

FLORIDA LMSC
APRIL 8, 2006
MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance: Chairman; Tom Bliss, Treasurer; Meegan Wilson, Secretary; Victor Buehler, Registrar; Pat Tullman, Records; Margie Hutinger, Sanctions; Sue Moucha, Senior Games Liaison; Joan Campbell, Westside Coach; Joe Biondi, VAST-FACT - Joe Neal, SUN-FACT - Marianne Bradley, SWIM-FACT - Gary Trimble, SPM - Harold Ferris, FMM - Paul Hutinger, TTM-Bret Hamlin, SPM- Flavia Zappa, SWFA - Chuck Slaght -voting participants. Also present were: Patty & Kern Davis, Patty Nardozzi, Sue Slaght, Charles Schlegel, Jim Wilson and Missy Bliss. Introductions were made by all.

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:16 PM

I. Approval of October, 2005 Minutes: Victor Buehler

Time was provided for everyone to review the minutes. Minor grammatical and spelling revisions made and minutes accepted, MSA at 3:47 PM.

Tom stated that he had requested from all the officers input regarding their intentions to run for office this coming October during the Annual meeting and elections. He requested that each officer include in their report today the input they had already provided him so that all present would be up to date.

Victor stated he is willing to continue on as secretary this October.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: Meegan Wilson

Meegan handed out two double sided in depth reports with break downs of the following information.

1. Final Financial Report for 2005:

Total Revenues:\$52,318.13

Total Expenses: \$41,896.83

Net Excess of Revenue over Expenses: \$10,421.30

Statement of Assess, Liabilities and Fund Balance as of end of 2005:

Assets: \$47,113.17, (Meegan also discussed attempting to get a better interest rate on our CD this next year).

Liabilities: \$0.00

2005 Budget and Revenues and Expenses:

Budget: \$13,450.00

Actual Income: \$19,878.13

Variance: \$6,428.13

Expenses: \$13,400.00

Actual Expenses: \$9,456.83

Variance: \$3,943.14

2. Financial Report on Revenues and Expenses as of 3/31/2006:

Total Revenues: \$21,460.39

Total Expenses: \$23,893.50

Net Deficiency: \$2,433.11

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance as of 3/31/2006:

Assets: \$44,680.06

Liabilities: \$0.00

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance (includes above deficiency): \$44,680.06

2006 Budget:

Revenues Budgeted: \$13,500

Actual Income as of 3/31/2006: \$182.61

Expenses Budgeted: \$14,000.00

Actual Expenses as of 3/31/2006: \$2,270.50

3. 2006 Awards Banquet:

Revenues: \$898.00

Expenses: \$1,006.60

The revised motion, passed at the annual meeting in 2005, to reimburse travel expenses of club delegates, elected and appointed officers when attending LMSC meetings was discussed and reviewed. The concern being the additional expense to the annual budget. As noted above, we are currently over budget because of this policy.

A motion was made by Pat Tullman to continue financially reimbursing team reps, appointed and elected officers to attend "the" meeting that is not attached to an official swim meet, the existing rate of \$.30 per mile and toll expenses.

Seconded. Passed unanimously at 3:47 PM.

(Secretary's note: This motion was made based on recent history of the LMSC only having one of three meetings a year, if that, which is not attached to a sanctioned swim meet. The clear intent during discussion prior to the motion being made was to **not** reimburse anyone for any meeting, annual or otherwise that is conducted in unison with a meet.)

Victor attempted to get the amount budgeted for awards, specifically the leather lung award, increased. No motion made, no action taken. A good laugh was had by all.

Meegan stated she is willing to continue as treasurer this October.

Report accepted, MSA at 3:52 PM

B. Registrar's Report: Pat Tullman

1. Current Membership stands at 1,210 individuals comprising 35 clubs, 16 one event members, and 54 unattached swimmers.

Pat provided copies of her report along with team representative names and addresses.

Pat verbally reported that it is the intent of USMS to have online registration by 2007. USMS will collect LMSC fees and send the money back to the LMSC, they will not be collecting club fees. This will cause some problems for the clubs that have an annual fee as they will need to figure out how to collect their fees separate from the annual USMS and LMSC fees if their members register online. The online registration is going to be optional, not mandatory and thus difficult to prevent individuals from not registering online even if they have a club fee..

Pat advised that she intends to withdraw from her position this October but will make herself available to help with the transition to a new registrar.

Report accepted, MSA at 3:58 PM

C. Top Ten Report: Margie Hutinger

1. Final Results

Margie provided a report complete with a listing of Senior Recognized Meets, USMS SCY Sanctioned Meets, A Performance Bond Update, Fl LMSC Top 5 and Records update, Postal Pentathlon results and Correction on rules presented by officials. Margie explained that swimmers in relay events must swim in the order as written on the card prior to the event. Once the first person gets on the block, no changes can be made. Joe clarified that while at the blocks, changes can still be made until the first swimmer steps up onto the block.

2. Fitness Events

Margie's report included handouts and information as well as forms for non-competitive members: Virtual Swim, 30 minute swim, Checkoff challenge, Articles from the fitness website including Sports Medicine, and Relay to the Worlds which she explained was a postal competition by zones. New England is currently in the lead and we are a distant third. She passed around an information form for this event and explained that monthly yardage/meterage can be sent in to Mary Sweat at: marysweat@email.com.

Margie also passed around a copy of the 1975 LMSC top five records that listed among many swimmers, Joe Biondi as well as Bumpy Jones, then age 35.

Margie advised that she intends to withdraw from her position in October.

