FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ORLANDO HILTON NORTH
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
October 27, 2001

Minutes

General Chairman Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Board Members in attendance were as follows: Jim Kelly, Peter Banks, Randy Johnson, Gay Wright, Todd Mann, Bud Hackett, Linda Cassidy, Steve Lochte, Grant Nelson, Crystal Bickoff, Jeff Poppell, Bill Stewart, Martin Zubero, Fred Lewis, Bob Griffiths, Linda Haley, Jack Goltz, Sherwood Watts, Tom Kerr, Steve Fenning, Scott Kimmelman
Visitors in attendance were as follows: Bill Stewart, Mike Yearwood, Jim Grazier, Laura Smith, Don Henshaw, Chris Jaffe, Cashel Mack, Eric Landon, Mark Wilson, Cheri Tyre-Roberts, Clay Parnell, Frank Holleman, Cathy Durance (USA Swimming).

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as stated in the book.

Jim Kelly introduced Ms. Cathy Durance, Member Services Coordinator-USA Swimming to the attending members.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
General Chairman: General Chairman Jim Kelly's report is in the book.

Admn. Vice Chairman: Larry Shofe's report is in the book.

Senior Vice Chairman: Peter Bank's report is in the book.

Age Group Vice Chairman: Randy Johnson's report is in the book.

Treasurer: Apryle Nickson's report is in the book.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly reported that the office had purchased two new computers.

Officials: Jack Goltz reported that there was three meets which exceeded the four-hour time limit. A motion was made, seconded and passed which voided any assessment of fines in these meets.
A list was distributed of teams and the number of officials associated with them, with an explanation of need to increase based on numbers.
Bob Griffiths encouraged the teams to contact their area representative to get the names of referees and officials from other teams to work in order that they acquire the hours qualifying them to work the championship meets. He further emphasized the need to recruit more officials and to contact the area representative to set up clinics.

Registration Chairman: Bud Hackett's report is in the book.

Safety: Linda Cassidy's report is in the book.

Coaches: Todd Mann's report is in the book.

Athletes: Crystal Bickoff and Grant Nelson's report is in the book.

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte reported the following items to the board. These items were proposed and discussed:

A. Proposed that the facility surcharge needs to be extended for next year.

B. Proposed that the current time standards be kept as is.

C. Proposed that for summer JO's the 10 & unders will swim prelims with championship finals only and 11 & 12 to swim prelims with consolation and championship finals.

D. Proposed that 13 & 14 year olds be removed from Summer JO's and included in the Senior Championships. The current time standards would remain in effect. A comment was made from the floor that the 13 & 14 time standard be kept in line with that of the 15 & 16 and Seniors times.

E. Proposed that the summer JO's would return to a three-day format and the Senior Championship to remain a three-day format.

F. Proposed that an award be created by age group and gender to the top team for their performance at the combined JO & Senior Meets in order to determine a "True Champion". At this time Bob Griffiths made a motion to accept this proposal, it was seconded and approved by the voting body.

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson's report is in the book.

OLD BUSINESS:

2002 Championship Meet Dates:

A. Sectionals – February 28th – March 3rd - We have yet to here back from Florida Gold Coast in order to determine a location. Peter Banks announced that Clearwater is interested in bidding to host this meet. Jim Kelly announced that Spring Sectionals would be in Long Course Meters Format.

B. "B" Championships – December 15th 2001 at Daytona (East) and at Naples (West). Swim Florida asked to change the date to December 1st, it was further decided the dates should remain as is. Peter Banks announced that he was approached by Swim Florida requesting financial help since there was a conflict. Mr. Banks motioned to keep the Clearwater and "B" Championship meets on December 15th, and further motioned that after the meets the Board review to determine if financial assistance is warranted.

C. Long Course JO's – July 18-21, 2002

Scholarship:

Helen Kelly reported she had met with Mr. Tarm Thompson and that $42,000 would be moved from the long-term account to a more appropriate account in the near future.

