

**Florida LMSC Meeting Minutes**  
**March 12, 2004**  
**St. Petersburg, Florida**  
**North Shore Pool**  
**2:04.43 PM**

Present: DanJimar, Meegan Wison, Dean Mitchinson, Joan Campbell, Frank Tilliston, Christine Swanson, Tom Bliss, Nancy Durstein, Margie Hutinger, Harold Ferris, Victor Buehler, Paul Hutinger, Pat Tullman

**Reports:**

1. **Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2003, Orlando YMCA** by Victor Buehler (Victor noted corrections provided by Margie Hutinger on that particular motion regarding standards for recording records by the USMC and our LMSC records vs. the Dixie Zone requirements, and one typo error identified by Meegan Wilson.
  - Motion made to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed at 2:15.96 PM
2. **Treasurer's Report** by Meegan Wilson
  - End of 2003 report provided with breakdown on expenditures and revenues. There was also a breakdown of expenses for the 2003 convention.
  - Current Budget projections and collections reviewed with a breakdown of the expenses of the annual banquet.
  - Motion to accept, seconded, and passed at 2:17.19 PM

**\*\*\*At this point in time, the Chair requested a discussion on the assessment of the annual banquet.** Highlights are as follows:

  - The food, overall, was once again great.
  - The fruit was canned and we can can it, (eliminate it) next year.
  - The other salads were fantastic.
  - The vegetables were not up to par as we had expected, we will discuss this with the caterer before next year.
  - The bartender had a collection jar for tips, which surprised many and made them feel uncomfortable.
  - There was also, a jar as expected for collections, for the expense of the wine and beer, which no one felt uncomfortable with.
  - There was a discussion of how to deal with this situation in the future. A long discussion. One suggestion was that we don't need a bartender, everyone can serve themselves and leave a donation for the cost of the alcohol. Another suggestion was to discontinue providing the bartender a meal as compensation and allow the tip jar.
  - A motion was made to discontinue the tip jar, continue awarding the bartender the meal as compensation for volunteering, and continue the jar for donations for the alcohol. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed without any verbal dissention noted. 2:25.84 PM
3. **Registrar's Report** by Pat Tullman
  - We currently have about 1001 members registered. We have 34 team registered. Many of the new members are CATM memers. The largest team is the FACT with 400 members, followed by St. Pete Masters with 157, and the Mavericks with an all time new high of 79.
  - Of the 34 teams only 4 do not have any registered members.
  - Moved to accept, seconded and passed at 2:27.58 PM
4. **Top Ten** by Margie Hutinger
  - A. Final Results:
    - preliminary results for 2003 are now on the website.
    - We are still having trouble getting results in on time.

**\*\*\*At this point in time the Chair requested discussion of our relationship with the organizers of the Senior games.**

- Our registered people's times may not count for top ten or five because the Senior games events may not meet our standards,
- We do want our swimmer's times to count for these records.
- Tom encourages the formation of a committee to encourage, nicely, with friendly means and mentoring, our influence on the organizers of the senior games the means by which their meets will comply with our standards. This must be done in the most diplomatic of fashions as they are an entity separate from us and do not need our pressure/requirements except as it is in their best interest as many, if not most, of the swimmers at these games are registered Masters.
- A committee is formed and the volunteers are : Joan, Frank, and once she is notified and accepts, Doris Prokopi.
- The Chair requests a report from this committee at the next meeting.
- Margie requested a means of getting the necessary information (from meet directors and club reps) in to her so that she can meet the USMS deadlines. It was established that her deadline is 2 weeks after the end of each season. **These deadlines need to be posted in the newsletter.** For example, the short course yards season ends on 5/31/04 and she needs to have all results within two weeks post that date in order to meet her deadlines.
- Report approved and seconded at 2:43.04

5. **Fitness Events**

- Margie reported that only 2 individuals participated in the virtual swims last year, from our LMSC. It only cost \$5 and you can enter up to 13 different events. The rewards are a real certificate of participation and results of all those who participated nation wide. This is a great motivator for those people who do not compete at meets and is also a great lure for enticing new membership from the ranks of the lap swimmers at all our pools and clubs.

