

Florida LMSC Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2004

St Pete, Florida

North Shore Pool

2:19.51 PM

I.

Present: Tom Bliss, Meegan Wilson, Margie Hutinger, Pat Tullman, Joan Campbell, Gertie Perry, Frank Tillotson, Harold Ferris, Joe Biondi, Victor Buehler, Ron Davis, Dean Mitchinson, Missy Bliss, Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk and Bret Hamlin briefly.

Introduction: Tom briefly thanked everyone present for their continued efforts at making our LMSC successful.

I. I. Approval of March 13, 2004 Minutes, Victor Buehler:

No corrections or revisions noted. Minutes approved as they stand at 2:21.15 PM

I. II. Report of the Officers:

A. A. Treasurer's Report, Meegan Wilson:

- Our current annual expenses are at \$3,616.34
- Our assets are at \$34,283.18
- Last fiscal year our revenues were over our expenditures by \$4200.39. The end of year balance was \$30,666.84. However, there was a line item missing from the expense report. We spent \$388.79 on swim clinics. This did not change the final figures.
- We are a 501-C3 organization.
- The anticipated cost of the National convention this year, including our four delegates breaks down to: \$1,016.16 for lodging, about \$400.00 for food, and at \$.12 per mile travel which has not been determined yet. There will be two other delegates: Frank Tillotson, At-Large and Joe Kurtzman, Legislation. Joe will require air fare.
- We will be responsible for manning the Hospitality room and for providing the food for the Zone lunches. Doug Messineo is making arrangement with Anh Hong to cater rolls and sub sandwiches at a cost of about \$2.50 per person. This with a \$.25 soda and some cookies will total about \$600.00 for 200 delegates. We still need to get an exact number of people either from Tracy Grilli or someone else at the national office. Our total cost could be about \$4,678.76 although we have only budgeted \$4,000.00 for convention.
- Meegan then explained that the national office only funds the officers going to the convention for one half the room rate for four nights and do not pay for their meals. If we adapt this practice we can save about \$600.00 which will make up the difference in what we need vs what we have budgeted for this year. Some discussion followed without any noteworthy opposition to her suggestion. Gertie pointed out that people will be eating no matter where they are, home or convention. A motion was made to pay for four delegates to the convention and not cover their meals. 2nded and passed unanimously.
- At this point Tom invited and encouraged all team reps to attend the convention this year because it is local.
- Motion made and 2nded to accept the report and passed unanimously at 2:32.01 PM

A. B. Top Ten Report, Margie Hutinger:

- The SCY LMSC top five is now on the Internet website. Margie requested review and notification of any errors.
- She reminded everyone that it is the swimmers who are responsible for submitting their times to her, not the directors.
- She pointed out that there is still some confusion on the part of numerous people regarding the change in club association, whether they are FACT or non-FACT members at meets and this has resulted in her throwing out relay times from several meets because people were on relays that were not solely one or the other. Tom suggested that everyone keep a log of what meets and what relays they are in for future reference. It was also suggested that we continue posting this information in the news letter until everyone registered figures out who they are registered with. Margie assured the group that the Mavericks in no way benefited from any of the relay deletions.
- Another suggestion that surfaced during this discussion was making all of our LMSC members FACT members. It was pointed out by several people present that some clubs desire to remain independent of the combined team although Gold Coast LMSC officers are continuing to entertain the idea of joining/registering with FACT.
- Motion made and 2nded to accept the report and passed unanimously at 2:43.05 PM.

A. C. Registrar's Report, Pat Tullman:

- Pat reported that our LMSC currently has 1366 registered swimmers. 486 of these are registered with FACT. There are 40 individual clubs, many new ones. There are 97 "one eventors" and 75 swimmers who are unattached. She also explained some complications with her database confusing one eventors with registered swimmers.
- Pat pointed out that our numbers total 3.63% of the national total of USMS swimmers.
- Our numbers include a breakdown of 328 new swimmers, 136 recycled swimmers, 43 relocated swimmers, and 822 renewals. She got these numbers from Ester in the national office.
- USMS has a total of about 36,535 registered swimmers as of June 30, 2004. In 2003 the total was close to 40,000 and may breach that number this year.
- Motion made and 2nded to accept the report and passed unanimously at 2:52.14

A. D. Sanctions Report, Tom Bliss:

- Tom reported that Christine Swanson is continuing to commute between Florida and New York. She will remain on the Sanction position until the October Elections.
- She is providing information to Charlie who is helping her during the transition.
- Sue Moucha is also interested in the Sanctions position.
- We discussed providing the directors of the Senior Games swim meets with copies of USMS swim rules to be included in the Sanction package at a cost of about \$3.00 per booklet for next year. Motion made, 2nd and passed unanimously.
- Motion made and 2nded to accept the report and passed unanimously at 2:56.34

