

FGC LMSC Board Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Coral Springs Aquatic Complex, 12441 Royal Palm Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33065.

The meeting was called to order by Barb Protzman, Chair, at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex in Coral Springs Florida at 1:55 pm.

In attendance: Barb Protzman- Chair, Registrar & Newsletter, Linda Bostic- Vice Chair, Eddie Ames- Treasurer, Ann Thomas- Awards Chair, Sarah Bennett- Top Ten, Catherine Rust- Open Water/Long Distance, Rory Grigull-Sanctions. Team Reps: Debbie Cavanaugh- GOLD, Cav Cavanaugh- GOLD, Peggy McDonnell- GOLD, John Grzeszczak-HAFL. Others- Christina Matheney-PAQM, Doug Meckelburg-PBM, Andrew Magazine-SLM-visitor from KY

1. Roll Call- Barb Protzman- Chair requested all present introduced themselves.

2. Review of Minutes from Last Meeting (6-7-17) – Doug Meckelburg motions to approve, Ann Thomas 2nd. Passed; all approved. Debbie Cavanaugh requested how everyone felt about a meeting via phone conference and most were o.k. with the format but confirmed at least the annual meeting should remain face to face.

3. Officers/Committee Reports-

☒ **Chair-Barb Protzman**

☒ **Vice Chair- Linda Bostic-** no comment,

☒ **Secretary-Megan Lassen-**not in attendance and is stepping down due to relocation.

☒ **Treasurer- Eddie Ames-** Would like to discuss getting printed checks (which would also generate an envelope printout, envelopes with windows, printed return labels to help save time and works better with the current financial software (would eliminate double entries one in computer and another having to be done hand written). John Grzeszczak made a motion if less than \$300 to do it. Deb Cavanaugh-2nd Motion passed unanimously.

☒ **Secretary-Megan Lassen-** not in attendance and is stepping down.

☒ **Awards/Banquet-Ann Thomas-** All commented on how great the banquet was this year, only request would be to ask them not to start music before the awards ended. Ann reported the new location was preferred for central location, better cost and better parking. The food was sufficient however, next time they will up the salmon because they have never had a group eat so much salmon. Eddie Ames noted Galuppe's was easier to deal with, count was easier, doing billing on line helped and count was better done ahead of time. Everyone liked the awards Megan Lassen had designed. The next banquet will be held on June 2nd. Awards were discussed-suggested towels and noted embroidered towels can be done for \$8. Ann noted the committee will be investigating awards and keep suggestions in mind.

☒ **Top 10-Sarah Bennett-** Upcoming SCM will be submitted shortly, all LMSC records have been updated, will be updated with current this year stats and are listed on the website. Will hand over job if a replacement is found, however ok to continue for now. Linda Bostic mentioned Francois Caudrillier may want the position and has previous experience-she will follow up.

☒ **Open Water/Long Distance Chair-Catherine Rust-** Handed out the 2018 Events. It was suggested the Delray Swim may need to be added however the new date needs to be obtained and confirmation it still exists needs to be determined. Sarah Bennett suggested adding the Pompano Beach Piranhas Power Swim to the list which is

always held on the weekend of Labor Day (per John Grzeszczak). The Mermaid Swims should be added including the upcoming swim on January 5th. Even though these listed swims are not sanctioned it would be nice to list them.

📧 **Sanctions Chair- Rory Grigull-** Currently the Masters Challenge has been approved, YMCA Masters Meet (April 19-22nd) is pending and Linda Bostic noted Snag Holmes meet (in March) will be submitted shortly. Sanctioned meets cost \$50 and Recognized meets cost \$100 (FYI the entire fee goes to the national level).

📧 **Newsletter-Barb Protzman-** Everyone noted Barb is doing a great job. Barb will continue but urged everyone to make an effort to submit information to include especially articles so that the newsletter remains interesting.

📧 **Webmaster-Dale LeClair-**not present but is doing an excellent job.

📧 **Coaches-Patrick Billingsley-**not present

📧 **Officials Chair-Steve Goldman-**not present but will be stepping down. May consider approaching Mike Hart to see if he would have an interest since Ann Thomas was not really interested.

📧 **Registrar- Barb Protzman-** Handed out final club counts for 2017. Total FGC Swimmer count: 1856. Now that 1800 has been exceeded (2016 was 1759) that adds another delegate to represent the LMSC at the national convention. Renewal of clubs for 2018 sits at 14-15 clubs so far. Last year there were a few clubs with no members.

📧 **Fitness-Megan Lassen-**not present, however assuming she will also step down in this position and a replacement will need to be found. This job entails promoting fitness swims. Catherine Rust explained there are currently 3 swims set up by USMS for the Fitness-30 minute, 1 mile and 1K. These swims are open to all members and will allow the use of fins and equipment. Teams must put in to host an event and half the fee will benefit Swimming Saves Lives and other half to USMS. These events may be a way to bring those who do not compete together. John Grzeszczak has his doubts about being able to get member to pay additionally for what they normally do in practice.

📧 **Safety-Thaddeus Gamory-**not present and unsure if he intends to continue.

4. Old Business-

-Convention Summary –

Guy from Louisville-USMS has a new website coming and is even more user friendly.

Linda Bostic noted she is on the Awards Committee & Championship Committee.

Barb Protzman-2019 nationals are SCY in Mesa, AZ and LCM in Mission Vieja, CA.

LCM-Nationals for 2020 will be in Richmond, VA however the SCY-Nationals is still up for bid and 2020 will be the 50th anniversary so it is a really big deal.

