# Florida LMSC (Virtual) Board Meeting – August 2020

			Session #:	3	
Cł	air: Jillian Wilkins		Vice Chair:	Not p	resent
M	inutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan, Secretary	Date/time o	f meeting	: Aug. 26, 2020, 8:06pm EDT

## Motions Passed:

- 1) Motion to approve the last meeting's minutes.
- 2) Motion to not distribute money to FL LMSC clubs for Covid relief efforts.
- 3) Motion Cheryl Kupan to approve the finance report.
- 4) Motion to combine the 2020 awards with the 2021 awards luncheon.
- 5) Motion that the FL LMSC will not issue a sanction for an event until USMS recommends hosting events and provides guidelines on how to host events.
- 6) Motion to approve the Nominating committee: Jillian Wilkins, Bob Jennings, Anna Lea Matysek, Jim Matysek and Meegan Wilson.

Number of committee members present: 9Absent: 5Number of other delegates present: 1

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Jillian Wilkins, Nancy Kryka, Cheryl Kupan, Meredith Moore, Scott Bay, Erin Condon, Anna Lea Matysek, Mike Whaley and Meegan Wilson

Committee Members Absent: Bob Jennings, Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk, Daphne Elliott, John Fox and Jim Matysek

Others present: Joannie Campbell

## Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 8:06pm EDT.

## APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

Motion by Cheryl Kupan to approve last meeting's minutes, second by Anna Lea Matysek. All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

## FINANCE REPORT – NANCY KRYKA

--2020 Year to date we're up \$10,000 over same period in 2019.

--Less in social costs and \$0 spent on clinics.

--For 2021, I am assuming a similar drop of 3% in registrations and if the *unified fee* is approved at convention this year, the LMSC will get \$12/swimmer vs. the current \$8/swimmer.

--The new \$60 reduced USMS fee for new registrations for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021, we had 40 sign up in July and will only collect \$8/swimmer in 2020 and \$0 in 2021.

# From USMS: *In response to COVID-19, USMS is offering the rest of this year and all of 2021 for the single year price of \$60. A savings of over \$45.*

--Covid relief request from the Tsunami Club.

Anna Lea: it's my understanding that we have to offer relief funds to all the clubs in our LMSC. The clubs must fill out an application stating the reason why they need relief funds, the LMSC creates a task force to determine the needs of the LMSC's 60+ clubs and the Board votes on it. It usually works out that the larger clubs (because of the # of swimmers) get more money than the smaller clubs or ~\$100-300 for the smaller clubs.

## FINANCE REPORT (continued)

--There are clubs in the LMSC that aren't operating at all and the relief funds won't cover the operating costs to open the pools and teams are not running team practices/no coaching on deck.

--The LMSC has reimbursed the \$3/participant sanction fees for all the cancelled meets and ½ the insurance fee for OW swims that were sanctioned.

Nancy: I put this chart together for the 9 biggest swim teams in our LMSC. The FL LMSC proposed \$5 for each registered USMS swimmer, then USMS would match it:

#### FL LMSC COVID RELIEF ESTIMATES

Club name	# Swimmers	FL LN	/ISC Pays**	USM	S Match##	Tota	l Club Receives		
Sarasota Sharks	335	\$	1,675	\$	1,675	\$	3,350		
St. Pete Masters	263		1,315		1,315		2,630		
CAM - Clearwater	152		760		760		1,520		
FACT	111		555		555		1,110		
YCFM - Orlando	79		395		395		790		
T2NM - Naples	75		375		375		750		
Gator Swim Club	67		335		335		670		
SRQM Tsunamis	64		320		320		640		
Holmes - Jacksonville	55		275		275		550		
Total Covid Relief Expense	ofor FL LMSC:	\$	6,005	\$	6,005	\$	12,010		
Total FL LMSC Swimmers	2,291	\$	11,455	\$	11,455	\$	22,910		
NOTES: This is an example for the 9 largest clubs in the LMSC & total # FL LMSC swimmers ** - This example assumes \$5/swimmer									

This is pre-Unified Fee that isn't valid until 2021.

So, in this example, the FL LMSC would pay \$1,675 to the Sarasota Sharks and USMS would match it with \$1,675 for a total of \$3,350. All the club would have to do is say yes we were impacted by Covid, provide their EIN number and a mailing address for a check to be mailed to them. Compared to a club that has 3 members, we would pay \$15 and USMS would match it for a total of \$30.

