Florida Swimming Board of Director Minutes
Saturday, April 2nd, 2011, 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chairman, Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM. Those is attendance were Jim Kelly, Mitzi Tighe, Mandy Cole, Lisa Bitting, Randy Johnson, Todd Hoffmeier, Fred Lewis, Justin Correia, Steve Wilson, Jim Hirschberger, Brandon Wittman, Sherwood Watts, Tom Keer, Jon Sakovich, Chris Oliver, Bill Vargo, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Dough Schuster, Don Henshaw, Retta Barber, Helen Kelly and Cashel Mack.

Minutes of the last Board Meeting were accepted and approved, after the addition of Chris Oliver to those listed in attendance.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Jim Kelly
Nothing to report until New Business

Admin. Vice Chairman: Bill Vargo
Nothing to report except that he is still working on the Policies and Procedures manual.

Age Group Vice Chair: Lisa Bitting
Lisa stated that Florida Swimming had a great 1st FLAGS meet at Clearwater. The timelines were comfortable, and Clearwater did a great job of hosting the meet. There is a new 10 and under banner being made to say FLAGS. It will be ready for the summer meet. The All Star meet was a success with Florida Swimming victorious 694/578. There was a shortage of 13-14 girls at the meet, as Florida Swimming had only 11 13-14 girls.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson
Stuart was not present at the meeting, but sent the budget. There was discussion as to what exactly the Florida Swimming assets are, and it was decided that the Board needs to address Stuart directly to get answers to these questions.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly
Helen discussed a symposium scheduled for our Florida Swimming meetings in the Fall at Howey in the Hills, Mission Inn Resort. There will be a coach symposium on Saturday. She requested input on topics that coaches would like addressed. Melissa requested a USA Swimming representative to discuss reconciling times, and OME education. Helen announced that the club accounts online (through the FL Swim website) will be up and running by the end of the month. A designated person per team will be able to see the team account with fines, balances, etc. In addition, that person, will receive a BLAST from the website once per month with account info. She cautioned that we should be sure to correct the email address attached to our account to be sure it is the correct person to be able to view your account.

Safety Chair: Corey Welbes
Corey was not in attendance, but will be going to the USA Swimming Safety Chair workshop next month.

Officials: Melissa Hellervik-Bing
Melissa reported a review of the championship meets from the officials standpoint. Senior Champs had a shortage of volunteers, timers and marshals. The roof was not working properly, and would not close. The timelines on the website were not accurate, and the heat sheets were not in order. FLAGS and All Stars received glowing reports. Melissa reported that in regards to camera zones, each facility is responsible for defining their zones per their facility. In regards to meets this summer, she reiterated that the championship meets this summer would be using chase starts.

Melissa reported that there is an official currently banned from the pool deck and under review for "biased officiating". The officials committee is backing the official.

Registration: Helen Kelly
Last year's numbers on the 9th of April are 600 below where we are this year (31st of March). We have started to receive some of the seasonal registrations which would account for some of this difference.

Disability Swimming: Mitzi Tighe
Mitzi reported that they would like to send 2 girls and 2 boys to All Stars. They need a male and a female coach to accompany these athletes. The meet is at NC State. There was a motion made to approve, motion granted, Approved.

Diversity: Retta Barber
Retta brought with her the newly established Outreach and Diversity Initiatives. These will be put into our Policies and Procedures.

Open Water: Gregg Cross

Gregg was not present, but Don Henshaw spoke in regards to the open water team etc. The open water All Star Team will be coached by Tom Kerr. The swimmers will be selected off of the distance events at FLAGS and Senior Champs. The remaining spots will be filled based on two open water swims the weekend of May 7th. These are the SPA Hurricane Man swim, and an open water race in North Florida. The Florida Swimming portion of the open water festival has been moved from Saturday to Sunday, and there will be a Fran Crippen mile on Saturday. Swimmers who are representing the Florida Swimming All Star team, and would also like to compete for their club team, need to enter the race through their club in addition to the All Star entry done by Florida Swimming.

Technical Planning: Chris Oliver
Chris reported a couple of changes to the 2012 proposed meet schedule. These are the Episcopal meet May 19-20, and STAT October 6-7 will be October 13-14. There are two meets the same weekend as Spring Senior Champs. They are SPA and Bolles. Both meets will be listed as below FLAGS/Senior Champ meet entry times.

Athlete Representative: Emma Volz
Emma reports that there are some new athletes on committees within the LSC. Joey Steele from PYP will serve on the Age Group Planning committee, Krista Kostecki will serve on the Diversity Committee, Gina Mayer will serve on the review committee, and Emma Volz will serve on the senior committee. Jim appointed Krista Kostecki from BSAC to be our Junior Athlete rep.

Coaches: Charlie Rose
No report

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u>

Pool Certifications are coming in slowly.

Online Board Meetings: Jim has looked into several options, and found that they are too expensive for our budget. Sherwood has a contact that he will look into and report back.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

2010 Zone Meet
Jiim Hirschburger spoke on a concern he had over the 2010 summer zone meet. He had attended to watch his son compete, and was informed prior to the meet that Florida Swimming was responsible for the athletes from the start to finish of the competition. His son had planned on competing in the Open water part of the competition, but learned late in the trip, that many of the swimmers were not interested in going to the swim. The team bus was sent home, while a van traveled to the swim with the open water swimmers. At the completion of the open water swim, swimmers were leaving with parents, as opposed to the van. Jim felt that it was an unsafe situation, and one that could put Florida Swimming at risk. He suggested that if the open water swim was to be part of the agenda, that the

team follow through with that and not change plans late in the week. There was discussion, and it was suggested that the open water swim be put in the zone meet information as mandatory to attend, but optional to compete. Lisa will look into changes for 2011.

2012 Florida Swimming Convention
The office is looking into options for the 2012 FL Swimming meetings. Emerald Greens Golf Resort has rooms at $119, but they are condos with full kitchens, as opposed to Mission Inn where they are $99, but are hotel rooms. The dates for the convention would be October 6th and 7th.

Meet Schedule
The 2012 Meet schedule and the bids for 2012 Championship meets were voted on and approved to be submitted for final acceptance by the FL House of Delegates, October 7, 2011. They are as follows:
Spring FLAGS: SYS
Spring Senior Champs: YCF
Summer FLAGS: GSC
Summer Senior Champs: SYS
Spring Secionals: Mitzi will talk to NCSA regarding a possible change in date, so that we could have the meet at the Aquatic Center, Orlando.
Harry Meisel East: CFM
Harry Meisel West: SPA/TBAY/PYP

LSC Travel Policy
Randy has put together a travel policy for the LSC. There was discussion, motion was made to accept it, seconded, and approved.

Next meeting date TBA
Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Cashel Mack,Secretary