

Florida LMSC Minutes - October 15, 2011 – Orlando, Florida

As corrected and approved at the 3/24/2012 meeting of the Florida LMSC

Meegan called the meeting to order. Voting* members were verified.

Present: Meegan Wilson* Chair – FACT, Marianne Bradley* FACT-1, Joan Campbell* Senior Games Liaison – FACT-2, Carol Ann Hudson*, LCAM – 1, Peter Nickodem* HLJ-1, Sue Moucha* Fitness Chair FMM-2, David Miner* Long Distance Chair SYSM -1, Bill Brenner* Records & Top 10 Chair -SYSM, Meredith Moore* – Registrar – T2NM, Sheila Carpenter–van Dijk*- TMM-1, Jim Matysek* – SYSM -2, Deborah Roberts*- BLU and Scott Bay Coaches Chair – BLU.

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Fernette Ramnath could not attend the meeting.
 - A. July 17, 2010 minutes taken by Victor Buehler still not available. Tabled.
 - B. July 16, 2011 minutes taken by Fernette Ramnath were discussed. Motion was called to accept the minutes of the July meeting. Discussion followed concerning that the minutes did not have enough detail in them on the reports and continued as to how much detail on the reports was necessary. Dave Miner stated that from Fern's perspective, the reports can be looked at online if someone is interested in the detail, and that other details are only pertinent if there was controversy. After discussion the consensus was that more information should be in the minutes. Meegan volunteered to add highlights of the reports to the July minutes. *Joan Campbell moved to table the approval until our next meeting. Pete Nickodem seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
- II. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS
 - A. TREASURER'S REPORT from Jim Stine. As of September 30, 2011 the current assets in checking and savings is \$56,197.45. The total liabilities and equity are \$56,581.04, which includes the net income from Jan-Sept, 2011 of \$2,135.69 and fixed assets of \$383.59 after depreciation. *Motion was made by Bill Brenner to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded by Jim Matysek. The report was approved as presented.*
 - B. REGISTRAR'S REPORT: from Meredith Moore. A detailed report was presented as to the number of registrations, percentage increases and numbers in the individual clubs, and which clubs still need to register for 2012. As of October 13, 2011 we have 1906 members and 53 Clubs. Our new clubs are Deland Masters Swim Club, North Port YMCA Masters, T2 Naples Masters, and Y of Central Florida Masters. *Motion was made by Pete Nickodem to accept the report, and it was seconded by Bill Brenner. Report was approved as presented.*
 - C. SENIOR GAMES REPORT: Joan Campbell reported that the 2013 National Senior Games will held in Cleveland, OH and the 2015 National Senior Games will be in Minneapolis, MN. *Motion was made by Pete Nickoden to accept the report and it was seconded by Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk. Report approved as presented.*
 - D. TOP TEN REPORT: Bill Brenner presented his written report and called attention to the special needs if you plan to swim in an International swim event. There are certain requirements that must be met if you want to have your times eligible to be included in Top Ten. Please talk to him before you attend one. The 2011 LCM Florida Top

- Ten have been submitted. Bill encourages Meet Directors to submit lead off splits in relays for top ten consideration. *Motion was made by Joan Campbell to accept his report, and it was seconded by Pete Nickodem. Report approved as presented.*
- E. SANCTIONS REPORT:** Meegan read Pat Tullman's report. So far 13 pool , and 9 open water events have been sanctioned and 10 meets have been recognized. Sue Moucha brought up the discussion of the high cost of attending the Rowdy Gaines meet, as it is higher than most meets. Scott Bay addressed the problems of the cost of renting the Orlando YMCA pool for meets. Joan Campbell suggested that perhaps they could get sponsors to defray some of the costs. There was discussion on avoiding having swim meets too close together location wise on the same weekend. This is to be avoided so as not to decrease attendance at both meets. *Scott Bay made the motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Sue Mocha. The report was approved as read.*
- F. NEWSLETTER REPORT** from Sheila Carpenter-van Dijk. Sheila announced that the deadline for the November newsletter is next week, Oct. 22, and that the deadline for the February newsletter is Jan 21, 2012.
- G. FITNESS REPORT** from Sue Moucha. Sue Moucha was featured on the Tampa Bay local ABC affiliate in September. Meegan Wilson was featured in a Volunteer profile in SWIMMER magazine September-October issue. *Motion was made by Scott Bay to approve Sue's report and it was seconded by Dave Miner. Report was approved as presented.*
- H. OPEN WATER REPORT** from Dave Miner. Dave brought up the Timing Chips that are utilized for Open Water swims, which are electronic chips carried by each swimmer and registered when entering and exiting the water for races. They are very costly and there was discussion on perhaps having the Florida LMSC subsidize the cost of them, although it would be very costly for smaller meets. There was much discussion on the pros and cons, costs, safety, etc. Meegan recommended that we take a "wait & see" on viability of it. *A motion was made by Scott Bay to approve Dave's report, seconded by Jim Matysek and approved.*
- I. COACHES REPORT** by Scott Bay. Scott presented some of the ideas that were discussed at the USMS National Convention concerning education of Masters coaches. His report discusses certification of Masters coaches as a way to increase the level of professionalism within the sport. It also makes suggestions about more experienced coaches mentoring newer less-experienced masters coaches. *Jim Matysek made the motion to approve Scott's report, it was seconded by Dave Miner, and approved.*
- J. AWARDS AND SOCIAL REPORT** by Marianne Bradley. Victor Buehler has been the USMS National Convention Coordinator for many years and this year our Florida LMSC hosted the hospitality suite at the USMS National Convention in Jacksonville in September. Assisting Victor were Marianne Bradley and Bob Jennings of FACT and Pete Nickodem of Holmes Lumber Jax as our representatives to take care of handling the suite for four days. The report outlines all responsibilities for the job there. *Scott Bay motioned to approve the report and it was seconded by Sheila and approved.*

K. LMSC WEB PAGE . Meegan announced that we are looking for someone to serve as the Web Master.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Joan Campbell recommend that we have a LMSC Social at National Meets. This brings together all of those from our area LMSC and leads to more camaraderie and friendship between everyone. *Scott Bay made a motion that the LMSC cover the cost up to \$200 for FL LMSC socials at National Meets in the Dixie Zone. Joan Campbell seconded it and it was approved.*
- B.** Discussion on "On-Line" collection of Club Fees through our LMSC when we renew our USMS yearly dues. Opinions were that the LMSC should not be in the "Club" business, nor should there be co-mingling of funds. The cost could be about \$1.50 per person. The majority voted "No" to having the LMSC subsidize any cost toward this.
- C.** Reduce one event registrations from \$19 - \$12. Motion was made by Sheila to Table this discussion, and seconded by Carol Ann Hudson. Motion passed.
- D.** We are in need of a 2012 Officials Chair.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** The Convention Reports from Attendees (Bill Brenner, Joan Campbell, Dave Miner, Jack Groselle, Laura Groselle, Meegan Wilson, Meredith Moore, Margie Hutinger and Scott Bay) at the USMS National Convention are posted online
- B.** First Florida LMSC meeting of 2012 will be on Saturday, March 24th at the St. Pete Short Course Yards meet.
- C.** Motion was made by Bill Brenner that we reimburse the City of Clearwater for their On-Line registration fee for their 2012 Valentine Meet. It was seconded by Jim Matysek and approved.
- D.** Margie Hutinger circulated information on Arm bands, which are not generally allowed during competition unless one submits a doctor's recommendation and only if approved by the referee, but was not present at the meeting for discussion. This item was tabled until more information was located.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Bradley for Fernet Ramnath.