FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
KARS CARSE SWIM CENTER OFFICE
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 26, 2002

Minutes

Admn. Vice Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Those in attendance were as follows: Helen Kelly, Scott Caron, Gay Wright, Mac Kennedy, Martin Zubero, Bob Griffiths, Stuart Michelson, Helen Ryan, Bill Vargo, Daniel Jimar, Crystal Bickoff, Grant Nelson, Jack Goltz, Randy Johnson, Steve Altheimer, Jeff Poppell and Steve Lochte.

Guests and Visitors in attendance were; Dave Thomas of USA Swimming, Melissa Bing, Tarn Thompson, Cashel Mack and Vic Riggs.

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: In Jim Kelly's absence Helen Kelly reported that all was well.

Admn. Vice Chairman: Bill Vargo – no report.

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy reported the discussion from the TA Meeting concerning the Sr. Swim circuit they would like to have in place by 2003. A survey is being sent out with questions for feedback to be returned by March 1st, 2002. The results of this survey will be discussed during Sectionals in Orlando next month.

Age Group Vice Chairman: Randy Johnson reported the numbers for Area 2.
Daytona – 350 Swimmers
Naples - 300 Swimmers

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson handed out copies of the Income Statement for January thru December 2001 and a Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2001.
Income and expense items were explained. Mr. Michelson acknowledged the fine job Apryle Nickson had done as Treasurer.
A discussion regarding the expenses of our "Zones" Team trip to Columbia, SC resulted in Bill Vargo suggesting that we shop for Airline Tickets now for the team's trip to Texas this summer and once that determination is made, go ahead and purchase 64 tickets. Randy Johnson was asked to report back with the amount to change the names on the tickets at the next meeting.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly reported that the 2002 handbook has been completed awaiting a final sign-off and should be mailed out by mid-February. She also reported that the office was running smoothly.
Helen explained that Top 16 reports must be received either on disk or in the proper handwritten format from the coach.
It was agreed that Meet Information was to be sent on disk if at all possible.
Officials: Jack Goltz announced all current officials need to recertify by June, no official would be allowed on deck without recertification.
Mr. Goltz proposed that officials be reimbursed for their out of pocket expenses.

Hotel – up to $100.00 per night
Food - up to $20.00 per day
Auto - $.30 per mile when traveling more than 50 miles one way.

After a discussion a motion was made that would reimburse officials traveling from out of the area for hotel, food and mileage provided that receipts for said expenses were submitted. This motion was seconded and passed.

Registration Chairman: Helen Kelly reported there are currently;

4077 athletes.
502 non-athletes
87Chartered Clubs

Safety: Linda Cassidy – not present - no report

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson – not present - no report

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte reiterated the development of the Senior Circuit by 2003. Encouraged everyone to return the surveys by March 1st with any suggestions or comment. Mr. Lochte stated that the "code of conduct" discussed in previous meetings would be addressed later.

Coaches: Jeff Poppell reported that the coach's clinic may be tied in with the annual meeting. A review of the by-laws for coaches from 1985 indicates an update is needed, a proposal will be submitted at the House of Delegates Meeting for approval.

Athletes: Crystal Bickoff announced she would be attending the officials meeting in Atlanta.
Grant Nelson reported the success of the new website, more athlete involvement and the possibility of a newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

2002 Championship Meet Dates:

2002 "B" Championship to hold December 14th, 2002 at Swim Florida-Naples and Daytona.

Bill Vargo questioned why 8 & unders had to swim in the mornings – Randy Johnson indicated there would be no problem to switch.

Scholarship: Todd Mann – not present – to be discussed next meeting.

Investment Funds:

Bill Vargo presented the background of the investment funds. He gave 10 minutes each to Stuart Michelson and Tarn Thompson to present their arguments.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the volatility of market, conservative and aggressive, benefits of funds and risk tolerance of the market. Helen Kelly commented that things have really changes since September 11th.

Bill Vargo indicated that the Executive Director and the Treasurer need to advise the BOD.

A ballot vote was conducted to determine which type of investment and who would handle it, Stuart Michelson or Tarn Thompson. The Board elected to go conservative and to have Stuart Michelson handle the invenment funds.

Bob Griffiths motioned to destroy the ballots, motion carried.

Sportsmanship:

Steve Altheimer gave history for the need for and explanation of a "code of conduct" proposal.

The Code of Conduct would be added to the Standing Rules & Regulations to become effective in 30 days and to be put in 2002 handbook. Would go into effect 2/26/02 if passed.

A discussion of fine amount/responsibility etc… Mr. Altheimer proposed we accept as a one year trial and to "tweak it" at year's end. Bob Griffiths seconded, motioned carried.

Office Lease:

Helen Kelly reported the office lease would be up in April 2002, rent would increase as office had been redecorated. She would like to move the office to Clermont April 1st. Location to be close to the Citrus Tower on US 27. Estimated rent to be $850 to $900 per month. Bob Griffiths made a motion to allow move, Stuart Michelson seconded, motion passed.

Records:

Daniel Jimar had to leave – no report

Other:

Treasure Coast requested a reconsideration of their request to change to Gold Coast,

Request Denied again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Symposium:

Dave Thomas of USA Swimming presented the idea of a;

1. Officials Clinic – full day
2. Sports Science Clinic 1 for 13 and older and 1 for 12 and younger
3. Parents Seminar
4. Coaches Clinic

USA Swimming would like to conduct four throughout the US this year. LSC would provide hotel, etc…
Florida Swimming looking at last weekend of October to tie in with House of Delegates and Board Meeting.
Bob Griffiths motioned we should check into it, Steve Lochte seconded, motion carried.

All-Star Budgeting:

Randy Johnson reported that Gold Coast was not interested in hosting. Fort Pierce willing to host once again. Dates are March 22nd and 23rd. Jack Goltz asked if a referee should be assigned – YES.

FS Camps:

Randy Johnson reported the camp dates are April 6th & 7th and was being coordinated by Chuck Burgess with the following format;

10 & under – BB times or better
11/12 – A times or better
13/14 – A times or better
15-18 – B times or better

Other:

Steve Lochte presented information on the World Lifeguard Competition and the need for helpers at the Aquatic Center in Orlando in May, 40 people would be needed daily. He encouraged the clubs to get involved, students could get community service hours.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary