County Senior Games (Clearwater)	LCM	Recognition
	Meet scheduled		
August 14-15	St. Pete Masters Long Course Swimming Championship	LCM	Sanction
	Meet scheduled		
September 11	Dog Days LCM Meet (Clearwater)	LCM	Sanction
	Tentative (no sanction request submitted yet)		
September 12	Annual Gainesville Senior Games Swimming	SCY	Recognition
	Meet scheduled		
October 15-17	Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic XII (Orlando)	SCM	Sanction
	Meet scheduled		
November 6-7	Shark Tank Meet (Sarasota)	SCM	Sanction
	Meet scheduled		

# USMS COVID-19 "Return to Competition" Guidelines

The USMS Board of Directors issued recommendations for hosting meets beginning November 1, 2020. The guidelines include distancing protocols and attendee screening recommendations. All information can be found at this link: <a href="https://www.usms.org/events/covid-19-event-resources">https://www.usms.org/events/covid-19-event-resources</a>. This page is updated on a regular basis.

Senior Games Liaison Report Mike Whaley July 2021

#### 2021 Florida Senior Games

The Florida Senior Games is an Olympic-style competition for athletes age 50 and over. Florida residents must qualify at one of over 21 Florida Senior Games Series Qualifiers. Series Qualifiers are held January through April and September through November. Athletes residing in Florida must finish in the top five of their age group in their sport to qualify for the Florida Senior Games. Out-of-state athletes are not required to qualify. Certain sports and events require a qualifying performance at a Florida Senior Games Series Qualifier while others have no qualifying standards and are open to all senior athletes wishing to participate.

An expected 1,700 athletes will compete in 21 sports. At the Florida Senior Games, athletes from 47 of the 50 United States and seven other countries, including Barbados, Canada, Cayman Islands, Netherlands, Slovakia, United Kingdom, US Minor Islands will compete.

The 2021 FSG swim meet, a qualifier Meet for the 2022 National Senior Games, is scheduled December, 11 & 12, 2021, at the Coral Springs Aquatic Center, in the Ft. Lauderdale area.

#### **Events**

- \*50, 100, 200 -yard Backstroke
- \*50, 100, 200 -yard Breaststroke
- \*50, 100, 200 -yard Butterfly
- \*50, 100, 200, 500 -yard Freestyle
- \*100, 200, 400-yard Individual Medley
- \*200-yard Individual Medley
- \*200-yard Medley Relay
- \*200-yard Freestyle Relay

#### 2022 National Senior Games

Due to the disruptions caused by the pandemic, the National Senior Games in Fort Lauderdale, Florida have been postponed to May 10-23, 2022. Swimming competition is scheduled Thursday, 12 May through Monday, 16 May.

In response to the pandemic, NSGA has made adjustments to the qualification process for the 2022 National Senior Games. Registrations for the 2021 National Senior Games opens Spring 2021, which is pending. Qualified athletes can register for the 2021 Games when Forida Sports Foundation submits a qualifier list to the NSGA. Registration will open in Spring of 2021 and accessible through the NSGA website.

Swimming competition is scheduled Thursday, 12 May through Monday, 16 May. A detailed schedule will be available on the 'Schedule of Events' page when registration opens in Spring, 2021 and sport specific schedules will be found on the 'Competition Schedule' page. Age specific competition start times will not be available until after registration closes in the Fall of 2021.

#### Qualifying Rules:

All first-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners or athletes meeting this NSGA's minimum performance standards in competition at a NSGA qualifying games will qualify for the 2022 National Senior Games.

**EVENTS:** 

Backstroke: 50-, 100-, 200-Yard Breaststroke: 50-, 100-, 200-Yard Butterfly: 50-, 100-, 200-Yard Freestyle: 50-, 100-, 200-, 500-Yard

Individual Medley: 100-, 200-, 400-Yard (Four Strokes)

Mixed 200 Freestyle & Mixed Medley Relay

NSGA Online Housing Link Opens July 1.

NSGA is partnering with J Team Management to provide for your 2022 housing needs. They will be working with Allan and Gretchen Judah, who were involved in 2017 and 2019. The convenient and easy-to-use online system goes live at NSGA.com on Thursday, July 1.

The benefits of making your reservations through NSGA include:

**Guaranteed Lowest Rates** 

A dedicated website will be available for you to book your hotel rooms online

Most properties do not require a deposit or pre-payment of reservation

Flexible Hotel Cancellation policies

Great options at great prices - no stress handling reservations on your own!

