

FLORIDA LOCAL MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE, INC.

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2002

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Florida LMSC, Tom Bliss, at 2.10 p.m., following the final event on Saturday, July 13, 2002, at the St. Pete Masters Long Course Meters Meet.

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

NAME	TEAM
Tom Bliss	SPCO
Bret Hamlin	Tampa Tarpons
Dick Brewer	SCMM
Meegan Wilson	300
Margie Hutinger	Florida Mavericks
Gertie Perry	DST
Victor Buehler	300
Chris Swanson	SPM
Doug Messineo	OVMS
Pat Tullman	FMM
Joan Campbell	CATM
Frank Tillotson	FMM
Brian Hendrickson	ORLM
Harold Ferris	SPM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the Florida LMSC meeting held on April 6, 2002. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2002 Florida LMSC meeting.

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 distributed and discussed the statement of revenues and expenses for the 6-month period ended June 30, 2002. Meegan also distributed and discussed the budget for the same period of time reflecting budgeted, actual and variance amounts. Meegan was asked whether the financial reports that she has prepared were prepared on a cash or accrual basis. Meegan indicated that they are prepared on a cash basis.

Meegan also indicated that the Federal Income Tax Return has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service for last year.

It was confirmed that the Florida LMSC does have a registered domain name. It is FloridaLMSC.org.

A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the Treasurer's Report.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Patricia Tullman distributed a list of teams registered with the Florida LMSC and team representatives. Patricia discussed a team that has registered with the Florida LMSC and the requirement that each registered team have a minimum number of swimmers. After some discussion, Pat indicated that she would follow up on this issue and report back.

It was decided that a reminder should be put in the LMSC newsletter that registration information is available on the Florida LMSC website.

Pat indicated that she would like to send the 2003 registration packets to the teams electronically. A suggestion was made that we need to ask which teams want to receive the registration package electronically. Dick Brewer asked that he be notified of all new teams that are registered with the LMSC. Pat indicated that she is working on the database with Leo to add a "newsletter by e-mail" field.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Registrar's Report.

TOP TEN REPORT

Margie Hutinger gave the Top-Ten Report. It was noted that records for short course yards, short course meters and long course meters are posted at the swim meet.

Margie indicated that during a review of the Dixie Zone records, she noted that the Dixie Zone has faster records than the Florida LMSC, where such records were set by Florida LMSC swimmers. In the past, a swimmer could only set a Florida LMSC record at a Florida LMSC or National meet.

After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried that official times from any USMS recognized or FINA recognized meet would count for purposes of Florida LMSC records provided, however, that the individual swimmer is responsible for submitting official results to the Top-Ten Chair where the swim occurred at a meet other than a Florida LMSC or National meet.

Margie also reported on recent discrepancies involving the length of competition pools used for swim meets. She indicated that a pool certification for all swim meets is probably coming in the near future. Margie indicated that this would be addressed at the upcoming USMS convention.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Top-Ten Report.

SENIOR GAMES

Joan reported on Senior Game issues. She provided some handouts to the group. She also indicated that the information would be on the website.

SANCTIONS REPORTS

Christine Swanson presented the Sanctions Report. She distributed a list of upcoming sanctioned swim meets in the Florida LMSC as well as USMS postal events. Chris indicated that the Orlando meet will be on Columbus Day weekend and that this is a change from the date that was previously published.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Gertrude Perry presented the newsletter report. She indicated that problems with a list caused the mailing of the May newsletter to be delayed by a couple weeks. She indicated that the deadline for the upcoming newsletter will be July 16, 2002, to allow teams to report on news through the end of the St. Pete meet. It was suggested that phone numbers be added to the newsletter for all officers of the LMSC.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the newsletter report.

WEB PAGE REPORT

Dick Brewer reported that the Clearwater team was assisted in setting up a website for its team and linking to the Florida LMSC website. Dick encourages everybody to continue to utilize the website and provide him with any suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

Florida At Large National Team.

Dick Brewer distributed a handout outlining a number of advantages, disadvantages and issues associated with a Florida combined team or teams. Tom Bliss indicated that he has kept this item on the agenda because he has not seen any closure on the issue. The group discussed Dick's handout and decided to address the issue further at the next Florida LMSC meeting. Joan Campbell proposed that a committee be established to review the issue and report back to the group. Joan Campbell, Dick Brewer and Chris Swanson volunteered to be on the committee. Joan indicated that she would solicit involvement from other swimmers.

Survey Results.

Doug Messineo reported on the results of the Florida LMSC survey. Doug distributed a summary of the survey results ranked by priority. The following priorities were established:

Swim Clinics

Coaches Clinics

Workshop on How to Host a Swim Meet

URL on website — add more swimming related links to the Florida LMSC website.

LMSC Meeting/Retreat (not at a swim meet)

Florida Combined Team

Video Library

With respect to the Swim and Coaches Clinics, Meegan suggested a survey to ensure that we know what people want and what they would participate in. The need for specific (as opposed to general) questions on the survey was mentioned.

With respect to the Workshop on Hosting a Swim Meet, it was agreed that this should include more than just the sanctioning process. Joan indicated that she had some information from USMS provided by Tracy Grilli. Chris Swanson indicated that she had prepared some information for IRCC and that she will follow up on that information. A mentoring program was also discussed. Tom Bliss mentioned a "trainer for a fee" arrangement.

With respect to the Video Library, it was mentioned that there is already an extensive video library available through USMS and that we should promote that resource.

With respect to the new mission statement of the Florida LMSC, the word "wholesome" should be dropped.

Audit Committee.

Bret Hamlin reported that the audit committee is working on the review of the financial records for 1999, 2000 and 2001. The review should be completed by the next Florida LMSC meeting.

Officer Elections/Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee recommended the following slate for the election to be held at the next Florida LMSC meeting in October:

Tom Bliss

Chairman

Victor Buehler	Secretary
Meegan Wilson	Treasurer
Margie Huting	Top Ten Chair
Christine Swanson	Sanctions Chair

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Nominating Committee's report, including the proposed slate of officers/chairmen.

New Member Registration – Emergency/Back Up Procedure.

Patricia Tullman and Chris Swanson will put together a proposal to be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Bliss asked that anyone who has input regarding the upcoming USMS convention share it with a delegate.

The next meeting of the Florida LMSC will be held in Orlando following the completion of the final event on Saturday, October 12, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bret Hamlin, Secretary, Florida LMSC