

FLORIDA LMSC
April 14, 2007
NORTH SHORE POOL
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

In Attendance: Chair; Tom Bliss*, Treasurer; Meegan Wilson*, Secretary; Victor Buehler*, Registrar; Top Ten Records; Livia Zien*, Newsletter Editor; Flavia Zappa*, Sanctions; Sue Moucha*, HLJF; Pete Nickodem*, FACT; Tim Holm*, Marianne Bradley* and Joe Biondi by proxie for Cindy Horrocks, SCSF; Bob Sigersmith*, SPM representatives: Christine Swanson* and Patty Nardozi*, SUN; Don Puchalski, Officials Chair; Charlie Kohnken*, VASF; Trice Hirr*,
*=voting attendees.

A quorum was confirmed and a regular meeting of the Florida LMSC was called to order by Chair Tom Bliss at 2:01. Tom said that he is looking into a request to have additional meetings throughout the year. Introductions were made.

Tom Bliss said that as we continue with the updating of our bylaws we need to remember that they should not be too specific since they need to stand over time. Specifics fall under Policy and Procedures. In the survey results many mentioned a need for unity within our LMSC. Tom suggested that we take another look at our bylaws with that in mind.

I. Approval of October 14, 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes-Victor Buehler

Grammatical and spelling errors were provided by Tom Bliss and Meegan Wilson. A suggestion was made that the draft minutes be e-mailed to officers and attendees for review one week prior to next meetings to save time at meetings.

No motions made. Minutes accepted, MSP at 2:34 PM

II. Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report-Meegan Wilson

1. Final financial Report for 2006:

Total Revenues for the year	\$45,615.90
<u>Total Expenses for the year</u>	<u>51,865.00</u>
Net (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(\$6,249.10)

Total Assets as of 12/31/2006 were \$40,864.07.

Meegan explained that due to the fact that registration deposits and expenses do not always coincide within the same year, there may be a net excess in funds one year and a net deficit the next. In 2005 there was a net excess. We came in under our budgeted expenses

2. Financial Report for 2007

Total Revenues for the year	\$25,107.48
<u>Total Expenses for the year</u>	<u>20,744.45</u>
Net Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$4,363.03

Total Assets as of 3/31/2007 were \$45,227.

3. Final Banquet Accounting

Total Revenues for the year	\$25,107.48
Total Expenses for the year	20,744.45
Net Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$4,363.03

Total Assets as of 3/31/2007 were \$45,227.

No motions made. Report Accepted, MSP at 2:45 PM

B. Top Ten Report-Livia Zien

Livia reported that Margie Hutinger has been helping a lot. She requests a position description for additional guidance. The SCM results have been sent out. She seconds what Tom had stated earlier about building unity within our group. She requested from the group suggestions for changing the format. She commented that historically Margie brought a chart to the swim meets and the group discussed whether or not meet results should or can be mailed out and at what cost. The results are posted on our website and accessible for downloading by those who desire hard copies. The top five lists have been mailed to just team representatives, and members desiring copies have paid Five dollars for all three to have them mailed. The group discussed the time involved and costs of sending hard copies and the low number of members who do not have computer access. It was also suggested that the team reps get more involved in making copies from the website for those who do not have computers and bringing it to swim practices. Christine Swanson moved, *“If we continue to get requests for hard copies we increase the cost of mailing results of all three courses from \$5.00 to \$10.00 due to rising postal and product production rates.”* Patty Nardozzi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously at 2:55 PM.

Report accepted, MSP at 2:56 PM

C. Registrar’s Report-Tom Bliss for Meredith Moore

We currently have 1207 members: 609 men and 600 women. We have 38 registered clubs. No motions made. Report accepted, MSP at 2:58 PM

D. Sanctions Report-Sue Moucha

Recognized meets:

- A. Polk Senior Games, Lakeland, 2/24-25/07
- B. Good Life Games, Clearwater, 4/22/07
- C. Florida Senior Games, Gainesville, 12/1-2/07

USMS Rule Book sent to each contact person and Joannie Campbell has been updated on each competition.

Open Water Events:

- A. 5K USMS National, Ft. Myers, 5/19/07
- B. Amelia Island, Fernandina beach, 6/30/07
- C. Hurricane Man, Pass-a-Grille, 5/5/07
- D. Tampa Bay Marathon, Tampa/St. Petersburg, 4/24/07

Sanctioned Swim Meets:

- A. FACT/SUN Masters Invitational, Clearwater, 3/10-11/07
- B. Bumpy Jones Classic, Sarasota, 6/9-10/07
- C. St. Pete Masters SCY Swim Championships, St. Pete, 4/13-15/07
- D. Sprint Countryside Masters Meet, Clearwater, 1/20/07
- E. Brandon Blue Wave masters, Brandon, 8/25/07
- F. St. Pete Masters LCM Swim Championships, St. Petersburg, 7/14-15/07
- G. Ocala Marlin Masters, Ocala, 9/29/07

We discussed the possibility of putting something in the sanction package requiring or

recommending that a warm-up and warm-down lane be designated for the older, slower swimmers. At some meets this will be possible and at some not. Sue agreed to add this as a suggestion in the packets on an additional sheet because the packets originate from USMS. The webmaster should be able to add this to the material in the website. No motion made.

Another suggestion discussed was the practice of putting a survey/report card in each of the meet packets for those attending swim meets to critic what they liked or disliked about how the meet was conducted. These surveys would be collected by the meet directors and sent to Sue.

No motion made. Report Accepted, MSP at 3:06 PM

1. Senior Games- Marianne Bradley for Joan Campbell

Marianne read the following report written by Joan and passed out copies as well as the annual schedule:

“This is a non-qualifying year for Nationals but still popular as a chance for good competition. April 22nd will be the Good Life Games at the Long Center in Clearwater and we have a good turnout expected. We’re again trying relays but cutting them back to 200 meter relays. We’ll see how this works out. The 400 meter relays were reported too long for many of the older participants, especially when the events are so close together. We’ll try to allow more time this year.