Teams/groups can easily create a block of rooms at the same hotel

Care in selecting location and proximity to specific sport venues

Resort and Parking Fees are either reduced or eliminated (depending on property)

Discounts on food and beverage at on-site restaurants (depending on property)

Stay in a property with other senior games athletes

2023 National Senior Games - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania The Games will return to "The City of Champions"

# 2022 State Games of America

The State Games of America is an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation. There are currently 30 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games. The 2022 State Games of America will be held July 27- August 1, 2022 in Ames-Des Moines, Iowa in July, 2022.

#### Qualifying requirements:

2019 (after July 1): All gold, silver and bronze medalists qualify from National Congress of State Games (NCSG) Member State programs, both Winter and Summer.

2020: All athletes who participated in an NCSG Member State event, both Winter and Summer, qualify.

2021: All gold, silver, and bronze medalists qualify from NCSG Member State programs, both Winter and Summer.

2022 (before July 1): All gold, silver, and bronze medalists qualify from NCSG Member State programs, both Winter and Summer.

Any medalists from the 2019 State Games of America are eligible to compete in 2022, if they participate in a NCSG Summer or Winter Games event in their state between July 1, 2019 - July 1, 2022.

# Webmaster Report – July 11, 2021

# Meegan Wilson

On May 7, 2021, Sheila, our newsletter editor, was contacted by the National Office asking her to put information about the "Try Masters Swimming" month of July in our June newsletter. Since we had just published our May newsletter, and don't have another newsletter until August, I volunteered to put the information on our website instead. I put info both on our Registration page and on our Training page.

Through our insurance, we have had the ability to welcome a potential member to a supervised club practice for many years. A 30-Day Tryout registration form must be filled out either digitally or on paper prior to participating.

Here are the try-out rules:

- Tryout memberships are limited to 30 consecutive days in length.
- Tryout memberships are limited to one per lifetime.
- Tryout memberships are for workouts or clinics only.
- Tryout memberships cannot be used to participate in swim meets or open water race events.
- A Tryout membership provides secondary personal accident coverage to the participant while participating in the USMS activity.

USMS is emphasizing the "Try Masters Swimming" month in July as a way to get new members. Go to our website, <a href="https://floridalmsc.org/">https://floridalmsc.org/</a>, and on either the Registration or Training page you will find a link to a Trial Membership form and a Participating Clubs link. Florida has 10 participating clubs as of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021, but a club can still sign up and get on the list.

# Florida LMSC Officials Proposals Mike Whaley, July 10, 2021 (charts by A. L. Matysek)

# **PROPOSAL 1**

**Officials Mobile Training Team:** Conduct semi-annual USMS officials clinics. The Florida LMSC would provide reimbursements costs for two clinic instructors, as follows:

Item	March Officials Clinic	August Officials Clinic
Printing costs of training materials	\$40.00	\$40.00
Transportation for instructors	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hotel (if needed) for instructors	\$125.00	\$125.00
Clinic refreshments	\$35.00	\$35.00
Pool rental	Unknown	Unknown
Total (not including pool rental)	\$300.00	
Total for Proposal (not	\$600.00	

# PROPOSAL 2

Reimburse credentialed officials with minor compensation for deck time during LMSC-sanctioned and LMSC-recognized meets

- Reimbursement: \$25.00 gift card for each official
- Up to six officials per day (total number of officials for two-day meet = 10)
- Total reimbursement per meet: \$250

Estimate based on meets held in LMSC during a typical year:

Sanctioned Meets				
Meet Name	Number of Days	Estimated Reimbursement		
(Feb) Valentine's Meet, Clearwater	2	\$250.00		
(Mar) Bob Beach Meet, St. Pete	2	\$250.00		
(Jun) Bumpy Jones Classic, Sarasota	2	\$250.00		
(Jul) St. Pete Long Course Meet	2	\$250.00		
(Aug) Dog Days LC Meet, Clearwater	1	\$150.00		
(Oct) Rowdy Gaines Classic, Orlando	3	\$250.00		
(Nov) Shark Tank Meet, Sarasota	2	\$250.00		
Subtotal, Sanctioned Meets		\$1,650.00		
Recognized Meets				
Meet Name	Number of Days	Estimated Reimbursement		
(Feb) Gulf Coast Senior Games, Sarasota	1	\$150.00		
(Mar) Capital City Senior Games, Tallahassee	1	\$150.00		
(Mar) Good Life Senior Games, Clearwater	1	\$150.00		
(Apr) The Villages Senior Games	1	\$150.00		
(Sep) Gainesville Senior Games	1	\$150.00		
Subtotal, Recognized Meets		\$750.00		
TOTAL PROPOSAL		\$2,400.00		

On June 30, 2021 our FL LMSC was asked by USMS to participate in a meeting with Board member, Pacific NW LMSC, John King.

