FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
YMCA AQUATIC CENTER
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
JULY 20, 2002

Minutes

Chairman Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 2:23PM. Those in attendance were as follows: Jim Kelly, Helen Kelly, Scott Caron, Gay Wright, Mac Kennedy, Martin Zubero, Stuart Michelson, Helen Ryan, Bill Vargo, Grant Nelson, Lindsey Largo, Randy Johnson, Steve Fenning, Greta Cruts, Fred Lewis, Scott Kimmelman, Jack Goltz, Bob Griffiths, Cashel Mack, Terry Maul, Hugo Mesa, Jon Sokovich, Sherwood Watts, Mike Yearwood, Martin Zubero, Todd Mann and Steve Lochte.

Guests and Visitors in attendance were; Audrey Forbes of CFA and Melissa Bing Admin Referee for JOLC.

Jim Kelly announced that the minutes from the conference call were revised to show a $5.00 increase in membership fees for next year in lieu of the previously reported $10.00 increase. A motion was made to accept the minutes as revised, seconded, motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Jim Kelly announced that coaches certification has been eased up, Details are posted on the website.

Admn. Vice Chairman: Bill Vargo had no report.

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy reported that the Senior Champ Meet went well.

Age Group Vice-Chairman: Randy Johnson reported on Zone Team Selection, most spots were filled, and there would be no problem in filling the remaining spots.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson provided balance sheets showing previous year

comparisons of July 15th 2002 and an income state from January 1, 2002 through July 15, 2002.
Bill Vargo asked, how many are year around swimmers versus seasonal swimmers? Steve Lochte suggested we develop and implement a marketing campaign to help boost membership.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly reported that everything was running smoothly. She also welcomed all calls with questions or concerns.

Officials: Jack Goltz explained the proposed USA Swimming False Start Rule, which would be used that same as a false start, and would be ruled a DQ provided that the swimmer notifies the deck referee prior to that swimmers heat being called to the block that he/she is *declaring a false start*. This will treated as a DQ not a no show at the block. Also if this is to be used it must be stated in the meet information letter. Scratch and procedural rules can only be changed at the LSC level. Steve Lochte said we should adopt the rule except for championship meets.

Registration Chairperson: Helen Kelly reported we had nearly 9323 athletes, 704 non-athletes and 111 chartered clubs currently registered.

Safety: Linda Cassidy
No Report
Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson
No Report

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte reports that the Senior Circuit discussion was thrown back to committee. A discussion began involving The Rules and flexibility and of being "swimmer friendly". Jack Goltz agreed to come up with something and report back. Discussion followed on length of sessions a JO's. Committee to report back in October. Fred Lewis announced that the 2003 Sunshine State Games would be held in Largo June 13 & 14, he then made a motion that we have seniors in one pool, Jon Sokovich seconded, motion carried. This will be discussed with Florida Gold Coast and the Florida Sports Commission to see if it is possible.

Coaches: Scott Caron announced that job announcements for clubs can be placed on the website.

Athletes:
Grant Nelson announced that the swimmers questionnaire had been completed. Requested that coaches encouraged their swimmers to fill one out. He expressed his hope that our Zone Team was better prepared for the Zone Championships.

OLD BUSINESS:

2002 Convention/Swimposium and Awards Ceremony
Helen Kelly announced that this event is open to all Florida Swimming Members, not just club members. Wet & Wild requires a $1000.00 deposit, cost will be $28.75 per person and will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2002. Fun to include; all day admission to the park, exclusive use of the park 2 hours after closing, a DJ , a banquet for all attending with hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken and dessert and the awards ceremony.

The Swimposium will consist of (Saturday, October 26, 2002);
Club Administration Track given by Dave Thomas & Carol Burch of USA Swimming 8:30 - 12:00 noon and 1:30 – 4:45pm.
Coaches Track given by Suzie Tuffey 8:00 to 11:45am & 1:00 to 5:00pm.
Officials Track given by Frank Ching 8:30 to 12 noon & 1:00 to 4:30pm.
Athlete Track given by Michelle Griglione, Crissie Perham, Tobie Smith and Ryan Berube.
12 & under 8:30 to 11:30am, 13 & over 1:30 to 4:30pm. Parent Track given by Pat Burch, Coach/CEO of two Colorado swim teams. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend each session with their swimmer(s). This will be a great opportunity to educate yourselves about USA Swimming and to ask questions. There will be a minimal charge to attend the swimposium and a limited number of spaces for participants.
Helen Kelly announced that Coaches Meeting, Officials Meeting, and Technical Planning Meeting would meet Saturday evening after the Swimposium. House of Delegates meeting will meet at 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning. At adjournment all are invited to join the rest of Florida Swimming at Wet'n Wild for fun, dinner and the Florida Swimming Award Banquet.

ABC Meet Subcommittee: Mike Norton report is tabled until next meeting.

Proposed Rules Changes Submitted to USA Rules Committee: Bob Griffiths moved to Pull these from the floor at the USA-S Convention, Fred Lewis seconded, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

FS Championship Meet Entry Protocol: Stuart Michelson recommended (with no reflection to anyone or team) that we should go back to sending Championship Meet Entries to the FS Office instead of the host team. After a discussion, this matter was referred back to committee.

2002 USA-S Convention Delegates: Jim Kelly announced that Bill Vargo, Mac Kennedy, Grant Nelson, Lindsay Largo and Scott Caron would represent Florida Swimming. Two more delegates are needed, any persons interested need to contact Jim Kelly by Tuesday.
2002-2003 Nomination Committee: Jim Kelly announced Randy Johnson, Helen Ryan, Martin

Zubero, Grant Nelson and Scott Caron would comprise this committee.

Fred Lewis asked how the number of Area Reps was determined? Jim Kelly answered, stating the total number of athletes determined it.

The next scheduled meeting would be October 26th and 27th, in Orlando.

A motion was made to adjourn, was seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Wright, Secretary