

FLORIDA LMSC Board Meeting, February 26, 2025

Chair:	Cheryl Kupan	Session #:	1
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Vice Chair:	Kirk Clear
		Date/time of meeting:	Feb 26, 2025, 7:00pm EDT

Motions Passed:

- 1) The Annual Meeting Minutes from November 21, 2025 were approved as edited.
- 2) The Finance, Membership and Committee Reports were approved.
- 3) A motion to adjourn at 8:19 PM EST was approved.

- 1) Motions Not Passed: None

2)

No. of Committee members present: 13 Absent: 1 Number of other delegates present: 0

Committee members present: Cheryl Kupan/Chair, Kirk Clear/Vice Chair, Terri Goodman/Treasurer, Zena Courtney/Secretary, Scott Bay, Ryan Kloppe, Andy Kroupa, Anna Lea Matysek, Jim Matysek, Carter Elliott, Cindi Wood, Meegan Wilson, Eileen Seducca

Committee members Absent: Jillian Wilkins

February 26, 2025 MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 7:01 PM EDT.

A. WELCOME & ROLL CALL (Cheryl Kupan)

Cheryl introduced the new Records Committee Chair, Eileen Seducca, of Lake Gators Swim Club. Cheryl will collaborate with her to come up with a process and format as the current format is in Word.

B. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (Zena Courtney)

After several versions, Cheryl, Anna Lea and Meegan clarified which proposals were presented, which were approved, and which were tabled. Motion by Meegan to approve the annual meeting minutes with all the changes reflected in draft #4, seconded by Anna Lea, all in favor and none opposed. **Motion passed.**

C. FINANCE REPORT (Terri Goodman)

We walked through all the spreadsheets, pointed out the back up with all the checks written/detail of expenses. \$50k is kept in the checking account and there is approximately \$57k in a Morgan Stanley account that is currently earning 3.7%. Anyone knowing of a bank offering a higher interest rate were asked to let Terri know. Motion by Cindi to approve the finance report, seconded by Anna Lea, all in favor and none opposed. **Motion passed.**

D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Cindi Woods)

Cindi provided the Membership Report showing 1,837 Members Registered, 977 were men, 860 were women. Three registered today and 94 registered in February 2025. Cindi announced that new in 2025 that members can now switch teams without a 60 day wait period up to 3 times per year. Everything is done online by the swimmer; Cindi can no longer change registrations. Cindi gave us an example using USMS Nationals. A swimmer has to enter the meet by the deadline but wants to remain with current team

until closer to Nationals. The swimmer will enter the meet with their current team. On one of the days prior to Nationals, you change to the new team online. When the meet roster is printed for the meet, **your team** will show up as “undetermined” and the Nationals meet director will have to change your team prior to the meet beginning.

Motion by Scott Bay to approve the membership report, seconded by Kirk Clear, all in favor and none opposed. **Motion passed.**

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Awards and Social Report (Cheryl Kupan & Ryan Kloppe) Cheryl proposed that we cancel the FL LMSC Awards lunch as no award winners (other than St Pete Masters) will be at the St Pete Masters’ meet on March 15th. Cheryl has spoken to the nominators, and they are happy to have a presentation at the end of a workout and one will be awarding the individual at their team’s annual banquet.
2. Coaches (Scott Bay) – Scott is working with Bill Brenner of USMS to host a Level 2 and Level 3 coaching course, in person. Participants must take Level 1 online prior to the in person courses. He hopes to have more information by April 30th.
3. Open Water & Long Distance (Andy Kroupa) – Open Water Nationals will be in Sarasota on April 4th (1 mile swim) and 5th (5K swim). Entries close on March 31st. We sent an email to the FL LMSC members, and he promoted it on Lucky’s Lake Swim Facebook page which reaches approximately 150 swimmers.
4. Membership Coordinator and Officials (Cindi Wood) – All officials with the exception of the stroke and turn officials, have to take an online course on USA Swimming for Starters and for Referees. The course costs \$35. It is very difficult to navigate the site and upon the completion of Cheryl’s Starter test, she was told that she should get a certificate at the conclusion. Cheryl did not get the certificate but will work with Terri White to get the certificate. Cheryl asked if Cindy could please list the steps to find the test online and send it to the Board with a quick email to the FL LMSC officials. Thank you.
5. Newsletter & Website (Meegan Wilson) The website is up to date. The February 2025 newsletter was published. The deadlines for submissions for the 2025 newsletter are April 15, July 15 and October 15.
6. Senior Games Liaison (Carter Elliott) – no report was submitted
7. Sanctions & Top Ten (Anna Lea & Jim Matysek) – Long Center in Clearwater is now closed for renovations and is expected to reopen in 2026. Anna Lea has some meet inquiries from Ft Myers and Venice.

Motion by Ryan to approve all Committee reports to be approved, second by Terri, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

F. Old Business

1. We need volunteers to work on Meet Stipend proposal (Lead – Anna Lea Matysek)
2. We need volunteers to work on Membership fee assistance proposal (Lead – Kirk Clear)

3. We need volunteers to work on FL LMSC by-laws (Lead – Cheryl Kupan)
Cheryl requested an email, when you can, as to which committee you're interested in.

G. New Business

1. 2025 USMS LMSC Standards Survey will be rolling out on May 1, 2025, with a June 1, 2025 due date.
2. 2025 Rowdy Gaines Meet – Scott asked how we felt about continuing the meet in January. Pool rental is very expensive, and pool availability is very difficult. With the October dates, we run into USA Swimming and High School swimming, which also makes it difficult to get officials.
3. Board meetings – Cheryl asked if everyone preferred to have the Board meetings during the week (i.e, Wednesdays) or on Sunday (which used to be popular). All agreed Wednesdays are good for them. Post meeting: tentatively scheduled the remainder of 2025 meetings, on May 21st, August 20th and the Annual Meeting & Elections will be on November 19th. All meetings are subject to change and start time for all will be 7pm Eastern time.

A motion by Scott Bay to adjourn, second by Andy, all in favor, no one opposed. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.