The FL LMSC has approximately 2,291 swimmers, so if we were to pay all 62 clubs (of which there are xx# of unattached swimmers), we would pay \$11,455 and USMS matching.

If a club was a gold club, the match would be up to \$8 per registered USMS swimmer. Note that the unified fee wasn't approved at the time of this program in 2020 and isn't in effect until 2021.

Motion by Anna Lea Matysek to not distribute money to FL LMSC clubs for Covid relief efforts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jillian. All in favor, one opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

Motion by Cheryl Kupan to approve the finance report, second by Scott Bay. All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes**.

#### FL LMSC August 2020 Meeting Minutes (continued)

#### MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR REPORT – MEREDITH MOORE

Unfortunately, the CoVid19 virus continues to put a slight damper on our registrations. As of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020: For 2020, the FL LMSC has 2,028 registrations vs. 2,091 this time last year or down~3%.

167 have opted for the "Prepaid" Registration (rest of 2020 and 2021), and option USMS started in May 2020, and that may have helped with our registration figures.

Meredith announced she will be stepping down as the FL LMSC's Membership Coordinator and will stay on board until a replacement is found and do a "training" session. Please contact Jillian Wilkins or Meredith if you or someone you know may be interested in the position.

## CHAIR REPORTS

#### AWARDS & SOCIAL – ERIN CONDON

Now that the Bumpy Jones meet is cancelled, our 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt to do the awards lunch did not happen. Motion made by Erin Condon: I would like to suggest if it's possible to combine the 2020 awards with the 2021 awards luncheon and second by Cheryl.

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

#### COACHES - SCOTT BAY

The USMS Coaches Committee plans to revamp its communications to try and get the coaching certification numbers up.

## FITNESS – DAPHNE ELLIOTT

Not present; no report submitted

## LONG DISTANCE + OPEN WATER - ERIN CONDON

There are no swims planned for the remainder of 2020, so I don't have anything to report.

## NEWSLETTER – SHEILA CARPENTER-VAN DIJK

Not present. The next newsletter is due to be online and in your inbox in November. I will need articles by October 15, 2020. Please email me your articles at: FLEDITOR@usmastersswimming.org

## OFFICIALS – JOHN FOX

Not present; no report submitted Jillian mentioned that John is moving to Louisville, KY.

## FL LMSC August 2020 Meeting Minutes (continued)

#### SANCTIONS & TOP TEN – ANNA LEA MATYSEK & JIM MATYSEK

From my sanctions report I've documented the email conversations I had with USMS regarding hosting meets during the pandemic. USMS has recommended that LMSC's not sanction events through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. There are no meet guidelines and insurance will cover participant accident and general liability, but no coverage for bacterial/viral transmissions. Results | submissions for Top 10, AA, etc... from any meets being held are under discussion.

Motion by Anna Lea Matysek that the FL LMSC will not issue a sanction for an event until USMS recommends hosting events and provides guidelines on how to host events. Second by Scott Bay. All in favor, none opposed, no further discussion. **Motion passes.** 

#### SENIOR GAMES LIAISON - MIKE WHALEY

--The Florida Sports Foundation is continuing to plan for the Florida Senior Games Swim meet on December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Coral Springs, FL.

--The 2021 National Senior Games remains unchanged and will be held November 5-18, 2021 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The qualification process is still being discussed.

--The State Games of America changed its date to July 27-31, 2022 at Iowa State University.

#### WEBMASTER - MEEGAN WILSON

--The job descriptions and bylaws should be ready to approve in about 2-3 weeks.

--We have not heard back from USMS for the wording to use for sexual conduct and it was suggested that we refer to the wording used by the Pacific LMSC.

## CONVENTION:

The following will attend this year's annual meeting, which will run "virtually" from August 31, 2020 to September 27, 2020:

Scott Bay, Joannie Campbell, Jack Groselle, Laura Groselle, Bob Jennings, Cheryl Kupan, Jillian Wilkins and Meegan Wilson.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Swimmer ID's (Mike Whaley)

During the LMSC Spring zoom meeting there was discussion of how to account and identify swimmers during a swim meet. Several ideas were discussed: body marking, mandatory wrist band assignment and wearing, many ideas. I hope this safety and accountability issue has been taken forward outside our LMSC and discussed by a Chair or an Officer.

