

Minutes of the Florida Local Masters Swim Committee Meeting - April 8, 1995

The Florida LMSC meeting was held at the North Shore Pool in St. Petersburg during the 25th Annual SCY St. Pete Masters Swimming Championships. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Ferris at 5:07 p.m.

Others present were: Chip Jones, Treasurer; Charles Kohnken, Registrar; Jim Donnelly, Newsletter Editor; Meegan Wilson, Secretary; Al Rogerson, BSAM; Tom Harmon, IRCC; Larry Peck, ORLM; Joan Glaraton, JNM; Margie Hutinger, SPM and Jerry Glancy, SMS.

I. Minutes - The minutes of the October 8, 1994 Annual Meeting were approved as they appeared in the November 1994 Florida LMSC newsletter.

II. Reports of Officers

A. Treasurer Report - Chip Jones reported a cash balance of \$7037.81 as of March 31, 1995 which is an increase of \$2781.98 from the January 1 balance of \$4255.83. Since 11/1/94, 892 swimmers have registered.

Receipts (from USMS registrations @\$23)	\$12141.50
Expenditures	
USMS fees	7812.00
Newsletter	730.00
Rule books	180.00
Postage	289.12
Annual Report	61.25
Other expenses	242.15
Service charge	45.00

Total Expenses	\$9,359.52

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

B. Registration - Charlie Kohnken reported that 915 swimmers have registered with the FL LMSC as of 4/7/95. Charlie requested that Club registrars contact swimmers who have not reregistered this year.

C. Records - Short course meter times have been turned in to Walt Reid for Top Ten consideration.

D. Sanctions - A combined age-group and masters swim meet at the end of April in Tallahassee has been sanctioned.

E. Newsletter - Jim Donnelly reported that he is unable to obtain a new non-profit bulk rate permit from Sarasota since we are unable to find our original Articles of Incorporation and Mission Statement. After he labels and bundles the newsletters into zip codes he has been taking them to St. Pete where we renewed our current permit. Jim thanked Frank Tillotson for mailing the November '94 issue and Harold Ferris for mailing the February '95 issue. This has saved \$200 for a new permit fee.

Over 1100 November '94 newsletters were printed at a cost of \$788 with postage costs of \$150. Over 1250 February '95 newsletters were printed at a cost of \$730 with postage costs of \$180.

Jim requested news items for the May '95 newsletter. He will have a new article called "Ask Mr. D.Q." and is requesting questions about start, stroke and turn rules. Al Soltis, Ex-Officio Officials Chairman will answer the questions.

F. The new backstroke rule was discussed since someone was D.Q.'d at the St. Pete SCY meet for rolling to the stomach, touching the wall and pushing off on her back. Tom Harmon believes that this is legal.

G. Video Library Update - Joan Glaraton reported that Paul Wise donated video tapes of a coaches presentation at a swim meet which teaches stroke mechanics.

III. New Business

A. FINA Aging-Up Rule - The new FINA aging-up rule, which came into effect on September 1, 1994, was discussed. This rule affects World Records for both SCM and LCM meets and states that your 'age shall be determined as of December 31st of the year of competition'. I.e. on January 1 everyone ages up one year. Since USMS did not adopt this policy, it is up to the swimmers to bring to the meet director's attention that they qualify for a world record in the next older age group.

This information needs to be included in the packet that Bill Uhrich sends to meet directors. Jim Donnelly included this rule information in the February '95 issue and will rerun it in the May '95 issue. He will also send copies to Bill to include in his packet.

It was also suggested that when meet directors send world records to Walt Reid they should also send the same information to the swimmer as a cross check of the information.

B. Florida Top 5 - Margie Hutinger questioned our LMSC rule which states: for a time to count toward the Florida Top 5, the swim must occur in a USMS sanctioned meet in the state of Florida by a FL-LMSC member. This rule was passed at the 1990 FL LMSC Annual Meeting. Margie felt that FL-LMSC participation at meets outside the state of Florida should be allowed Top 5 consideration but should be the responsibility of the swimmer to get official results to our recorder. Charlie Kohnken said that the rule was passed because swimmers were unaware that it was their responsibility and were upset when their times were not included. He said that he received numerous calls from upset swimmers.

Two problems would occur if this rule was rescinded: 1. Education of all swimmers that it is their responsibility to get official results to our recorder is very hard to accomplish since membership is continually changing. 2. A change in this rule would cause more work for our LMSC recorder.

It was decided to take this question back to the local clubs for input from their swimmers. We will also ask Rocky Motter how she receives this information since the Dixie Zone Top Ten includes all meets.

C. Meet Scheduling - Margie Huttinger requested that we set a time to schedule meets throughout the year so that there is no overlap of meets causing those with low attendance to be canceled. Charlie Kohnken pointed out that we do this at our annual meeting in October. Discussion followed that since only about five clubs put on meets during the year and many of these have traditional dates for these meets, sanctions should carefully be administered so that overlap or closeness of meets are closely monitored. Tom Harmon said that he was locked into his schedule by the college and suggested that clubs should work together and try to have their meets set by our October Annual Meeting so that meets will not be canceled due to low attendance. There was also a suggestion to try and coordinate our meets around Gold Coast meets which particularly effect IRCC due to its location.

IRCC Stanton C. Craigie Memorial Swim Meet - Tom Harmon reported that there will be a new award this year in honor of Anne Wilder.

D. Announcements - The next FL LMSC business meeting will take place at the annual LCM meet in St. Pete on July 15, 1995.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meegan Wilson, Secretary