

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA LMSC SUMMER MEETING - 30 JULY 1988

North Shore Pool

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M.

Those in attendance: John P. Maguire, III, Chairman; Lynn P. Brownstein, Treasurer; Walter Rosenbaum, Sanctions; Catie Cooper, Registration; Frank Tillotson, Newsletter Editor/Zone Chairman; Enid Urich, National Registrar

Teams with representatives present: Holmes Lumber Jax; Forest Hills Aquatics; Clearwater-Largo Y Masters; FAST Masters; St. Pete Masters; Greater Jacksonville Masters

REPORTS:

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

1. The 1989 USMS fees will be increasing by \$4.00. John Maguire felt that there was no need for our LMSC to increase its fees for 1989; therefore, the 1989 registration fee will be \$17.00
2. Enid reported that FLORIDA LMSC ended the third quarter with 35-40% not re-registering for 1988, and this gives up a 0% growth for this calendar year.
3. Joann Leilich, USMS Registration Chairperson, asked that each LMSC give its opinion and/or suggestions regarding the sale of mailing labels to commercial business to send advertisement to USMS registered swimmers. We felt that it would be fine for Enid to sell the labels to these businesses but that USMS should see a profit from these sales. Therefore, it was suggested that Enid bill for her share of the cost and USMS should bill for its share of the cost of these labels.
4. For 1989, the USMS Monthly Swimmer Report sheets will not need to be filled out and submitted to Catie with registrations. However, the club registrars must double check the swimmer's registration application for clarification of any swimmer's handwriting which is difficult to read. The club registrars are much more familiar with the street names, swimmer's name, etc. than the LMSC registrar is.
5. No one entered in a meet will be allowed to enter the pool without being properly registered with USMS (i.e., has a current USMS registration number). If registering on deck, the swimmer may register with a specific club if the registration goes through the proper channel (i.e. through the club registrar). Otherwise, he/she must register as UNATTACHED.
6. SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER: Catie will register all "renewing" swimmers who will be competing in the Clearwater-Largo Meet the first weekend in November. All other renewals will begin November 1st. Again, the fee will be \$17, and cards will be sent after Catie receives them from the National Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doug Messineo suggested a Florida LMSC Rule Book be drawn up. Enid said we do not need one, that rules not covered by the USMS Rule Book are put on a separate page and sent with each sanctions application.

Doug proposed that we have a committee established to compile an LMSC Rule Book. Brenda Hennessey seconded the proposal. It was deferred to the Annual Meeting in October by John P. Maguire, III.

Doug Messineo suggested that we set the date for the Annual Meeting at least eight months in advance. It was defeated; it is not possible to do this.

SANCTIONS REPORT:

1. Liability issue regarding non-registered swimmers competing in meets. It is a definite infraction of the sanctions rules set by USMS due to the terms with the insurance company who is insuring USMS.
2. Timing at meets.
 - a. You cannot manually start the automatic timing machine and stop it automatically. If one starts the machine manually, there must be three watches on each lane to time the finish.

b. If the automatic timing is used at the finish, the transducer must be attached to the gun or beeper to start the heats.

c. There was a problem at the St. Pete LC Championships because the heats were being started manually and finished automatically. If there were not three watches on the lane to time the finishes, records set will not stand according to Enid. This could affect one of Deb Walker's swims; she may not be credited with a National Record.

3. Craig Rubin has been nominated to be the new Sanctions Chairman. Tony Rosenbaum said that he would be willing to work with Craig for one year to "train" him. Thanks Craig!

PUBLICITY/ZONE REPORT:

1. Doug Messineo asked who was compiling the Zone Top 10 times and who would be sending the First Place Zone Patch Award. We all said, "Frank."

2. The Dixie Zone has about \$150 now to go towards the Award.

RECORDS/TOP TEN/TOP FIVE REPORT:

1. The Top 10 Program will run on an IBM XT or AT and compatible computers.

2, Catie said that we will need to elect a Records Chairman at the Annual Meeting because she cannot do Records and Registrations due to time constraints. Paul Endres has been nominated to take over that responsibility. Catie will be working with him to "train" him. Thank you Paul!

3. Joan Gamso has agreed to take over the Florida Top Five Records for Catie. In the next few weeks, Catie will be getting everything ready to turn over to Joan. Many thanks Joan!

4. Deferred for the Annual Meeting: to set the specifics for obtaining the necessary documentation for Nationals and World Records at the time they were set rather than four to six months after the fact.

5. Meet results to include Sanction Number.

6. Meet results to be sent to the Records Chairman are not to be reduced in size!

LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT:

Doug Messineo discussed talking with contractors who are planning and building developments which will be including a pool to try to get them to put in a 25 yard pool with designated lanes so as to help promote USMS swimming from a health and fitness point of view. Brenda Hennessey has compiled a lengthy booklet of information regarding this issue. The issue has been deferred for the Annual Meeting.

Sponsorship for clubs and meets was again brought up. It was suggested that clubs hosting meets should get in touch with Joe Biondi for suggestions as he has had a lot of success in getting sponsorships for his Clearwater Meet.

USMS CONVENTION:

The three delegates will be: John P. Maguire, III, Frank Tillotson, Catie Cooper. The alternate will be: Bill Uhrich

HOLMES LUMBER JAX ISSUE:

1. Brenda Hennessey reported that it will be the largest team at the World Championships in Australia.

2. Enid pointed out that there is a lot of bitterness regarding the formation of this club/team and that there will be a letter coming out in the August issue of Swim magazine against HLJ. She suggested that Brenda write a letter in the very near future (prior to the LC Championships, Australia, and the USMS Convention) stating the purpose of the formation of such a club/team. The letter is to show the positive impact this club/team will have on US Masters Swimming.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Cathrine C. Cooper, Registrar for Angela Dickey, Secretary