Safety and accountability need to be addressed and have action taken, we never want a revisit of this issue --Joannie Campbell: I brought up the subject in the Legislative Committee and they stated it was an issue needs to be address at the National level. They did not like the idea of body marking.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

ANNUAL MEETING

- 1) Date was Saturday, October 11, 2020 at the Rowdy Gaines meet. Will we still use this date? What time?
  - --Agreed upon date for Annual meeting is Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- 2) Nominations for 2020 Election
  - --Jillian Wilkins will be stepping down as Chair
  - --Meredith Moore will be stepping down as our Membership Coordinator
  - --Issue communication to call for nominations

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:26pm EDT

Next meeting: The Annual Meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:00pm EDT

## Attachments:

- ☑ Finance report
- Membership Coordinator Report
- Chair report(s) submitted: Newsletter, Senior Games Liaison and Sanctions | Top Ten

FL LMSC Profit and Loss Statemer	2020	Aug YTD 2020	2020	2019	Dec YE 2019	2019	2018	2017
Income	Budget	Actuals	Actuals to	Budget	Actuals	Actuals to	Actuals	Actuals
Registration Fees to LMSC	\$23,242	\$12,028	-\$11,214	\$23,890	\$23,248	-\$642	\$22,304	\$20,246
Donations	\$250	\$535	\$285	\$250	\$971	\$721	\$545	
Sanction Fees paid to LMSC	\$2,000	\$200	-\$1,800	\$2,000	\$1,170	-\$830	\$2,245	
Interest	\$10	\$6	-\$4	\$10	\$13	\$3	\$12	\$12
Total Income	\$25,502	\$12,769	-\$12,733	\$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	\$9,780	\$9,662	-\$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	\$36,988	-\$113	\$24,320	\$36,983	\$12.663	\$36,973	\$39,954
Checking	\$10,595	\$20,369	\$9.774	\$8,465	\$10,595	\$2.130	\$6,250	\$8,465
Total Assets	\$47,696	\$57,357	\$9,661	\$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	\$57.357	\$9.661	\$32,785	\$47.578	\$14.793	\$43,223	\$48,419
Total Liabilities and Net	\$47,696	\$57,357	\$9,661	\$32,785	\$47,578	\$14,793	\$43,223	\$48,419

#### 2020 FL LMSC Budget Aug YTD

Statement of Revenue a		A	Stateme	ont of Accote	and Fund	Balances		
Revenue			Statement of Assets and Fund Balances Assets					
Individual Registrations		\$11,888	Assets	Cash-Checki		\$20,369		
Club Registrations		\$132		Cash-Checki Cash-Saving		\$36,988		
One Event Registrations		\$0			Total Assets	\$57,357		
		\$0 \$8			Total Assets	φο <i>1</i> ,307		
Transfers	<b>c</b> 11	\$0 \$0						
One Event converted to	ruli							
Donations		\$535						
Sanction Fee		\$200						
Interest		\$6						
Total Rever	nue	\$12.769						
Expense		<b>•</b> ••••						
Individual Registrations to		\$340	Fund Ba					
Club Registrations to US		\$0	End of 20			\$47,578		
One Event Registrations	to USMS	\$0		ss (Deficit)		\$9,780		
Registration Expense		\$0	YTD 202	0		\$57,358		
Awards Banquet		\$0						
Meet Expense		\$1,647			Total	LMSC		
ALTS		\$225	2019	Individual	\$53	\$8		
Sanction Fees paid to US	SMS	\$200		Club	\$56	\$11		
Office Expenses				OEVT	\$22	\$2		
Postage	\$44		Out of St	ate Transfers	\$8			
Copying	\$0		2020	Individual	\$53	\$8		
Other	\$0		1	OEVT	\$15	\$3		
Total Office		\$44		Club	\$56	\$11		
Newsletter		\$0	Registrat	ic Summary				
Website		\$65	Individua		\$11,548			
Convention			Club		\$132			
Hotel	\$0		One		\$0			
Food	\$0		Transfers		\$8			
Registratio	\$0			, onverted to full				
Transporta	\$0		Donation		\$535			
Social	\$0		Total Reg		\$12,223			
Total Convention includir	+ -	\$0		x-check	\$12,223			
Gifts	\$106		A OHOON	$\psi$ 12,220				
Fees		\$61						
Officials Rule Book / Coa	\$251	1	2020 MISC					
Travel		\$50	1	2020 101100	1	l		
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Online Entry Fees Reimbursed by the Florida LMSC for Sanctioned Events												
Meet Expense (Online Entry Fees)	Estimated # 2019 entrants	Bud	sed 2019 get (@ ntrant)	# 2018 swimmers (est.)		timated 18 cost	# 2017 swimmers	4	2017 Actual cost	# 2016 swimmers	A	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