A. E. Newsletter Report, Gertie Perry:

- The recent newsletter went out on time. This was not the first time it was completed on time.
- This newsletter was larger than normal because we had so many meet entry forms in it for the purpose of getting the information out to the non-computer literate.
- Joe shared with the group his team's practice of people with computer providing this information to those without. Thus opening the discussion that we consider discontinuing putting so many meet entries in the newsletter. Others pointed out that this practice is not possible for some teams, like SWIM, whose members are located in a variety of towns and remotely and don't practice at the same pools.
- There will be future notices in the newsletter that meet entries will no longer be continued for the national and Dixie Zone meets as this information is already available in SWIM magazine. We will continue printing information about local meets. We will discontinue including information about postal swims also, as these are in SWIM magazine.
- We are printing about 900 hard copies every issue.
- Gertie does not have PDF writing capabilities and that this a software package we probably need to provide her with. It was suggested that she might be able to get it from Dick Brewer.
- Tom suggested that we put something in the newsletter describing Team rep responsibilities. He will do the write up.
- Making the Newsletter with a glossy colored cover is beyond our budgetary means.
- Gertie was complimented on the fine job she is doing.
- Motion made and 2nded to accept the report and passed unanimously at 3:05.19 PM.

I. III. Old Business:

A. A. Annual Audit Review, Meegan Wilson:

- Meegan informed the group that she had with her at that time all the information from 2003 required to do an audit.
- She shared that the individual who had volunteered to do it was not even registered with the LMSC and therefore no longer willing to provide this service.
- She stated that without the availability of a CPA, we will need three volunteers to do the review per USMS bylaws.
- The last time we did it this way our three volunteers were: Bret Hamlin, Ron Collins and Christine Swanson. But it is not likely they will volunteer again.
- At about this time we hailed Bret over to the meeting to discuss the possibility of him being on an audit committee. Bret informed the group that Mike Halfast is a CPA and might be willing to do the audit. At that point in time Bret was recruited to be a committee of one and as such will contact Mike. Meegan made arrangements to give Bret the material after the meeting.

A. B. 2004 Convention Registration, Meegan Wilson:

- Meegan told everyone that we currently have registered the following people: Tom Bliss, Joan Campbell, Margie Hutinger, Joe Kurtzman, Frank Tillotson, Doug Messineo, and herself.

-The cost for this number of people is \$770.00

A. **C. 2004 Convention Social and Hospitality Room, Meegan Wilson:**

- Meegan has received word of potential volunteers for the hospitality room as follows: Shelia Carpenter-van Dijk for Friday and Saturday, Ron Davis on Saturday, Doug Messineo through out the week evenings and Saturday, Pat for one day, and Victor the full four days with his truck and cooler. Joe Biondi also offered the use of his coolers.
- We are responsible for the cost, delivery and cleanup of the Zone lunches. We discussed maintaining a low profile as the hotels frown on us bringing food in. It was suggested by the customs officer Georgia team rep that we use rolling suitcases to get the food in.
- We will inform each zone to provide two or three people to come to the hospitality room to get the food and that they are responsible for their own clean up, which did not occur last year at San Diego. We will provide the suitcases and trash bags.
- Meegan has notes on amounts of food needed from the hospitality room in San Diego and the last time it was in Orlando.
- She also reported that Michael Heather, the USMS Convention Chair, recommends that we provide kegs of beer instead of cans or bottles.
- Meegan has been in contact with Aaron Swartzman, Masters coach at the Orlando Aquatic Center with respect to providing lanes for masters practice during convention.
- She was also successful with contacting two different bus companies to provide transportation to the pool.
- She also mentioned that one year pizza was provided for the Zone lunches and rumor has it the pizzas were well accepted.
- Meegan also mentioned that it was her and Victor's plan to go to SAM's Club the Sunday before the convention and stock up on food ahead of time so that we aren't running around that Wednesday when the meetings start.
- This report was completed at 3:22.20

A. **D. Officials Chair, Tom Bliss:**

- This position is still unfilled and Tom requested the help of a committee. He also stated that both Frank and Charlie are interested in the position.
- Volunteers for this committee are: Gertie and Margie.
- This position will be on the October ballot.
- Other positions that need to be filled include "Safety" and "Fitness", although Margie was recognized for her efforts fulfilling the responsibilities of the Fitness chair this past year.

I. IV. New Business:

A. **A. Officer's Surveys Results, Tom Bliss:**

- Tom thanked everyone for their responses to the survey he sent out and clarified that the contents were very informative and that he believes he is continuing to learn from the input provided.

A. **B. Future Swim Clinics, Joe Biondi:**

- Joe states that he is in the process of organizing a tri-athlete clinic at the Sarasota YMCA with Deb Walker's help. He informed that swimmers can attend the swim portion.

A. **C. Nominating Committee, Tom Bliss:**

- Our bylaws require that we have a nominating committee to solicit individuals to run for the various positions that are up for election/re-election this October at our annual meeting.
- this year's volunteers include: Joan, maybe Doug Messineo, and Missy volunteered Jim Reddick in his absence.

A. **D. New Meet, SCM, Dean from Ft. Myers:**

- The meet will be on November 6th and 7th.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 3:32.17 PM