

Minutes of the Florida Local Masters Swim Committee Meeting - April 16, 1994

The Florida LMSC meeting was held at the North Shore Pool in St. Petersburg during the 24th Annual SCY St. Pete Masters Swimming Championships. The meeting was called to order by Meegan Wilson, Secretary and Interim Chair.

Others present were: Dick Avery, Treasurer/HLJ; Charles Kohnken, Registrar; Frank Tillotson, Newsletter Editor; Al Rogerson, BSAM; Pate Cantrell, FAST; Michael Castle, JAM; Larry Peck, ORLM; Alice Lawrence, SWSM; Sandy Steer and John Bishop, SPM; Earl Dickey, SCC; and Jerry Glancy, SMS.

I. Comments - Meegan Wilson explained the events following the resignation of John Maguire and the board's decision on an interim chair until the October 1994 elections. John Maguire, Chairman of the Florida LMSC for the past 11 years, resigned effective January 14, 1994. Members of the board felt that the interim chair position should be filled by a board member. Frank Tillotson volunteered for the position and an informal polling of the board members produced a consensus. A notification of this was put into the February, 1994 issue of the Florida LMSC Newsletter. While our bylaws do not state the specific procedure, John Maguire contacted Meegan and suggested that a written ballot was more appropriate. At this time Charles Kohnken decided to run for the position. The vote ended in a tie between Charles Kohnken and Frank Tillotson. Meegan Wilson then volunteered to fill the position and the board unanimously accepted the offer.

II. Minutes - The minutes of the Florida LMSC Annual Meeting on November 13, 1993 were approved after correcting the statement under Sanctions that a Sanction fee was collected from Suncoast Masters for the Pentathlon.

III. Reports of Officers

A. Treasurer Report - Dick Avery reported a bank balance of \$6021.55. He has also sent 1992 and 1993 financial reports to the national office as required.

B. Registration Report - Charles Kohnken reported that as of April 12 we have 813 members and 22 teams. Two teams from 1993, Hunter's Green and Leesburg Lakes, did not register. Two new clubs have registered: Dunedin Loch Ness Monsters and South West Swim Masters. One team has changed its name from Team Episcopal Amberjax Masters to Jacksonville Area Masters.

C. Records Report - Meegan Wilson read Catie's report since she could not attend the meeting. Catie thanked Scott Guthrie for sending her a copy of the 1989 Orlando SCM meet. This resulted in many Florida LMSC SCM corrections.

Catie has recently completed an errata sheet for the 1993 SCY Florida Top 5 in the Women 75-79 age group. She recently received a complete copy of the Tampa February 1993 meet but it is too late to submit the errata results for the National and Zone Top 10. She asks that meet directors double check the copy that they send her.

Meet directors also need to check the registration card numbers submitted with meet applications to make sure that the swimmer is registered in the current year. A swimmer was allowed to swim under his 1993 registration earlier this year. The first two digits of the registration number (14) refer to our Florida LMSC #. The third digit (4) is the present year and the last five digits are the swimmer's LMSC registration number.

D. Sanctions Report - Meegan read a report from Bill Uhrich. As of March 7, Bill has issued a sanction for the Suncoast Masters Long Course Championship on June 11-12. He has tentatively assigned Orlando Masters SCM meet for October 8-9 and Suncoast Masters SCY Pentathlon for October 15. IRCC Masters has reserved April 29 - May 1 but they have yet to apply for a sanction.

E. Newsletter Report - Frank Tillotson requested that teams send club news to be included in the Newsletter. The deadline is April 26 for May 3rd publication.

IV. New Business

A. Selection of a Nominating Committee - Sandy Steer - SPM, Larry Peck - ORLM, Meegan Wilson - FAST, and Jerry Glancy - SMS volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee that will be responsible for recommending names of members who will serve on the Florida LMSC board for the 1994-1996 period. These recommendations will be presented to the team representatives at the July 23rd business meeting in St. Pete. Election of officers will be held at the annual meeting in October.

B. By-Laws Changes - Current By-Laws of the Florida LMSC were handed out to each team representative. Meegan asked that each team present any bylaws change at the July meeting. She noted that under Article IV Section 5, Article V Section 2 and Article VI, Sections 2&4 the word bi-annual (i.e. twice a year) should be replaced with biennial (i.e. every two years) since Article IV section 6

clearly states that the term of office for officers of the corporation shall be for a period of two years. Another change to be noted is under Article I section 4, membership in the Florida LMSC is from January to December rather than October to September. Charles Kohnken said that memberships for the following year will be accepted in November.

C. File for Corporation Renewal - Meegan reported that the Florida LMSC must file to renew their Corporation status. The cost is \$200 if filed prior to May 1st and \$225 thereafter. John Bishop stated that for non-profit organizations there is an exemption to this filing fee and that SPM saved some money when they filed. He located in the general instructions a savings of \$138.75.

D. Delegates to the National Convention - Meegan Wilson stated that we need to decide who will represent us at the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri September 28 - October 2nd. John Bishop said that when a delegate got on a USMS committee they continued to represent our LMSC year after year. He would like to see more people in our LMSC get involved. He asked how our delegates were chosen. Charles Kohnken said that according to our bylaws the Chairman is responsible for selecting the delegates. Meegan said that we may want to address this issue when we update our bylaws at the Annual Meeting in October.

In 1986, a second amendment to the bylaws was approved which states that Delegates to the annual USMS convention shall have their rooms and air-fair paid for by the Florida LMSC. Due to our membership (over 800) we can send 3 voting delegates. We also have two voting delegates-at-large due to their membership on Rules and Legislation committees: Frank Tillotson, Legislation committee, and Catie Cooper, Rules committee. Our bylaws do not distinguish delegate status. We may want to consider an equal monetary amount for each delegate depending on the number going and our budget.

E. Annual Meeting -

Charlie Kohnken suggested that we hold our annual meeting at the SCM meet in Orlando on Saturday October 8, 1994. Larry Peck said he could get us a room for the meeting.

F. Announcements

Our next Florida LMSC meeting will be on July 23, 1994 at the LCM meet at St. Pete.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Meegan Wilson
Chair/Secretary Florida LMSC