Todd Mann reported that the scholarship committee would set up the "Irene Hackett Scholarship Fund" based on the following criteria;

a. A minimum 3.3 grade point average.
b. Submission of a 1000 word essay titled "What Swimming Has Done For Me", no winning of swimming related awards to be mentioned therein. The content of the essay is not to include the candidate's name or identifying information.
c. Accompanied with an information/cover page including the candidates USA ID number. This page will be separated by the reviewing committee and marked with an identifying number that will also be marked on the essay.
d. One male and one female will be selected each year by the following officers; Age Group Chairman, Senior Chairman, Executive Director, Coach's Rep., Athlete's Rep. & Apryle Nickson.

After this motion was made, it was seconded and passed.

By-Law Change:

Jim Kelly proposed an amendment that would allow the Florida Swimming Office to be located anywhere within the LSC's area. This will be acted upon in the House of Delegates Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2002 Championship Meet Bids

Spring JO's – March 7-10, 2002, bids were made by the following teams;
Clearwater Aquatics
Y Team Orlando
Gator Swim Club
A vote was taken by ballot and was awarded to Gator Swim Club.

Spring Senior Championship–March 14-17, 2002, the following teams made bids;
Area Tallahassee
Clearwater Aquatics
A vote was taken by ballot and was awarded to Clearwater Aquatics.

Cashel Mack suggested adding 4-50's for 8 and unders at JO's, a motion was made to send back to committee to discuss. This was not supported by second.

Long Course Senior Championships-July 11-14, 2002, the only bidder was River Rats Swim Team of Indian River to which the meet was awarded.

Long Course JO's – July 18-21, 2002, bid was received from West Florida Lightning.

2003 Registration Fees

Helen Kelly proposed a $5.00 per swimmer and a $20.00 per team dues increase for 2003 registration, as these rates have not been changed for 15 years. She further announced that USA Swimming describes a viable LSC as having 1 to 2 years of financial backing in reserves.

After much discussion it was determined that;

a. An increase was needed.
b. Past records were not assessable.
c. Exact financial data will be required to totally determine needs.
d. Action was required now so as not to get further behind.
e. Further review and action may be required upon completion of financial reports.

Scott Kimmelman motioned that a $5.00 per swimmer and a $20.00 per team dues increase be reviewed and acted upon at the House of Delegates.

Nominating Committee Report

Randy Johnson announced that the report was in the book and Jim Kelly stated that this would be taken care of tomorrow at the House of Delegates Meeting.

Sportsmanship

Sherwood Watts proposed a "Code of Honor" to be created for swimmers, coaches and parents and that fines be imposed for infractions of the "Code". An ad hoc committee consisting of Steve Altheimer, Sherwood Watts and Grant Nelson will review this and bring a proposal forward at the January meeting of the Board.

Office Lease

Jim Kelly announced that the lease for the Florida Swimming Office expires at the end of February 2002 and will be discussed at the House of Delegates Meeting.

Other

1. Zones & Sectionals - Jim Kelly announced four items that the Zone was voting on and asked for recommendations from the Board.
    a. Realignment of the Zone for Sectionals - will have no effect on our LSC and that the numbers were divided for balancing.
    b. Change in the Order of events for the Zone Meet – adding the 200's of stroke and 400IM for the 11-12 age group
    c. A proposal to add the Open Water scoring to the Pool Meet scoring at the Zone Meet.
    d. Election of new Zone Officials Chair - the candidates are Pauline Hubbell and Bob Ward

Fred Lewis asked for Jim Kelly's recommendations on the above items, his recommendations are as follows;

a. Recommends realignment.
b. Deferred to Todd Mann's recommendation.
c. Recommends adding Open Water Scoring.
d. Recommended Pauline Hubbell for Zone Representative.

Peter Banks motioned to accept Jim Kelly's recommendations this was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary