



**FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
USA TRIATHLON NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER  
CLERMONT, FLORIDA  
April 27, 2003**

**Minutes**

General Chairman Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 2:30PM following a short break preceded by a Technical Planning Meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Jim Kelly, Stuart Michelson, Steve Lochte, Gay Wright, Mike Yearwood, Fred Lewis, Steve Altheimer, Cashel Mack, Kay Caldwell, Scott Caron, Jeff Poppell, Jon Sakovich, Todd Mann, Grant Nelson, Rick Benner, Lindsey Largo and Julie Carusone. Kiki Cook, administrative assistant for Florida Swimming was also in attendance.

A motion was made by Stuart Michelson to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Fred Lewis, motion carried.

**Report of Officers**

**General Chairman**, Jim Kelly distributed Sectional Host Agreement/Bid form for 2004. Bids need to be submitted to USA Swimming. Jim reminded coaches that 2002-2003 All American application is on the website and encouraged coaches to make submissions.

**Administrative Vice Chairman**, Bill Vargo – No report

**Senior Vice Chairman**, Mac Kennedy – no report.

**Age Group Vice-Chairman**, Nancy Hennessy – Todd Mann presented her report, which is attached. Todd added that Nancy feels that the FS Vs. FGC Dual Meet is not good for the 13-14 age group. Kiki Cook mentioned that only 36 people had paid the \$5.00 fee for the Pizza Party at All-Stars in Fort Pierce.

Todd mentioned that a FUN activity was being contemplated as a part of the Zone Team Camp. Jim Kelly added that Florida Swimming would NOT be paying for an Amusement Park Visit. Rick Benner commented that his old team brought all the swimmers together one time the week before the Zone Meet. Others seemed to like that idea, Jim Kelly asked Todd Mann to report this back to Nancy Hennessy.

**Treasurer, Stuart Michelson** – Balance Sheets for previous year comparison and Income Statements were distributed. Stuart highlighted several areas, he pointed out that the Coaches Association income is low and encouraged enrollment.

## **Other Reports**

**Executive Director, Helen Kelly** – Jim Kelly provided a report prepared by Helen in her absence. Jim said proofs or fines from Junior Olympics and Senior Champs need to be sent in. Jim announced that Florida Swimming will be sending Kiki Cook for training of new USA-S Membership and STAR Programs. Mike Yearwood asked if it is better to do Seasonal or Year round memberships? Jim pointed out for Seasonal Membership they pay less but cannot go to Zones and above level meets.

Jim asked the Board if we should continue the banquet as part of the HOD meeting in October, participation has really fallen off. Stuart said we need to do "something" to honor athletes. Jim said we would look into other ways of honoring athletes.

**Officials, Jack Goltz** – in Jack's absence Steve Alzheimer presented his report. Only one evaluation form was received back from JO's and NO feedback from Senior Champs. Steve Lochte said we should continue to use the evaluation forms. Steve mentioned Jack has concerns about using chase starts at JO's in July. Jim K. mentioned we would not know if chase starts would be used until entries were received and a time line determined.

**Safety, Linda Cassidy** – No report.

**Adapted Swimming, Apryle Nickson**– No report.

**Technical Planning, Steve Lochte** – Provided following review of proposed meet fee increases:

Type of Meet	Individual	Event	Relay	Facility Fee/Travel Fund
<u>Surcharge</u>				
Timed Finals	\$1.75		\$4.00	Up to \$5.00
Prelims /Finals	\$3.00		\$7.00	Up to \$7.50
Junior Olympics/				
Senior Champs	\$5.00		\$10.00	\$9.00 / \$1.00

Deck Entries will be increased to \$10.00 for Time Finals and \$15.00 for Prelims/Finals

This proposal will be voted on at the BOD meeting at JO's in July (Formal proposal will be distributed with Agenda for July Meeting). Also a proposal was made to make *Hy-tec* mandatory for all clubs as of January 1, 2004, this too would go to vote in July (Formal proposal will be distributed with Agenda for July Meeting). Steve also reported that Senior Swimming had been discussed at length. There's a need to regenerate an interest for Seniors in Florida Swimming to standout.

Mike Yearwood suggested we change the aforementioned proposals to be effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. Steve Alzheimer agreed. Steve Lochte said the committee would accept the change to

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.

