

# **Florida LMSC Meeting Minutes**

## **June 23, 2001 -- Arlington Aquatic Complex, Sarasota FL**

*The following minutes are subject to amendment and approval at the October LMSC meeting in Orlando.*

In Attendance: Harold Ferris (SPM), Brian Hendrickson (ORLM), Victor Buehler (300), Kitty Magness (DST), Nancy Durstein (CATM), Marjorie Newman (IRCC), Paul Huting (FMM), Joan Campbell (CATM/Sr Games Liaison), Margie Huting (FMM/Top Ten), Meegan Wilson (300/Treasurer), Tom Bliss (SPCO/President), Dick Brewer (SWIM/Web Page).

**1. There were no minutes available from the 3/30/01 meeting so they couldn't be approved.**

### **2. Report of Officers**

#### **Treasurer: Meegan Wilson**

- A statement of revenues and expenses for the five months ended May 31, 2001, was distributed. Total revenues exceeded total expenses, but some expenses such as convention, Top 10 Processing fees, and some USMS registrations have not been billed or paid yet. Total fund balance is \$25,755.87.
- Last year's report has been revised since the March meeting and the correct version was distributed to all members in the May LMSC newsletter.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to audit last year's books. Club Reps were asked to see if any of their members would be qualified and willing to do so on a volunteer basis; the alternative would be to pay an outside auditor to do the work.
- Because year 2000 revenues (gross income) exceeded \$25,000, an IRS return was filed. No taxes were due.

#### **Registrar:**

- There was no registrar's report.

#### **Top 10: Margie Huting**

- The 2001 SCY Top 10 report has been submitted to and received by USMS. Results include Y Nationals and those relays where all four swimmers were members of the same USMS club.
- Problems existed with some of the LMSC meets by CATM, SPM, and IRCC where (1) results were not emailed to the LMSC Top 10 recorder as required; simply posting the results on the internet is not adequate for the format needed by USMS because, among other things, individual USMS registration numbers must be in the files; (2) 1000 splits during the 1650 must be in lanes where there are touch pads (USMS rule 105.2.2). Final results at the SPM meet did not indicate which lanes had touch pads and which did not. To avoid punishing swimmers, all splits were included this time; however at all future meets, touch pads are required if splits are to be counted; and (3) a hard copy of meet results with the complete first names of relay swimmers needs to be mailed to the Top 10 recorder; IRCC's meet director did not respond to requests for that information.
- FL LMSC One-hour Postal records were included in the May LMSC newsletter; 3000/6000 and 5K/10K postal records will be added when the information is received.

### **Sanctions/Awards: Joan Campbell for Ron Collins**

- There is an open water swim on Amelia Island on July 7.
- The following was suggested for the first FL LMSC Awards Dinner: (1) the dinner be held during the CAT Masters Valentine's meet each February to encompass the previous year's accomplishments; (2) the dinner be held at the Clearwater Long Center cafeteria; (3) the suggested price is \$15/person; (4) the dinner be held after Saturday's last event; and (5) awards include pool, open water, and humanitarian categories.
- Tillotson Award (by Margie Huting): The Florida Mavericks Masters club is sponsoring a yearly award for an LMSC member outside of the Maverick team to be designated as the "Frank H. Tillotson Award." Criteria for the award, exemplifying Tillotson's characteristics, are a non-Maverick FL LMSC Masters swimmer, contributions to his/her own team; additional contributions to the FL LMSC, Dixie Zone, and/or USMS; contributions to the swimming community beyond Masters; and a letter of support. An article will appear in the summer FL LMSC newsletter with these criteria. Nominations will be accepted from any FL LMSC swimmer or club. Send nominations for the Frank H. Tillotson Award for the year 2001 by December 31, 2001, to Patricia Tullman - 5432 Twin Creeks Drive -- Valrico, FL 33594. Tillotson and the Mavericks Special Awards Committee will make the final selection and the presentation will be made at a 2002 FL LMSC meet. The award will be approximately \$200 in value with a plaque and the rest in cash. It was suggested that the award be presented at the February LMSC Awards Dinner.

### **Newsletter: Gertie Perry**

- 1,245 newsletters were printed for the May edition.
- The newsletter is improving and will continue to do so. The next deadline for submission is July 15, 2001.

### **Web page: Dick Brewer**

- A question had been raised about the need for an LMSC web page. It was decided to keep it and include minutes from LMSC meetings and pdf copies of past newsletters for all members to access. The May newsletter cost \$1.15/unit (total of a little over \$1300) to print and mail. If members with internet access would be willing to get the newsletter from the internet and not need a printed/mailed copy, it would save the LMSC money.
- Club reps were asked to create a brief history of their clubs and send it to Dick; each would be compiled into an LMSC history and kept updated and available on the web page. Meegan Wilson mentioned that a form to help LMSCs with their history projects was available on the USMS web page as part of the USMS History Project.

### **Old Business**

- **Convention attendees: Tom Bliss**
  - Joan Campbell will replace Tom Bliss as one of the FL LMSC convention delegates, joining Bret Hamlin, Meegan Wilson, and Margie Huting.
- **Senior Games: Joan Campbell**
  - Gulf Coast and Polk County Senior Games were well run; if reps knew of other state senior games that were well done, they were asked to notify Joan for recognition.
  - The 2001 Florida Senior Games will be November 27-December 2 in Lakeland. The exact date of the swimming competition hasn't been released at this time.
- **Meet Performance Bonds: Margie Huting**
  - A two-page report of suggestions was distributed to all club reps. The reason for having a performance bond submitted with the application for a meet sanction was to insure that all

USMS and LMSC rules were being followed at meets so there would be consistency for swimmers and competition. Highlights of the report were suggestions that a \$200 performance bond for 2-3 day meets and a \$50 bond for one day/development meets be instituted. All or part of the bond beyond the sanction fee would be returned to the sponsoring club as long as it satisfactorily conformed to the following procedures: (1) the FL Consolidated Entry Form is used -- use of the form was passed at a 1999 LMSC meeting; (2) entries use Masters terminology, not USA, such as 400 free relay instead of 4x100 free relay; (3) entries publish a development meet order of events on the FL LMSC newsletter; (4) Masters rules be followed, especially ALL swimmers must be registered with a Masters team, the relay leadoff split times are considered for Top Ten times only if recorded by fully automatic timing equipment, each swimmer's name and club is reported as it appears on the USMS registration card; (5) the following information is (publication order) which included all requested splits on the last page, electronic submission in the proper format rather than just listed on the internet, and national and world record documentation submitted with the signed computer printouts.

- A suggested evaluation form for the refunding of the performance bonds was included in the report passed out.
- Ron Collins, Margie Hutinger, and Kitty Magness will present a revised sanctions packet including the performance bond recommendations at the October meeting for consideration.

### **3. New Business**

- **LMSC Survey: Tom Bliss**
  - Tom proposed an LMSC survey about concerns and praises for the LMSC programs and actions; areas of interest could then be targeted and appropriate action taken; input is needed from team reps within the next several weeks to create the survey.
  - Highlights from a New England Masters/Tom Lyndon survey regarding compensation for the LMSC positions in the United States were presented. The Florida LMSC is truly a volunteer organization compared to a lot of other LMSCs.
  - Tom asked club reps to look at the list of candidates for USMS Executive Committees that is published on the USMS web page under "elections" and to contact one of the convention delegates if there were any preferences, or biases for or against any of those running for office.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.