Report accepted, MSA at 4:13 PM

D. Sanctions Report: Sue Moucha

Sue reported that so far this year there have been 5 sanctioned swim meets, 2 recognized swim meets, and 3 open water events. These numbers are fewer than at this time last year.

Sue also reported that the event directors have been very easy to work with this year. Countryside had a \$200.00 performance bond issued and all concerns were taken care of so the money was returned.

Sue advised that the existing policy of requires all meet directors of sanctioned meets to use the consolidated form. The following discussion included the reason this

was made policy in 2001, basically to limit the number of meet entry forms in the newsletter. Meet directors present pointed out that the consolidated form is not customer friendly and the great number of hours required to transfer the information from the form to their meet software as well as how often swimmers make mistakes filling it out.

A motion was made by Victor Buehler to rescind the currently policy of requiring the consolidated form for meet entries and go back to the practice prior to the 2001 policy of allowing the meet directors to establish their own entry form and that we put all meet entry forms in the news letter. Seconded and passed at 4:31 PM.
The consolidated form will still be available for swimmer for all meets.

Lastly, Sue shared information from the USMS national office regarding the development of online meet entries, however the final guidelines are still forthcoming. Report accepted, MSA at 4:33 PM

1. Senior Games: Joan Campbell

Joan provided a two page handout. The first detailed the positive results of the Florida State Senior Games held at the villages in December 2005. She reported that the Good Life Games Swim Meet and Polk County Senior Games have been recognized so far this year. She is awaiting information on the Villages, Gainesville, Gold Age (Stanford), and Sarasota. Joan reported that this year is a qualifying year for nationals in 2007 which will take place June 22 to July 8, 2007 in Louisville Kentucky. This year's State competition will be held in Lee County/Cape Coral on December 2, 2006.

Joan's second handout was a report on improving the visibility of USMS within the Good Life Games and the amount of work that has gone into this effort on the part of Joe Biondi at the recent competition in Clearwater. There were 900 people at the opening ceremonies, many who stopped by our USMS display booth. The display booth at the games was sent from the national USMS office with the help of Mel Goldstein and Traci Grilli. Joan will be advising the marketing committee at convention about the success this effort achieved at making USMS more noticeable nationally.

Report accepted, MSA at 4:35 PM

E. Newsletter Repot: Pat Tullman

Pat reported that everything is fine.

Report accepted, MSP at 4:37 PM

III. Old Business

A. Annual Audit Review: Meegan Wilson

The books have not yet been audited for 2004, however, Meegan has made arrangements with a mathematician at the 300 club who is currently reviewing them.

An actual audit costs about \$1,000.00 but a compilation, which is all we actually need, costs only about \$400.000-\$500.00. Tom recommends we pay to have the books reviewed every three years by an outside source. Meegan pointed out that our current bylaws require they be reviewed annually. Meegan and Joan suggested that this topic be taken to the national level and that this is a service the national office should provide to the LMSCs. Joan will take this issue to convention for review.

Tom Bliss made a motion to establish as policy hiring an outside the LMSC source to formally do a computation of our financial records every two years. Seconded and passed at 4:47 PM.

B. 2006 Convention: Tom Bliss

Tom thanked everyone for going to the convention last year and thanked everyone for providing him with input for the delegate selection for 2006. Tom informed the group of our current representation at the national convention for 2006 including: The first three people are voting members at convention because of their participation in various committees: Joan Campbell on the Finance Committee, Victor Buehler as Convention Coordinator, Meegan Wilson on the Legislation Committee. Victor pointed out that his costs are not paid for by the LMSC, but instead by the convention budget. Tom then announced his selection of our four delegate seats: Margie Hutinger, Sue Moucha, Tom Bliss, and Ed Nessel.

C. Bylaws and Policy Review/Management: Victor Buehler

Victor informed the group that there really has not been any action or discussion since the last meeting in October. He shared information on where the discussion last ended. The group decided to form a committee to finish reviewing the bylaws and come prepared to the next meeting with a finished product. Volunteers for this committee are: Victor Buehler, Dick Brewer (Victor volunteered Dick because he has been contributing suggestions for the past year), Kern Davis, and Bret Hamlin.

d. Coaches Liaison, Job Description: Tom Bliss

Tom suggested that we would like to see the coaches do more than provide just clinics. Clinics do need to be better advertised. Tom asked Joe and Ed to get together and provide what they would like their positions to involve, what they are able to contribute and what they are willing to do.

E. Meet Software: Meegan Wilson

Meegan shared information regarding our LMSC agreeing one year ago to provide the meet directors with Hy-Tek software and then at this past convention the Dixie Zone committee stating that they were going to provide the software and we then deciding to hold off on purchasing anything until we found out what they were going to provide. As it turned out they did not follow through. Meegan suggests that we go ahead and purchase the software for the meet directors.

Joe informed the group that we can't use the Hy-Tek software on a laptop and pass it around within the LMSC to be used by different clubs. One package of software can only be purchased and used by a particular club. Meegan shared how this was done successfully by the Virginia LMSC and what it costs to get the licensing agreement. Margie pointed out that the Virginia LMSC is just one club.

Tom recommended that we support our meet directors by providing them with Hy-Tek. Meegan pointed out that this has already been voted on and passed last year at the July meeting. Tom also clarified that the purpose of getting the Hy-Tek is not solely for fixing the problem of getting times into the records keepers. Other pointed out the many positive uses of this software. The clubs are to purchase the software and send the bill to Meegan Wilson.

iv. New Business: Tom bliss

Delegates to convention and Team representative Survey Responses have already been discussed.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 5:22 PM