

FLORIDA LOCAL MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE, INC.

MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2002

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Florida LMSC, Tom Bliss, at 3.35 p.m., following the final event on Saturday, April 6, 2002, at the St. Pete Masters Short Course Yards Meet.

The following team representatives (or alternates) and directors signed in at the meeting:

NAME	TEAM
Bret Hamlin	Tampa Tarpons
Tom Bliss	SPCO
Rene James	LCAM
Dick Brewer	SWIM
Meegan Wilson	300
Margie Hutinger	Florida Mavericks
Steve Everhout	Florida Mavericks
Peter Nickodem	Holmes
Gertie Perry	DST
Victor Buehler	300
Philip Nassouy	300
Chris Swanson	SPM
Livia Zien	SPM
Don Spivna	IRC
Scott P. McMillan	IRC
Doug Messineo	OVMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the Florida LMSC meeting from October 6, 2001. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2001 Florida LMSC meeting. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The next item of business was the Treasurer's Report. Meegan Wilson presented the Treasurer's Report (a hard copy of which has been attached to the original minutes). Meegan reported that she has not had success in obtaining any volunteer to audit the books of the Florida LMSC. We then discussed establishing an audit committee made up of three members pursuant to the bylaws. Chris Swanson, Bret Hamlin and Ron Collins volunteered to be on the audit committee to review the 1999, 2000 and 2001 financial records. The new audit committee agreed to try to have 1999 and 2000 records reviewed in time to report back at the July 2002 meeting. They will then review the 2001 records in time to report back at the October 2002 meeting.

Meegan then presented the 2002 proposed budget. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2002 proposed budget.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

There was no Registrar's Report as the Registrar, Patricia Tullman, was out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

TOP TEN REPORT

Margie Hutinger gave the Top-Ten Report. Margie indicated that the top ten records for the short course meters season have been completed and that she is still waiting on the Clearwater results so that she can complete the Top-Ten Report for the short course yards season. Margie then advised the group that the All American Relays were published in Swim Magazine. A number of teams from the Florida LMSC including Orlando, Florida Maverick Masters, St. Pete Masters, Space Coast Masters, Swim Florida, Tampa Bay Aquatic Club and Clearwater Aquatic Team were included in the All American Relay listing.

Margie also discussed the possibility of having a coaches clinic on a statewide basis. Next the group discussed recognition meets. A meet that is recognized by the LMSC (as opposed to sanctioned by the LMSC) does not require all swimmers to be registered with United States Masters Swimming. The Florida LMSC has previously decided to waive the \$10 sanction fee for

such recognition meets in order to promote seniors to joint United States Masters Swimming.

Margie then talked about the postal even and indicated that anyone who is interested in the postal event for 2004 should contact Dick or Margie. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Top-Ten Report as presented.

SANCTIONS REPORTS

Christine Swanson presented the Sanctions Report. She asked whether anyone had heard about the Sarasota meet which is normally scheduled to be held in June. Apparently, there are problems with the YMCA in Sarasota in that the YMCA has not applied for sanction for the meet. Christine indicated that she will follow up with Chris Gilligan to get additional information. Chris also advised the group that the Orlando Short Course Meters Meet is tentatively schedule for October 5 and 6, 2002.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Gertrude Perry presented the newsletter report. Gertie indicated that April 10 is the deadline for the May newsletter. She anticipates that the newsletter will be mailed out sometime during May.

WEB PAGE REPORT

Dick Brewer encouraged everyone to look at the web page and to promote it. Bret Hamlin will provide the meeting minutes to Dick so that they can be posted on the website. Other than that, no report was made.

OLD BUSINESS

Florida At Large National Team: The Chairman, Tom Bliss, briefly discussed the possibility of establishing a Florida at-large national team to compete in national meets.

Survey Results Review: Tom indicated that he will be establishing a committee to facilitate the survey results review. The committee will be made up of Doug, Meegan and Paul Hutingier.

2002 USMS Convention: Tom Bliss said that he is looking for four LMSC representatives to attend the 2002 convention to be held in Dallas. In addition, we may be able to send an at-large delegate.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Elections: Tom Bliss established a nominating committee made up of Richard, Gertie and Victor for the upcoming LMSC elections.

Coaches Representative: Bret Hamlin indicated that the LMSC should consider establishing a coaches representative position to be the liaison between the United States Masters Swimming Coaches Committee and the coaches in the Florida LMSC. The idea was well received by the group. Margie also suggested that we include positions for the official's chairs and other liaisons.

Christine Swanson asked about posted workouts on the website. This issue was addressed and budgeted for at the last convention. Bret Hamlin will check on this issue and report back at the next meeting.

Convention Suggestions: Tom Bliss then indicated that he would like for the executive committee and the officers to have a meeting directly after the convention in order to review the information that was presented at the convention and to facilitate dissemination of the information to the Florida LMSC members.

Recognition Dinner: Tom Bliss indicated that he had heard a lot of good feedback regarding the recognition dinner held in February. Tom encouraged everyone to attend the next recognition dinner for the LMSC.

A motion was then made, second and carried to elect Christine Swanson as the Sanctions Chair for the remaining term by acclamation.

DECK REGISTRATION

The group then discussed whether or not the Florida LMSC should allow for deck registration (i.e., joining the Florida UMSC, not registering for the swim meet). Tom Bliss will put some thoughts together and distribute to the team

representatives for comments. Following comments, Dick, Bret and Tom will make a proposal for an upcoming LMSC meeting.

The next meeting of the Florida LMSC is scheduled for the Saturday of the St. Peter Masters Long Course Meet tentatively scheduled for July.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.