6. **Sanctions** by Christine Swanson

- The only new meet this year thus far is a Senior games meet in the first week of December.
- At the end of September, Christine will be resigning her position, but in the meantime, she will be recruiting a worthy replacement. Consensus of the group was that this is a difficult task she has place upon herself as she has done such an outstanding job; revising the forms, reliability, commitment, good looks, pleasant disposition, great smile, consistent neutrality in the face of opposition, and excellent mentoring for the new team reps and members of the board. Please say no Christine, stay with us, we need you!!!
- Report accepted, with regrets, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed at 2:50.31 PM

7. **Newsletter** by Victor for Gertie

- The January 04 newsletter went out in a timely fashion in February.
- Responses from readers regarding the swim meet entry form in the newsletter, on line version, was greatly received and therefore encouraged to be a continued practice of our newsletter.
- The quality of the pictures in this most recent newsletter was much higher than the October newsletter.
- Report accepted at 2:52.43 PM

8. **Web Report** by Margi Hutingler for Dick Brewer

- The website is still there! Heyh!
- Dick does an outstanding job with the website and every time one goes online there, there is something new of interest. We are fortunate to have him performing this service for us.
- Report accepted at 2:53.28 PM

II. **Old Business**

1. **Annual Audit** by Meegan Wilson

- The 2002 Audit team of Chris, Bret, and Ron provided their final analysis, which was that the books are in good order, they get a passing grade.

- For the 2003 audit, Nei-Kuan Chia has offered to do the auditing. He is now a student in a CPA program. This audit will probably be done much quicker than what we are accustomed to because we all know how fast he is, at least in the water.
- Meegan is in the process of making arrangements with Nei to get the material for review.
- Report accepted at 2:54.67 PM

**2. Swim Clinics** by Joan Campbell for Joe Biondi

- Only three people signed up for the coach's clinic and therefore it was canceled, back in December. The problem may have been the time of the year the clinic was set for.
- Everyone needs to talk this clinic up as it benefits all of us.
- The first clinic was intended to be a coaches clinic so that any coaches participating in future clinics would consistently be teaching the same techniques. It also benefits new coaches with motivational techniques and interesting workouts.
- Report accepted at 2:56.31 PM

**3. Officials Chair** by Tom Bliss

- No new news. Expect some at next meeting.
- Report accepted at 2:56.98 PM

**4. 2004 National Convention** by Tom Bliss and Meegan Wilson

- We are renting 10 lanes from the YMCA for delegates to swim in during the convention.
- We need to set up buses for them to get to the pool and back.
- Meegan went to Orlando on 3/11/04 to see the hospitality suite. She has photographs as does Paul Windrath. It all looks good.
- She and her husband Jim taste-tested the food. Jim reports that it is very, very good, five star quality stuff.
- There is the question of whether or not "Lucky" will be sponsoring an evening social at his home as he did the last time we hosted the national convention. Many do ask about it as it was a big hit. Secondary questions associated with this; is how did they get to his house and back? Did he provide the buses or did the LMSC or even the USMS?
- Tom and Meegan need help finalizing many of the details of hosting this event. Christine offered her assistance. We need people to man the hospitality station. The USMS will provide the food, but we need to purchase it and get it there. It is reported that Cathy Sch. Has been unsuccessful with recruiting volunteers from the Orlando club. Victor offered his time, truck and coolers.
- We need to make an appeal in the up-coming newsletter for volunteers.
- We also need to note in the newsletter that as many members of our LMSC as possible should feel free to attend the convention although not as delegates and thus without a vote in any matters when one is taken. But this is a great opportunity to attend and observe. Registration cost is \$125.00, to attend.
- Report accepted at 3:10.37 PM

## **IV. New Business**

**1. Delegates to the Convention** by Tom Bliss

- They are: Tom, Meegan, Margie, and Joan
- Pat is going one way or another, if possible we will find a way to fund her.
- Accepted at 3:14.12 PM

**2. Banquet Awards & Recognition** by Dick and Margie

- Dick did a fantastic job with the program and awards presentation. What a guy! Ain't we lucky he is one of us? Of course we are!!
- Report accepted at 3:15.73 PM

## **Adjournment**

-3:17.39 PM Thank God!