# FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
## YMCA Aquatic Center, Orlando, Florida
## April 22, 2001

**Jim Kelly, general chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:05. Those in attendance were Jim Kelly, Peter Banks, Randy Johnson, Fred Lewis, Crystal Bicfkoff, Grant Nelson, Bob Griffiths, Tom Keer, Jeff Poppell, Michael Yearwood, Greta Crut, Steve Lochte, Steve Fenning, Dan Timan, Martin Zubero, Linda Haley, Bud Hackett, Todd Mann, Jack Goltz, and Bill Vargo.**

**It was moved to approve the minute from the last meeting.**

**Peter Banks introduced Helen Kelly to the Board of Directors as the new Executive Director of Florida Swimming. The Executive Director Search Committee was thanked for their service.**

**Additions were asked for at this time to the agenda. Representatives from Long Center were added.**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**<u>General Chairman</u>: Jim Kelly reported that Dale Newburger, president of USA Swimming, has requested that any legislation for the fall 2001 national convention be submitted by May 15, 2001.**

**<u>Senior Vice Chairman</u>: Peter Banks reported there has been discussion on dropping Spring Senior National. This could affect the policy calendar, but it would not take affect until 2003.**
**There was also discussion on strengthening the Grand Prix Meets and the US Open. Both Items will be discussed and debated at the 2001 Fall National Convention.**

**<u>Age Group Vice Chairman</u>: Randy Johnson reported that Florida Swimming won the Florida Swimming/Gold Coast Swimming All Star Meet (739 to 533). 107 athletes participated from Florida Swimming.**
**He also reported that Patriot Aquatic held the LSC Camps and they were a success.**

**<u>Treasurer</u>: Apryle Nickson submitted her treasurer's report. It was recommended that Apryl and Helen Kelly look into having a working budget for the future. The report was accepted as presented.**

**<u>Technical Planning</u>: Steve Lochte**

1. **St. Petersburg Meet Changed to , September 14-16 2001.**
2. **Sarasota Cracker Barrel Meet, July 14-15 has been cancelled.**
3. **October 5-7 will be the LSC Camp weekend.**
4. **Proof-of-time and meet time limit infractions were discussed.**
5. **Two Florida Swimming officials will be funded for airfare to attend the USA Swimming official's clinic in Atlanta.**
6. **Funding for airfare will also be make available to our Officials Chairman to attend the Officials Chairman meeting in Chicago.**
7. **It was recommended to change our By-laws pertaining to the site of the LSC office to state that it could reside in any part of our LSC geograhics. This will be brought to the Florida Swimming 2001 Fall House of Delegates.**
8. **The Sunshine Games will not be supported financially by Florida Swimming.**
9. **Florida Swimming Zone team times may be submitted on appropriate form by the athlete and signed by the coach from meets between April 1, 20001 and the entry respective Deadlines for Florida Swimming's Senior Championships and Junior Olympics, along with a non-refundable deposit check. Amount to be determined by Randy Johnson. Exception: If the athlete's times are not accepted the deposit will be returned.**

**It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Florida Swimming Zone Team proposal.**

**<u>Registration/Membership Chairman</u>: Bud Hackett reported everything is going fine. He had no other report on numbers at this time because the computer program crashed. This will be fixed in the next few days.**

**<u>Review Committee Chairman</u>: Bud Hackett reported that one item was brought before the committee and it was resolved on February 21, 2001. If any discussion is needed on the matter he wished it to be in closed session.**

**<u>Official Chairman</u>: Jack Goltz reported he had no report at this time.**

**<u>Coach Representative</u>: Todd Mann reported the April LSC mailing would have the Florida Swimming Coaches Association renewal form enclosed.**

**<u>Athlete Representative</u>: Crystal Bickoff and Grant Nelson reported on the Sectional Meet. Their report enthusiastically supported the meet.**

**<u>Executive Director</u>: Helen Kelly reported on the registration database loss which will be up and running tomorrow. She stated that some of the office equipment and programs need to be updated. Board of Director's directed the purchase of the needed items.**

**<u>Records Chairman</u>: Dan Jimar reported on the progress of updating records. Records as updated currently will be submitted to the BOD for additional corrections. Discussion followed.**
**It was moved , seconded and passed, "To keep the Junior Olympic records. Records have to be set at the meet in the age group with exception for the 17-18 age group. They can set the 17-18 record at a championship open event."**

**<u>Old Business</u>:**
**Bill Vargo reported he needs more direction on the Irene Hackett Scholarship Fund. What are some guidelines, amount of scholarship, one boy and/or one girl, athlete criteria to apply, can people donate to the fund and would it be tax deductible, etc. Discussion. Some guidelines might be an essay stating what swimming has done for them. The amount still needs to be determined. Bill will bring back final criteria to the July BOD meeting for approval.**

**Bill also directed questions to the BOD on future investment of Florida Swimming funds. How much does the LSC want to invest long term and or short term. Discussion. He will get together with Helen Kelly and Apryl Nickson before the July meeting to submit a proposal.**

**<u>New Business</u>:**

**It was brought to the attention of the BOD that Safety Marshall's at meets are not being provided adequately. Discussion. Coaches, officials and meet hosts should follow the USA Swimming guidelines for having proper Safety Marshall's on deck during warm-up and warm-downs. This will be looked into to stop any safety hazards occurring at meets.**

**Randy Johnson brought forth the disenfranchised athletes that age up between Senior Championship and Age Group Championship. Discussion. A motion was made, there was no second. The rule stands for lack of a second.**

**USA Swimming has asked Florida Swimming to nominate a name to receive the Phillips 66 Outstanding Service Award. A committee consisting of Bud Hackett, Todd Mann and Crystal Bickoff will look into possible candidates for this award.**

**Mark Abdo, Long Center, Clearwater addressed the BOD. He was specifically here to informing the BOD of the extensive renovations that have occurred at the Center and that the facility is indeed available for rental to any team interested in holding a swim meet.**

**(At this time the meeting went into closed session.)**

**The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be Friday, July 20, 10 minutes after prelims.**

**The next Board of Director's meeting will be Saturday, July 21, 10 minutes after prelims. Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Helen Kelly**
**Executive Director**
**Florida Swimming**