

FLORIDA LMSC
July 26, 2008
SOME POOL SOMEWHERE IN
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attendance: Tom Bliss; Chair*, Meegan Wilson; Treasurer*, Victor Buehler; Secretary*, Marly Wilson; Records*, Meredith Moore; Registrar*, Joan Campbell; Senior Games Liaison & SUN-FACT-1*, Marianne Bradley; SUN-FACT-2*, Flavia Zappa; SPM-1*, Charles Kohnken; Officials & St. Pete Masters*, Sheryl Watkins Dynoswim*, Florence Delaney; FACT*, John Keen; FACT*, Linda Visser; FACT.

*=Voting Privileges

Meeting Called to Order at 1:47 PM

I. Approval of March 29, 2008 Minutes - Victor Buehler

Copies of the last meeting minutes in final draft form were handed out, time provided for everyone to review, corrections/revisions noted as follows: motion to accept Meegan's July meeting financial report during this meeting need to be added, in the sanctions report the "Bay To Bay" event needs to be corrected to, "Bridge The Bay" and "LCM" to "SCM", and in section IV. B. the corrections spellings of Charlie Kohnken's and Joe Neal's names were noted.

Tom moved to accept the minutes, Marianne seconded, minutes approved at 1:52 PM.

III. Old Business

D. Bylaws Voting determination review - Victor Buehler

This item was advanced in the agenda schedule so that any forthcoming motions would be in effect for the remainder of this meeting. Victor provided a brief history of the Bylaw changes made in 2007 and provided a copy of the proposed revision of the bylaws as follows:

5.03.01 Definitions: The term "club" for the purposes of this article signifies those groups within the Florida LMSC who are registered with USMS. **(No Change)**

5.03.01.1 Each Florida LMSC club shall submit on a yearly basis the name(s) and contact information of each representative to the Florida LMSC Secretary. At the beginning of each meeting the Secretary will call **Add...** *[roll of clubs present and request identity of which member(s) are representing said clubs and ensure they are listed on the rooster as present along with updated contact information.]* **Remove...** *off the names of those eligible to vote.*

5.03.01.2 Duplicate names of Clubs will not be permitted. **(No Change)**

5.03.01.3 **Remove...** A designated club representative may appoint a fellow registered club member not already designated a club representative as substitute representative

by notifying either the Chair or the Secretary by mail, phone, or e-mail, or at the meeting with a signed note from the team representative before the meeting is called to order. *Replace with...*[Any registered club member present at any meeting is eligible to represent their club.]

5.03.01.4 Members in the Florida LMSC who are not a club representative and are not on the Board of Directors will have a voice, but no vote. **(No Change)**

The proposed revisions to sections 5.03.01.1 and 5.03.01.3 were moved to be accepted by Tom, seconded by Joan and passed unanimously at 1:58 PM.

II. Reports

A. Treasure's Report - Meegan Wilson

1. 2008 First Half Year Report

Meegan accidentally left her material in the hotel room. She suggested that she will put the reports on our website by Monday July 28 and email the link to all those present at the meeting. Representatives and officers can accept or reject the report at that time. Everyone agreed. Therefore the following was later posted on our LMSC website for approval by e-mail and at the next meeting:

Treasure's six month report was accepted by Sheryl Watkins, Charlie Kohnken, Flavia Zappa, Sue Moucha of the 12 members receiving it and is highlighted as follows:

Total Revenues as of 6/30/2008	\$39,330.19
Total Expenses as of 6/30/2008	\$32,462.26

Excess Revenues over expenses	\$ 6,868.93
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Total fund balance including savings account and CD as of 6/30/08 is \$48,566.76

2. LMSC Meeting mileage reimbursement

Meegan said that our policy now is that all Officers and elected positions receive a 30 cents per mile expense reimbursement including tolls to attend meetings regardless if they swim in the accompanying meet or not. She said that Chairs of appointed committees should receive the same allowance since they do so much work. Chair positions that were mentioned were: Senior Games Liason, Officials Chair, Coaches Chair, Webmaster, and Awards Banquet Chair. Tom suggested that all committee chairs be added to the list of those reimbursed in order to encourage participation.