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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 Co	nvention W	Jun YTD 20	020				
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
Туре	Name Ten	Conventior	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 Wilki	\$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 Gro	\$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 Ca	\$170.00	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,120	\$0
Auto Voting Chair 1	Bob Jennings	JSMS pays	USMS pays	ISMS pay	\$100.00	\$100	\$100
Total						\$10,180	\$4,440

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FL Vote 3	Jillian Wilk	\$170.00	\$129.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$749	\$620
FL Vote 4	Cheryl Ku	\$170.00	\$129.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$749	\$620
FL Vote 5	Laura Gro		\$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 Ca	\$170.00	\$261.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$531	\$270
Auto Voting Chair 1	Bob Jenni	JSMS pays	JSMS pays	ISMS pay	\$100	\$100	\$100
Hospitality 1	Dave Wilson	\$0.00	\$129.00	ISMS pay	\$100.00	\$229	\$229
Hospitality 2		\$0.00	\$0.00	ISMS pay		\$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		Jun YTD 2020			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
Revenue							
Individual	\$105,840	\$18,816		\$112,896	\$28,224		
Club	\$3,060	\$748		\$3,264	\$816		
OEVT	\$2,060	\$206		\$1,236	\$309		
	\$110,960	\$19,770		\$117,396	\$29,349		
Delta USMS	\$6,436						

Delta LMSC \$9,579

#### Membership Coordinator Report August 2020 Meredith Moore, FL LMSC Membership Coordinator

Unfortunately, the CoVid19 Virus continues to put a slight damper on our registrations. As of August 25<sup>th</sup>, the FL LMSC has 2,028 registrations for 2020. Last year at this time, we were around 2,091, so we really aren't doing horrible. We are down only about 3% from last year.

From those figures, 167 have opted for the "Prepaid Registration (rest of 2020 and 2021). USMS started that option earlier this year on May 26<sup>th</sup> and that may have helped with our registration figures.

Last year, we had 48 opting for prepaid thru Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, however, the prepaid option did not start until July 1, 2019.

We welcome our newest club for 2020: FES - Florida Elite Swimming in Land O'Lakes. I hope no one noticed that I had the wrong figures in the last newsletter, but USMS stats aren't the easiest to decipher.

I'm sure most of you know by now that it is time to hang up my Registration (Membership Coordinator) hat and pass it on to someone younger :) I have been Registrar for 20 years, 5 in CT and almost 15 years here, so now that I am in my 70's, it is time. It's been so much fun and an honor working with you and all the past Board Members. It has been an amazing journey and I thank you all. So, if you know if anyone in your clubs that may be interested, let Jillian and me know. I will stay on board until a replacement is found. I will also do a "training" session for anyone who is interested.

Newsletter Report August 2020 Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk

The next newsletter is due to be on line and in your inbox in November. I will need those articles by October 15, 2020. Articles should be submitted to me: FLEditor@usmastersswimming.org

#### Senior Games Liaison Report Mike Whaley August 2020

1. The 2022 State Games of America will be held July 27-31, 2022.

The Iowa Games, in collaboration with, Iowa State University, Ames Convention announced that the 2021 State Games of America will be moved to 2022. The rescheduling of the event comes in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused many state games to cancel or modify their games this 2020 summer.

Over 30 state games from across the country serve as qualifying events for the State Games of America. The Olympic-style competition brings together medalists from other state games. The 2022 State Games of America will be held in conjunction with the Summer Iowa Games. An estimated 6,000 out of state athletes are expected to join the nearly 13,000 Iowa Games participants. Athletes from qualifying states must receive or have received a gold, silver or bronze in their state games in 2019 (after July 1), 2020, 2021 and 2022 (before July 1). Any medalists from the 2019 State Games of America are eligible to compete in 2022 if they participate in their respective state games between July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2022.

#### 2. The 2020 Florida State Senior Games

The Florida Sports Foundation is currently in planning for 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. Meet specifics will be announced as plans solidify and are announced by the FSF Events Coordinator.

#### Qualification and Registration Period

If a state qualifying senior games is able to conduct 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).

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.

#### 3. The 2021 National Senior Games (NSGA)

2021 National Senior Games plans remain unchanged: November 5-18, 2021, held in the Ft. Lauderdale area. NSGA is analyzing potential impacts on State Senior Games and the qualifying process for the 2021 National Senior Games. The NSGA is reviewing several potential scenarios and considering many factors. If the situation requires that changes are made to the current qualification process, NSGA will continue regular communications with State Senior Games to share information to athletes.

## Florida LMSC Sanctions & Top 10 Report

Anna Lea Matysek, August 26, 2020

#### **Questions on Hosting Meets During the Pandemic**

Because of the spread of the COVID-19 virus throughout the country, the USMS board of directors has been reviewing the situation during their monthly meetings and then issuing a recommendation for whether sanctioned meets should be held for the following month. For example, at the board meeting in July, the board voted to recommend that sanctioned meets NOT be held during the month of August.

I received questions from a meet director and a swimmer asking whether meets could be held anyway (even though the board did not recommend holding them). I sent some questions to the USMS national office and the answers are included below. Note that the questions pertained to a hypothetical meet that would be held during the month of August, but the answers would apply for any month during which the board of directors has issued a recommendation not to host sanctioned meets.

The response was that, **yes, an LMSC may issue a sanction and allow a meet to be held** even though the USMS board of directors has issued a recommendation against hosting meets during that month.

**1)** Question from FL-LMSC sanctions chair: Can an LMSC issue a sanction for an event in August, and can the meet director hold the meet even though USMS has issued a recommendation against holding meets in August?

**Response from USMS National Office on July 22, 2020:** As stated previously the <u>Board of Directors has</u> <u>recommended</u> that LMSCs not sanction events through Aug. 31. If an LMSC issues a sanction or retracts a previously issued sanction it is at the LMSCs discretion.

- a. If an event moves forward, please be clear that USMS liability insurance has never and will not be able to provide coverage for the transmission of COVID-19 or any other viral or bacterial infection. The <u>updated USMS liability release</u> should be used for upcoming events to ensure that the participants understand this as well.
- b. It would also be beneficial to request information regarding COVID-19 related plans to ensure venue/local/state/federal health and safety guidelines are followed (especially for restrooms, start/finish area, post-race refreshments, etc.).
- 2) Question from FL-LMSC sanctions chair: If that meet were held, would it be covered by USMS insurance?

**Response from USMS National Office on July 22, 2020:** Yes, for participant accident and general liability. No coverage for bacterial/viral transmissions.

**3)** Question from FL-LMSC sanctions chair: If that meet were held, would the results be accepted by USMS into the meet results database, and would those results be eligible for FINA records?

**Response from USMS National Office on July 22, 2020:** There is nothing preventing results from being submitted at this time, however please note there is ongoing discussions regarding Top 10, AA, etc. as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Status of Meets in the Florida LMSC

Most of the scheduled meets and open water races in the LMSC were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sarasota Sharks have tentatively scheduled the SCM Shark Tank Meet for the weekend of November 7-8, dependent on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and the county restrictions for gatherings that may be in place at that time.

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	SCY	Sanction
		(Clearwater)		
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

#### Here are the meets that have been held so far in 2020:

#### 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	SCY	Sanction
		Meet 2020 (St Pete)		
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	OW	Sanction
		(Sarasota)		
05-02-2020	05-02-2020	CANCELED: 17th Annual Daiquiri Deck Tropical Splash	OW	Sanction
		Open Water Swim (Sarasota)		
05-02-2020	05-02-2020	CANCELED: Hurricane Man 2.4 Mile & Pass-A-Grille	OW	Sanction
		Challenge 1000 Meter Swim (St Pete)		
05-07-2020	05-10-2020	CANCELED: 2020 YMCA Masters Nationals (Orlando)	SCY	Recognition
08-2020?	08-2020?	CANCELED: 2020 Bumpy Jones Classic Long Course	LCM	Sanction
		Meet (Sarasota)		
07-11-2020	07-12-2020	CANCELED: 2020 St. Pete Masters Long Course	LCM	Sanction
		Swimming Championship		
09-13-2020	09-13-2020	POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS FALL: 20th Annual	SCY	Recognition
		Gainesville Senior Games Swimming		
10-09-2020	10-11-2020	CANCELED: Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic XII (Orlando)	SCM	Sanction

## 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.