

Florida LMSC Meeting Minutes

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St. Petersburg Florida

North Shore Pool

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I. Approval of October Annual Meeting Minutes.

One correction to the Treasure's report of that meeting: The rollover from the National Convention expenses from the year before "was \$157. We will also go over budget for the 2002 convention, since we sent 6 people." Tom Bliss explained... Minutes otherwise accepted.

II. Report of Officers

- A. Treasure's Report.** Meegan Wilson provided copies of the 2002 End of the Year Report and budget standings; and 2003 Revenues and Expenses through February and current budget standings. Summary: due to the overlap of registration revenues and expenses from one year to the next, our revenues over expenses varies. For 2003 we are currently doing better on our balances than last year at this time. Overall we are doing well. This report is now or will be shortly on line as will other officer's reports once Dick Brewer is notified and it can be accomplished. Report accepted. Annual Audit Review: Meegan Wilson took the lead on this discussion. It was noted that Chris Swanson, Bret Hamlin and Ron Collins, took the responsibility of having our finances audited the last three years. The LMSC needs a CPA to review our records annually. It was suggested that perhaps we can locate one (CPA), within our organization to volunteer his/her services. Another suggestion was to place a notice in the newsletter seeking such an individual. It was also suggested that it might be a good idea to add a small space in the annual registration form to include the option of listing the individual professions or fields of expertise. Both suggestions were accepted and will be implemented by the officer. Swim Clinics Committee members: The results of the survey netted a 33% response from two teams responding, a 4 hour clinic, -a cost of \$10-20.00 per clinic, -3 to 4 persons per lane at the clinic. Guest coaches do the instructing. Video taping be utilized. It was then decided that video taping would not be made available at initial clinics as there simply isn't enough time available. The first clinic or two will be one-day affairs with two four hour session or clinics, one a.m. and one p.m. Joe Biondi volunteered to take the lead on organizing the first clinic. Thanks Joe! More on this at the next meeting. Report accepted.
- B. Register's Report.** Pat Tullman provided copies of current number of registered clubs and actual individuals totaling 982 swimmers. We are six clubs shorter in number than last year at this time. The clubs not registering are very small or one-person clubs. Eighteen clubs have increased their memberships since last year. 25% of those people surveyed want to get their copy of the newsletter on line instead of in the mail. The differences in cost to the LMSC of mailing hard copies to everyone compared to the savings of eliminating said mailing for even 25 % was discussed. The amount would be noteworthy. Joe Biondi suggested that the team reps educate team members on how to pull up the newsletter from our web page as a means of encouraging even more people of opting out of getting a copy in the mail. It was also discussed that all future meetings be printed in the heat sheets of swim meets and that this meeting was announced about 5 times during the course of the day. Report accepted.
- C. Top Ten Report:** Margie Hutinger presented a poster board with the current LMSC records for SCY and Postal Swims for 2002. Very nice. She also reminded everyone of the USMS "Virtual Swims" and "Fitness Swims/Workouts" available on line. The group also discussed at this time the efforts made last year and in future years to reach out to the non-competitive members of the LMSC. It was noted that about 50% of our LMSC members do compete, this number being significantly higher than the USMS's historic reporting of only 10% of the full membership that competes. Report accepted.

- D. Sanctions Report:** Christine Swanson informed all that today's meet's heat sheet is current with all the sanctions for the remainder of the year. She also informed that all the major pools holding meets have got their measurements in. Also, that all the pools notified of the need to be measured have been very cooperative. It was discussed that the USMS requires all pools with bulkheads to be measured after each meet. It was suggested that this may not be as practical as additionally having a lane or two measured prior to the start of each meet. That way people will know before the start of the meet whether or not any records are valid. There are just two such pools: the University of Florida and the YMCA in Sarasota. Report accepted.
- E. Newsletter Report:** Gertie Perry reported that the February newsletter got out on time. She is planning on changing the format of the letter from word to Querk, (sp?). The next newsletter deadline is 4/16/03. It was discussed that all the meets need to use the consolidated entry form and that it is costly and redundant to place this in the newsletter every issue with every announced forthcoming meet. Also, that it is important that the entry forms include registration information. This form is on line of course. Report accepted.
- F. Web Page Report:** Dick Brewer was not present and so the group decided to enlist him for any unpleasant tasks we identify the remainder of the meeting. Dick's motto is: "Does whatever, when ever". Thanks Dick!