Tom moved that all committee chairs and committee members be reimbursed for travel to all LMSC meetings (as described above), Victor seconded and the motion carried at 2:05 PM. [This motion was intended to be placed into effect for those attending this meeting.] *Victor moved to accept the report, Marly seconded, the report was accepted at 2:05 PM.*

B. Registrar's Report - Meredith Moore

1. Current Membership

Meredith reported that as of June 30, 2008 we have about 1500 members. Last year at this time we had 1561 members. The gender ratio male to female is about 50-

50. There are currently 38 registered clubs, 17 additional sub-clubs registered with FACT.

Meredith also spoke briefly about the problems associated with USMS's online registration project. One part of the many problems being worked out is how our LMSC's club's fees are collected for those clubs that do have club fees. She explained how she organizes her workload registering our clubs and how she plans on tracking our numbers in the future. It was pointed out by Marianne that the online registration fee does not accept individual club fees. Meegan explained that clubs would need to be reimbursed by the LMSC treasurer if club fees are added to the online registration. Due to the number of Clubs and Chapters in the Florida LMSC, this would be very time consuming. She went on to explain that the LMSC fee is included and we are reimbursed by USMS each month.

Victor shared his difficulty collecting our club representative's names and suggested that we just use the club registrars as the club reps. This was briefly discussed and Meredith shared that some clubs actually do list club representatives. **Victor moved that we use the club registrars as the club representatives when a club representative is not listed on the registration form. Joan seconded and the motion carried at 2:17 PM.** Victor then moved for acceptance of the registrar's report, seconded by Joan and so carried at 2:18 PM.

D. Sanctions Report - Sue Moucha

Sue provided the following report:

To date, since the last Florida LMSC Meeting—March 29, 2008:

SANCTIONED SWIM MEETS

Central Florida Masters, Ocala, September 20, SCY

YMCA Orlando Masters, Orlando, October 27, SCM

Bridge the Bay, St. Pete Masters, St. Pete, November 23, SCM

RECOGNIZED SWIM MEETS

State Senior Games, Gulf Coast University, December 6-7, SCY

OPEN WATER

Amelia Island Open Water, Fernandina Beach, May 24

Tropical Splash, Siesta Key, October 4

I have sent Pool Measurements to Walt Reid.

There is confusion between the Dixie Zone Web Master and Meet Directors regarding posting meet info. It is supposed to go thru me as Sanctions Chair first.

I would like to thank everyone for their e-mails and cards during my recovery. So good to be back in the water!! No policy motions made.

Victor moved the report be accepted, Joan seconded and it carried at 2:28 PM.

C. Top Ten Report - Marly Wilson [temporarily tabled]

Marly reported submitting our top ten in June to USMS. Marly also spoke on the work she is doing developing an interface on our website so that people can view our LMSC top five as well as the USMS top ten. Right now USMS doesn't list LMSC's top five. She explained that there is some confusion about the Dixie Zone's top ten and who's meet times are included vs. what meets are not included. Marly also expressed concern about how times are submitted for recording. She stated that it is time

consuming for her to have to review meets to find the top five times in meets outside of the Florida LMSC. She is going to establish a format/form for club representatives and/or coaches and/or meet directors, for submitting of names for top five and ten recording. This is currently a USMS requirement although we have not been holding our members accountable historically. No policy motions made.

Victor moved to accept the report, Joan seconded and it carried at 2:35 PM.

E. Newsletter Report - Jason Brauer

Flavia updated everyone on how the transition of the newsletter position from her to Jason is going. No policy motions made.

Tom moved to accept Flavia's report, Victor seconded and it carried at 2:37 PM.

F. Officials Chair Report - Charlie Kohnken

1. Officials certification

Charlie shared a questionnaire he received from USMS and provided his responses based on what we are currently doing or not doing within our LMSC.

Tom moved to accept the report, Victor seconded and it passed at 2:48 PM

G. Web Page Report - Meegan Wilson

Meegan reported that all the minutes of our meetings are up to date and listed on the website. There are minutes missing from the Bret Hamlin era as well as "The Book" of minutes that was passed onto him when he became the secretary. She mentioned that we need to locate "The Book" and get it "back". She also mentioned getting old top five records on the web, where they might be stored at this time, finding them, etc. She said that Marianne had contacted her, noting that our current "sanctions packet" is outdated since Livia Zein was still listed as the Florida LMSC Top Ten Recorder. To keep current with USMS changes and reduce confusion between Sanctioned and Recognized events Meegan has updated our packet to be more inline with USMS. Joan thanked Meegan for taking over the website and getting it updated as "quickly" as she did. *Victor moved the report be accepted, Marly seconded and it carried at 2:55 PM.*

H. Senior Games Report - Joan Campbell

Joan passed out a three page report complete with the senior games schedules and locations state wide. It should show up in the newsletter and on the website. She noted that anyone attending these meets must themselves be responsible for presenting their times to the top ten recorder for consideration of listing, not the Senior Games meet directors. *Victor moved to accept the report, Tom seconded and it carried at 2:58 PM.*

