

MINUTES OF FLORIDA LMSC MEETING - APRIL 1, 1989
NORTHSHORE POOL, ST. PETERSBURG

Chairman John Maguire called the meeting to order after the last event on Saturday's 1989 Southern Championships. Present were Chairman Maguire, Secretary Uhrich, Treasurer Brownstein, Registrar Cooper, Top Ten Endres and the following teams were represented: FAST - Rosenbaum, CLYF - Biondi, SPM & Dixie Zone - Tillotson, TOM - Barnacoate, IRCC - Harmon, SPCO - Cowen, SWIM - Endres, HLJ - Mahaffey, JAX - Glaraton.

The minutes of the October 29, 1988 meeting were read and accepted as corrected, one addition being that relay team splits cannot be used for Top Ten.

An unofficial treasurer's report was given, the full report to be attached to these minutes as soon as the treasurer receives this month's statement and pays outstanding bills.

Top Ten chairman reported that the program available from Walter Reid has been ordered and he will be also ordering the Top Five program available. NEW ADDRESS FOR THE TOP TEN RECORDER: PAUL ENDRES, 6010 20TH AVE SW, NAPLES, FL 33999 813-353-4215.

The registrar reported 836 registered swimmers at this time. She also reported that CFM has merged with TOM. She made a strong plea for clubs to get their swimmers re-registered and to re-register their clubs in October and not just before a big meet when there may not be time to resolve problems.

PLEASE NOTE: The Registrars office will be closed from May 31 through June 6 and also from June 24 through June 28.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE: The registrar will no longer supply teams with more than one instructional packet each year. If officers change and additional packets are required please include a check for \$3 for each packet to cover cost of expenses.

It was moved and seconded that the following paragraph is to appear in each heat sheet for sanctioned meets: "Under the advice of the USMS medical committee, it is recommended that at all meets the competitors exit from the sides of the pool and not from the ends of their lanes. Swimmers should wait until the last person in the heat finishes before crossing lanes to exit. Swimmers should wait at least one yard from the end of the lane, on the right side of the lane.

The North-South dual meet was discussed briefly and it was agreed that, in general the dividing line be route I-4 with the exception that SPM be included in the North division. This would be for swimmers from both FLA and FLA GOLD COAST LMSCS. A special meeting will be held at a later date to discuss specific format for this meet.

Two very important issues were discussed relating to the future of FLA LMSC. While both issues received a favorable reception it was agreed that they were too serious to make any decision at a single LMSC meeting. Both issues will be taken back to FLA teams for discussion and then representatives of the teams will discuss and vote on them at the next LMSC meeting. **THAT LMSC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON A SATURDAY IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THE MEETING SITE WILL BE CHOSEN TO BE AS CENTRAL AS FEASIBLE FOR ALL TEAMS WHO REPORT THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT TEAM WILL BE PRESENT.** Please fill in the form below to help our Chairman plan that meeting.

The first issue was whether to put specific restrictions in our bylaws in relation to which teams would be permitted to register in our LMSC. This issue has been raised because of a case where a team decided to register not in the LMSC where the team pool resided, but in the LMSC where one member resided. Under our present bylaws we have to register any team who had a single member residing in our LMSC. The wording of such a restriction should be discussed and carefully planned.

The second issue was whether or not to create a Florida Masters Swim Club similar to those in many of the LMSCs - where local groups are 'intramural' clubs rather than USMS clubs. This would allow swimmers to swim for the same group they already swim for when swimming in a Florida LMSC meet, but to share a one team membership (permitting more chances for relays) when swimming in out-of-LMSC meets both nationally and internationally.

Meeting was then adjourned.