I have contacted the Villages for their may Senior Games and they are interested. I will await Sue’s note for their recognition. The State Championships have been recognized. They will be in Lee County again December 1st and 2nd. You must qualify at a local meet to swim in the State Championships. Sue has supplied a mini-rule book for us when the meet is recognized. This is a great help.

I plan on contacting Gainesville and Sarasota to have their games recognized in October and November. If anyone feels there are other games that warrant our recognition, please let me know. Also, I would appreciate a call at 727-938-7181 if you are planning on attending any of the games and would be willing to collect the results and the sign-up sheets after the close of the competition. I am still working and find it difficult to go to some of the competitions.”

The group then discussed at length the officiating at these events. The focus of the discussion was a world record being set in the men’s butterfly by someone doing it with just one arm which is in violation of USMS rules, and yet USMS has accepted the time as valid. Letters in protest have been written and this is a subject which clearly needs to be addressed at the national convention.

No motions made. Report accepted, MSP at 3:26 PM

E. Newsletter Report- Flavia Zappa

Flavia reported that the next newsletter will be out 7/9/07. She commented that items sent to her by e-mail she acknowledges by sending a response that it has been received. She welcomes any suggestions for improving the newsletter. Tom talks about meeting newsletter deadlines for getting it out in the mail. Meegan mentions getting actual numbers or percentages of the membership who request hard copies of the newsletter instead of going to the website to read it. We also discussed meet entry forms and meet information being in the newsletter; with regard to how much space is required. The consolidated meet entry forms is only placed in the newsletter once a year.

No motions made. Report Accepted, MSP at 3:26 PM

F. Officials Report- Charlie Kohnken

Tom announced Charlie as the new officials chair and that his report will be added to all future agendas. Charlie spoke about his efforts thus far to make a list of officials willing to officiate Masters meets. He is also putting together an article for the newsletter on how to get started becoming an official. He also shared some thoughts on meet behavior being established and added to the one sheet

sanction page that goes in the packets.

No motions made. Report accepted, MSP at 3:36 PM

III. Old Business

A. Policy & Procedures-Tom Bliss

Tom recommends that as the minutes are reviewed and approved that motions contained therein be established as new or revised policies, recorded as such and forwarded to the webmaster.

Tom mentions that we need to do a better job of establishing job descriptions.

1. Annual Banquet-Meegan & Tom

Meegan passed out the criteria we have been using for how awards given are established and how ties are determined. It was discussed how this is accomplished on the national level. We discussed whether or not a committee needs to be established to make these decisions. Meegan proposed the following potential policy:

Committee Chair - to oversee the entire banquet process from the dinner to the awards.

All committee members should report to the committee chair on their progress.

1. Committee member - To reserve and set up banquet room. Contact is Therese PageotLeclerc <terrip157@hotmail.com> if banquet is at the Long Center in Clearwater. The food should be decided at the annual meeting for the following awards banquet. The reservation should be made by October or November. Price will be determined each year. Contact Florida LMSC Treasurer to submit down payment if necessary.
 2. Committee member - to put notice in the newsletter.
 3. Committee members - At least two members to determine top ten swimmers by awards criterion and cross check results. A copy of results and additions should be emailed to the the member ordering the awards and the Florida LMSC Chair ASAP.
 4. Committee member to order the awards. Member should communicate with Florida LMSC Treasurer. Budget should be adhered to.
 5. Committee member to purchase wine and beer and have them ready for the social prior to the dinner. Donations accepted. The Florida LMSC treasurer will use donations to pay back the money spent.
 6. Florida LMSC Treasurer will pay for final banquet expenses the night of the banquet.
- No motions made. Report accepted, MSP at 3:53 PM

B. Bylaws Revisions/Housekeeping-Victor Buehler

Victor passed out the most recent, suggested revisions done by Tom and Meegan which he explained were only slightly different than the copies sent to everyone via e-mail two weeks earlier. These current revisions contain the changes made at the annual meeting in October, 2006. He then explained how the group can most efficiently discuss and vote on the suggested revisions without having to review each and every one of them. He also provided a brief history on the work that was initiated on the bylaws two years earlier and the few actual changes made to the original bylaws in the annual meeting in October of 2006.

A motion was made to accept the revisions as identified by capital letters A-S and then seconded. We then pulled specific suggested revisions for discussion and editing: G] Article 3 board of Directors; elected or appointed Board of Director positions; modify or not modify how the number of Board of Directors may be changed; VC, VC job description or no VC position; C] New clubs having a vote their first year or not. All revisions were voted on, including those made at this time and passed at 4:40 PM.

IV. New Business

A. Directors expense/reimbursement-Tom Bliss

Tom made a motion: *All the Board of Directors be reimbursed for gas and tolls to all meetings.*
MSP at 4:47 PM.

B. Survey Responses-Tom Bliss

Tabled until the next meeting.

C. Delegates to Convention 2007-Tom Bliss

Tom clarified that Joan, Meegan, and Victor's costs are provided compliments of USMS. He then announced that he has selected Charlie, Sue, and Ed to be three of our four delegates. He is not planning on being a delegate this year. There is still one vacant position he needs to do more research on before announcing who that person will be, which he will do at the next meeting.

D. July meeting-Tom Bliss

Tom stated that he is in the process of arranging for our next meeting to be held in Orlando and that he is committed to holding at least one meeting a year in a second location although we are all very thankful for the accommodations provided by the North Shore Pool.

V. Adjournment

MSP at 4:53 PM