# The purpose of the meeting:

The Board has once again planned direct outreach to LMSC's through a communication working group. Seven board members have each been assigned a group of LMSCs to contact before June 30. These calls follow successful communication and feedback through similar Board member hosted calls in 2019 and 2020.

John King has been assigned to schedule a call with your LMSC to discuss any topics from your LMSC on which you feel the Board should be aware and to gather feedback on Board direction, priorities, and projects.

Meegan Wilson, Cheryl Kupan, Mike Whaley and Nancy Kryka participated in the Zoom call.

# **Meeting Summary:**

- We presented John with our LMSC's accomplishments (see below for the list)
- John asked us about the USMS matching COVID payback program. We replied our board felt that it would be too much work, with 70 clubs, and offering it to all clubs to be fair, for the benefit.
- John asked us what we thought of the USMS virtual convention. The LMSC participants all agreed productive and successful future conventions should be held in person. Person to person engagement at conventions is needed. The virtual convention saved money, and saved the time and effort of our LMSC hosting 2 hospitalities. But, the convention attendees missed the in-person interaction, the meetings went too late and too many days, and not everyone could easily participate in the open discussions (we wondered if some people were blocked from responding?)
- When John asked the LMSC participants if there was anything we wished to let USMS know about, we responded by asking why the Recognition fee is \$100 as compared to the \$50 Sanction fee, since USMS does not supply insurance, and it does not cost USMS more money. The Recognized meets are a lot of extra work on the part of the LMSC Sanction and Official volunteers to hold. This recognition supports our members and may get new members because of it, so why is the fee higher?
- We asked John about what he had heard about from the other LMSCs. Were there things we could learn from that might benefit our LMSC? John replied that our LMSC seems to be very typical and he would try to let us know suggestions, if he becomes aware of them.
- Since John said he was an Official, we asked him what suggestions he might have about encouraging USMS members to become Officials. John responded that in his Pacific LMSC, the LMSC reimbursed 7-8 Officials at their 3 major meets, SCY, SCM, LCM for \$75 each for a total amount of less than \$4,000.
- We offered the Records automation code our LMSC is developing to automate updating our LMSC's records. John was interested and will have someone contact Nancy.

# FL LMSC's Accomplishments for 2020 and 2021

The Florida LMSC supports meet hosts paying the \$50 sanction fees and \$100 recognition fees for meets held in the LMSC. The LMSC supports open water race directors by paying half of the sanction fee and half of the USMS insurance surcharge, up to \$500 total. The LMSC also encourages event organizers to use online meet entry, and provides \$3 per entrant to the host of a sanctioned meet or open water race if they use online entry for their event.

We support our members by reimbursing \$50 for certification fees upon completing their USMS coaching certification and Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS) certifications.

We are working on automating our LMSC records

Board is entertaining ways to give back to our members as we are fortunate to have funds in our account that were to go to hosting 2 "in person" conventions and sending members to convention, however, last year and this year convention was/is "virtual."

We are supporting USMS swim clinics by paying the pool rental fee expense for our members.

Proposal to run Officials clinics in an effort to increase the number of certified officials in our LMSC.

Our LMSC successfully sanctioned and held some of the only swimming competitions this past year including Sr Games meets. Here is the list of meets held in our LMSC the past 2 years and the number of participants:

#### 2020 (Pre-Pandemic):

Jan 25: Circus Town Classic (81)

Feb 1: Gulf Coast Senior Games (44) (recognized)

Feb 8-9: Valentine's Meet (179)

Feb 29: Good Life Senior Games (66) (recognized) Mar 11: Capital City Senior Games (28) (recognized)

#### 2020-2021 (End of Pandemic):

Nov 7-8: Shark Tank Intersquad Meet (62)

Dec 5-6: Florida Senior Games (170) (recognized)

Dec 20: St Pete Intersquad Meet (37)

Feb 6: Gulf Coast Senior Games (56) (recognized)

Feb 14: St Pete Intersquad Meet (26)

Apr 17-18: Sarasota "Take a Bite out of COVID" meet (171)

May 4: Capital City Senior Games (29) (recognized)

Jun 5-6: Bumpy Jones Classic Meet (153)

We met and passed all the USMS compliance checklist criteria for our bylaws, financials, member services and holding our board meetings.

Submitted by Nancy Kryka 7-3-2021