Catherine Rust-reported she is now on the National Committee for Open Water Events. She mentioned the L-19 Rule-which allows an open water swimmer to hold on to a kayak or other item as long as they are not making forward progress and not be DQ for a pause and continue. There was an extensive discussion about the concern of this rule and the liability. John Grzeszczak was very against this rule being passed and noted that Tri-s are not allowed to follow this rule and should a swimmer do a pause and continue and then expire in a race this opens a liability because without the pause and continue on a stationary or kayak the swimmer would perhaps stop in the race. The concern was somewhat unanimous.

5. New Business-

-Elections

Chair-Barb Protzman-she had picked up latter part of Marty's term. John Grzeszcak motioned that she continue in the position, Rory G-2nd & all voted to Accept

Vice Chair- Linda Bostic- Catherine Rust Nominated for her to continue, Debbie Cavanaugh 2nd & all voted to Accept.

Treasurer- Eddie Ames-Linda Bostic Nominated for him to continue, Debbie Cavanaugh 2nd & all voted to Accept.

Secretary-Megan Lassen stepping down-Cav Cavanaugh Nominated Sarah Bennett (because she was taking notes for this meeting), John Grzeszcak 2nd & all voted to Accept. Ann Thomas & John Grzeszcak agreed to back-up should Sarah Bennett be unable to attend a meeting.

-Budget-2017

Eddie Ames-handed out 4 printouts-Itemized Categories-Last Year (2016), Itemized Categories-Year to Date (2017), Banking Summary-Year to Date (2017) and Balance Sheet-Account Balance-as of 12/1/17.

Eddie Ames moved to increase the cost of the banquet from \$31 to \$45 to cover the cost of the awards and the group did not agree with an increase. The banquet income was never intended to reimburse the cost of the awards and dramatic increases in cost to attendees would only result in less attendance which might result in not covering the cost of the banquet itself. The banquet cost with awards was \$6107.46 and revenue was \$4240.28. However, the award cost was within the set limit of \$12.50/per person. The total cost of awards was \$3412.05. If the award cost was removed from banquet cost the banquet cost \$2695.41 and the revenue was \$4240.28 which would be a gain of \$1552.87 which could go towards the purchase of the awards for \$3412.05. Last year 120 attended (less than half of the awardees) the banquet and there were a total of 350 awards given out. A lot of discussion was done regarding who gets awards (attendees only (last year it was decided to give awards to non-attendees and the larger teams would confirm the number of awards their team would require)). John G. made a motion to give awards only to registered members with our LMSC (at time of award vs. when the award was made). Rory G came up with an idea of increasing the LMSC fee by \$1.00 to help increase the budget for the awards cost. It was discussed in detail and agreed that the fees for those who sign up after Jan 1st would increase by \$1 to offset the awards cost. John G motioned, Cav C 2nd and everyone vote to accept the idea.

John Grzeszcak requested a discussion of the costs differentials between the delegates on flight costs and hotel costs. It was confirmed that Megan Lassen's costs were higher because she did not decide to go until later and the hotel costs had increased and had not shopped around to find a better flight cost (could have also been due to later purchase). It was confirmed by all that an early selection for the delegates needs to be done, possible look into reserving an early block of rooms to assure the best price is obtained.

John Grzeszcak requested a discussion of the ATLS & Coaching-Level 1 scholarships. It was clarified that these scholarships are no longer being offered. But John G just wanted to confirm how those certifications have been used-each ATLS person was reviewed and no proof of giving back lessons was done however Linda Bostic stated that she uses the training when she gets people who cannot swim and Karen Lewin helps others-the other 5 no one knows. The Level 1 & Level 2 Coaching was confirmed that 3 of the 8 do not coach, 4 help PBM coach on deck and unknown what last person did with it. It is a not being offered anymore so no more discussion is needed.

Eddie Ames expressed concern of losing money in the budget because of the LMSC reimbursement for attending the annual meeting. It was noted that this year our LMSC dues raised \$5 x 1000 members should more than cover this loss. It is not the intent to increase our holding or make money but to cover costs. There is currently \$8K in the bank.

Eddie Ames moved to approve the current financials, Catherine Rust 2nd and all voted to accept.

Future Meetings-Eddie Ames moved to have the next annual meeting in the morning before the swim meet, John G 2nd and Group discussed and voted not to move it before the meet. Barb P noted the Chris Jackson Memorial SCM Meet would serve as the Dixie Zone SCM next year so this early meeting would be difficult. The meet on Saturday may start earlier however.

YMCA Nationals-YMCA of South Florida-Deb Cavanaugh said they are currently in discussion with LA Lee on pricing for membership for Broward & Miami-Dade residents and meet signup is open. This will be sent out to all LMSC members. This is an opportunity to help a YMCA that serves an underprivileged local community and in turn allows us to compete in the YMCA nationals as one team.

Future Business

-LMSC official Logo

-Eddie Ames needs to present Proposed Budget for 2018 to be approved

6. Adjournment

- Next meeting will need to finish following business: **LMSC-Logo**
- **Budget (2018)** –Eddie Ames to present 2018 Budget at next meeting.

- **John motion to adjourn, Cav 2nd. Approved and adjourned at 4:00 pm.**

6. Resolutions and orders

NOTE: the number of votes for each club representative shall be based on the total number of athletes registered with that club as follows: clubs of 4-20 members shall have one (1) vote; clubs of 21-40 members shall have 2 (2) votes; clubs of over 41 members shall have three (3) votes.) Proxies for votes must be sent in writing to one of the LMSC's Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary).