

Minutes LMSC-FL June 24, 1989

In attendance at meeting, after 2nd day of St Pete meet, J. Maguire, Chairman; L. Brownstein, Treasurer; E. Uhrich, Secy; F. Tillotson, Zone Chairman; representatives from the following teams: St. Pete, Suncoast, Orlando, Brandyon YM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as printed in our newsletter. Treasurer reported no problems, Absentee Registrar reported present membership at 944.

This meeting was primarily to set the agenda and time and location of our fall meeting. It was voted to have a Continental Breakfast meeting on Saturday September 16th at the Orlando Radisson Hotel promptly at 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (when warmups start for the North-South meet at the adjacent pool. Breakfast is to be provided only to the official club representative if the club representative registers ahead of time the club's intention to be present at this very important meeting. Club representatives not pre-registering will not be provided breakfast.

It was also agreed to ask our clubs and members NOT to renew their memberships before October 1st (last date for renewing without losing swimming rights is October 31st). The reason for this is to wait for the results of this meeting and for anything brought up at the National Convention that might effect registration.

The North-South meet format was discussed and various suggestions for clarifications were made. John Maguire will contact Judy Meyer to clear up some issues that were not clear. Steve Barnicoat of Orlando Masters requested that any correspondence relative to his team be sent to his home at 3852 Sutton Pl #905, Winter Park, FL 32792 tel: 407-679-3068.

The two main issues to be discussed at the fall meeting are:

1. Any team with less than 50% of its membership residing within the Florida LMSC shall not be permitted to register without approval of the officers of the LMSC.

This is to prevent a club not located in our area, but with a few swimmers located in our association, from registering as a Florida club. This problem has come up in another LMDC causing a problem for that LMDC.

2. That a Florida Masters club be formed which would accept individual AND intramural clubs with their members. Within our own LMSC each intramural club would swim as a team but when attending meets outside of our LMSC these swimmers would swim as Florida Masters. This would mean that none of the intramural teams would register with USMS directly but would simply join Florida Masters as an intramural division of that team.

Many other LMSCs use this procedure - New York with Empire Masters, Colorado with Rocky Mountain Masters, also Pacific NW, Oregon, and others. When they hold their LMSC championships they have unofficial token intramural team awards - and have individual high points official awards as we do. The benefit of this approach is that it makes it easier to field a strong team at National and International meets, and also gives greater opportunity for swimmers to swim in a good relay at meets in nearby LMSC's meets.

There is nothing preventing clubs who do not wish to join the Florida Masters from registering with USMS and FI LMSC just like they have always done in the past. Swimmers who wish to swim unattached would still send their memberships to Catie as before. Clubs registering with USMS would send the member registrations to Catie as before. Clubs who wish to swim as intramural, under the umbrella of Florida Masters would file a letter of intent to do this with Catie and then would send their membership to her just as they had done before. Catie would keep track of who is and who is not a member of Florida Masters and who belongs to each intramural team.

The officers for Florida Masters would be chosen by voting - one vote for each intramural club.

All details for these two issues will be discussed and voted upon at the fall meeting. The above description of how Florida Masters might operate were only included to help you understand what the issue is about. It was not intended to decide ahead of time how Florida Masters will be run.

A postcard will be sent out in August asking for commitments to attend the fall LMSC meeting.

Meeting was then adjourned.