. III. Old Business

- A. Florida Combined Team:** Joan Campbell and Christine Swanson took the floor. Joan reviewed the timeline. This meeting we are scheduled for taking suggestions for the team. The primary suggestion is for a single team for the LMSC with the individual clubs having the option to register with the combined team or not. The pros and cons were reviewed in detail ad nauseam. The following are excerpts, not necessarily in order: *-A combined team will allow the individual to represent their home club at meets within the LMSC but will then need to be on the combined team at any meets outside of the LMSC. -Improved relay teams at national meets will be a bonding effect among members not otherwise familiar with one another. -Organizing the relays at national events will require some organization and responsibility. -Unattached people will be included on the combined team. -There is more information on the pros and cons at: www.floridalmssc.org.* It was also mentioned that our At Large Team may need a mailing address or PO Box. It was also suggested that Tom Bliss would be the responsible point person as Chair of the LMSC. The committee will fine tune the guidelines for the Florida At Large Team to prepare for a vote at the July meeting. All team reps need to discuss this issue with their members and be prepared to discuss their findings at the July meeting. Report accepted, no further action taken at this time.
- B. Annual Audit Review:** Meegan Wilson took the lead on this discussion. It was noted that Chris took the responsibility of having our finances audited the last three years. The LMSC needs a CPA to review our records annually. It was suggested that perhaps we can locate one (CPA), within our organization to volunteer his/her services. Another suggestion was to place a notice in the newsletter seeking such an individual. It was also suggested that it might be a good idea to add a small space in the annual registration form to include the option of listing the individual's profession or field of expertise. Both suggests accepted and will be implemented by the officers.
- C. Swim Clinics:** Committee members: The results of the survey netted a 33% response, which is a good number for any survey. The highlights were: *-a 4 hour clinic, -a cost of \$10-20.00 per clinic, -3 to 4 persons per lane at the clinic. -Guest coaches do the instructing. -Video taping be utilized.* It was then decided that video taping would not be made available at initial clinics as there simply isn't enough time available. The first clinic or two will be one-day affairs with two four hour session or clinics, one AM and one PM. Joe Biondi volunteered to take the lead on organizing the first clinic. Thanks Joe! More on this at the next meeting.
- D. Officials Chair:** Tom Bliss provided an update: We still don't have one. We still really need one. The prior two individuals who where under consideration and/or considering taking on the position opted out. There are other people available that have yet to be approached. More on this at the next meeting.
- E. 2004 Convention:** Tom led this discussion. Basically, we need a committee that will organize the budget, location, and manpower for a social sponsored by our LMSC because we are the host. The following individuals volunteered to be on the committee: Meegan, Pat, and Kitty. Thank you Ladies!

New Business

- A. Privacy Policy:** There is some concern that the USMS is selling or giving out information to private/national organizations/businesses about members. This group decided that we need to have a privacy policy for our own LMSC despite what may or may not be occurring on the national level. We will not give out nor sell information on or about members collected from registrations and/or event entry forms. Pat volunteered to find out exactly what, if anything, is going on at the national level.
- B. Delegates to Convention:** Tom Bliss informed the group that after a great deal of deliberation he realized that a criteria for selection of future FI LMSC representatives to the convention is in order. It is recommended that future selections be prioritized as follows: 1) LMSC Board members, 2) Major contributors to the LMSC. For the 2003 convention, the following four people have been chosen: Frank Tilloston, Margie Hutingier, Meegan Wilson, and Tom Bliss. If anyone is interested in going as a delegate at large, they may contact Jim Miller at the national office. Any extra money our LMSC has will be contributed to the cost of the delegate at large. It was also noted that anyone is welcome to go to the convention, (at their own cost), but that one must be a delegate in order to

vote on any matters.

- . **C. Meet Sanctions:** Tom Bliss introduced a couple of topics related to sanctions. One involving encouraging meet directors to try not schedule meets the same dates as other meets within the LMSC and the Dixie Zone although it is not likely that small meets within the LMSC would get hurt much by identical scheduling with national meets. Basically, the main concept here is to avoid scheduling competing meets. Joan pointed out that it would be helpful to get the dates of any meets we might sanction prior to the Dixie Zone meeting at the annual convention in September at which time the annual Zone meets are scheduled. Another topic that nearly everyone present contributed to the discussion involved, for the most part, comparing the hypothetical intent that all LMSC members be allowed to attend any sanctioned events, vs. that of the benefits of "closed" door or special and limited private events, e.g.: dual meets or meets involving just the members of one team. The recent history and merits of both concepts were explored. No action taken, nor were any decisions made to alter current practices.

. **Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes complements of yours truly, the secretary, Victor Buehler

To the officers: Just a suggestion to cut down the cost in time at all the meetings, to reduce the need to make revisions of the minutes at following meetings from previous meetings...bring with you a short paragraph summarizing your report at the meeting for me to put into the minutes. That way, there will be no misinterpretations of your report. Not that I would ever think anything different than what you said, hah hah, but just in case. Make sense tah ya'll?
Thanks, Victor