1. FACT Scoring

Joan shared with all the latest news on members still not understanding that it is the meet directors choice whether or not FACT registered swimmers are swimming only as FACT members in meet relays or if relays will be conducted allowing FACT people to swim in relays identified by whatever non-FACT club they are associated with. *Tom moved this report be accepted, Marly seconded and it carried at 3:01 PM.*

I. Coaches Report – Joe Biondi

Joan provided Joe Biondi's Coach's report which now follows: Joe has a new truck. Anyway, in Joe's written report he notes that as the years pass he is becoming more and more involved with coaching triathletes and open water swimmers. He also

noted that his video clinics are a means of increasing our Masters membership. *Tom moved to accept this report, Meegan seconded and it carried at 3:03 PM.*

III. Old Business

A. Annual Audit Review - Meegan Wilson

Meegan submitted the 2007 financial records to Joan who will pass them onto Joe who will give them to Jim Stein who will review them for us again and provide his report at the annual meeting in October. *Tom moved to accept the report, Marly again seconds and it carried at 3:06 PM.*

B. 2008 Convention - Tom

Tom reminded and encouraged those attending convention to take "copious" notes so that their convention report afterwards will be useful and meaningful to their clubs and the LMSC at large. He noted that delegate at large positions will not be announced until July although Margie Hutteringer is requesting such. *Marly moved to accept this report, Victor seconded and it carried at 3:07 PM.*

C. Election Committee Report - Joan

Joan passed out copies of the write-ups on each of the known candidates running for our officer positions at the next annual meeting. These are: Chairman, Meegan Wilson; Secretary, Victor Buehler; Treasurer, Jim Stine; Registrar, Meredith Moore; Sanction Chair, Sue Moucha; Records/Top Ten, Marly Wilson; and Newsletter Editor, Jason Brauer.

Tom discussed we take the time to update our job descriptions so that future members considering running for offices know what they are getting themselves into. He also cautioned against being too forthcoming as it could scare folks away. *Tom moved to accept the report, Meegan seconded and it carried at 3:15 PM.*

E. Conference call meetings - Victor

Victor noted that nothing new has occurred since the last meeting, there was no committee discussion. Victor again shared his experience this past year with the Georgia LMSC's monthly conference call meetings and encouraged those present to consider making this our practice in the future. He noted that the Georgia LMSC, although much smaller than ours, make us look like we are still in the stone age. They have guest speakers, they get a good deal more done than us in a year's time. The conference call service is free although the real cost is carried by those in attendance either to their landline bill or their cell phone minutes. He noted that those who attend do get reimbursed for the cost of participating and the cost of phone bills is much less than what we are currently paying in gas/travel bills. Tom asked if the conference calls would replace the current in person meetings and the answer is no, the calls would be in addition to the current three meetings a year. Another benefit to holding monthly conference calls is that it will enable us to get more business done by meeting monthly than is possible attempting to get a year's worth all done in three meetings a year. Tom suggested that if we do this we work to keep the agendas short, focused and perhaps time limited. *Tom moved we accept this report, Joan seconded and it carried at 3:25 PM.*

F. State Meet Championships - Rick Walker

Tom updated everyone on what Rick Walker and Patty Nardozi have accomplished to date. There is a meet set up for March 27, 2009 at St. Pete North Shore pool that will be a dual meet between the two LMSCs and advertised as the Florida State meet. He noted that swimmers outside of the two LMSCs will be welcome to participate but the scoring will be recorded for competition between the LMSC and anyone else will be scored separately.

IV. New Business

A. October Meeting: Location and Date

Tom mentioned that he would like the annual meeting to be in Brevard County during a two day meet although it could wind up being in the Orlando area the same weekend as the dual meet between the Orlando masters and Rollings college swim team.

B. 2009 Annual Banquet - Joan

Joan noted that the annual awards banquet is normally held at the Valentine's day meet that SUN hosts. However, at the last meeting we acknowledged that some people do not attend the annual "awards banquet" simply because they think they aren't getting an award and are therefore not interested. She stated that what they want to do this year is have an LMSC Social instead of an awards banquet and hopefully this will encourage more participation. We can still give out the annual awards but the idea is to have a social at the meet. They were also recommending the social be at a local private Albanian establishment instead of at the facility and she shared information on a chosen site just two blocks away from the facility.

C. Gift card drawing – Tom

Tom did the drawing and Florence won a Red Lobster \$25.00 gift card.

V. Adjournment

Victor moved we adjourn, Joan seconded, and it carried at 3:43 PM.