Gay Wright mentioned YTO had asked earlier for the December 12-14 meet to be changed to November 21-23. Since there were no conflicts within the area this request was granted. Steve Lochte pointed out that the Gator meet originally scheduled for December 5-7 is changed to November 14-16.

**Coaches Representative, Scott Caron** – Reported there are currently 31 members, he is working on setting up a clinic.

**Athlete's Representatives, Lindsey Largo & Julie Carusone** – Jim Kelly introduced Julie Carusone as new Athlete's Rep replacing outgoing rep Grant Nelson.

Lindsey Largo reported she had contacted 10 swimmers via email asking questions about JO's, etc... Would like to continue this in the future.

Grant Nelson informed the board of a letter received concerning <10 being removed from finals at JO's in March. He read the letter received from Matthew Thompson of WFLA stating his disappointment in not having 2 chances at breaking state records at JO's. Steve Altheimer suggested bringing the <10 kids back to finals at future JO's for recognition of A.M. performance. Jim K. asked Todd to take the idea back to Nancy.

### **Old Business**

All items discussed previously.

### **New Business**

Florida Swimming Championship Bid Application to be discussed more at the next meeting.

Hy-tek Possible Promotion, Dan Jimar – not present, Jim K. reported Hytek's Team Manager On-Line was offering 6 – 6 month free trial memberships to be distributed. Dan's idea is to award top 2 teams from championship meets. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

### **Attendance at Meetings**

Jim mentioned we need to enforce the rule that if a Board Member misses 2 meetings in a year, they are off the Board.

It was further noted that only 5 of 12 area representatives were present today.

There's a definite need to get involvement from members.

Jim mentioned that excused absence rules are in place. A discussion followed.

Jim stated we will be following the rules as we move forward.

Jeff Poppell requested date information for the October Meeting. Jim reminded Board that the Convention & HOD had been moved to November 8-9, 2003

Next meeting in Orlando at JO's July 19<sup>th</sup> 15 minutes following prelims.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary

Nancy Hennessy  
Age Group Vice Chair

### Florida Junior Olympics

It was a relief to finally get to Gainesville for J.O.s. There was much controversy leading up to it, most notably the elimination of finals for 10&U. Strangely enough what was originally an objective to shorten the length of the meet became completely about the 10 & Unders. I do see all this positive in nature to make our sport better. It stirred up a lot of emotion and many coaches voiced how they felt, coaches who normally accept things the way they are without question. We never claim to be perfect but we always try to do what is in the best interest of our athletes. I felt the 10&U swam very well in the morning sessions. I received many compliments on the banner for the top 3 finishers hanging from the platforms. However, the announcements of the final 8 finishers could have been handled better.

I know there are many coaches that feel very passionately about this topic. Sherwood Watts and Terry Maul both delicately said this is only a band aid approach to solving the problems of over trained and over pushed 10&Unders. They're absolutely right. Having that said, and after lots of discussion with many coaches, coming up with some new formats for age group championship meets may be a great solution.

- A. 10&U and 8&U Championship Meet
  - Lots of hardware, lots of fun, LOTS of kids
- B. December – All LSC Championship meet, All ages
  - March – Sr. Champs
  - Junior Olympics 11-12, 13-14
  - 10&U-8&U Championships (replace Area meet?)
  - \*\*Score all together as one meet
- C. July – Regular format already existing
  - (Less athletes due to summer league swimming)

The new order of events seemed to work well. Went back to original format on Thursday night with long event freestyles. Deck seeded events were swum after morning heats of the relays. Moved the 200 Fly to Saturday in exchange for the 200 IM. Eliminating the 200 of stroke and 400 IM for 11-12 kept their events tighter with competition. Consolation for 11-12 was good though we need to really question why we can't fill a consolation heat with 11-12 Boys!! Liked the short relays in the morning and finishing the night session with them too. GSC did a great job hosting the meet and were so accommodating. Roger Deary as meet director was also well organized and easy to work with doing a great job.

### Dual Meet VS. Florida Gold Coast

Another “W” in the Win column for Florida Swimming. We had a good showing, 81 athletes. Florida Gold Coast brought 107 athletes. We were very strong in the 10&U Girls and Boys, 11-12 Girls and 13-14 Boys, fairly good in 11-12 Boys and 13-14 Girls. The athletes were well behaved and had a ball, exhibiting good team spirit. Scott Kimmelman and his staff did an excellent job running the meet. Steve Ameida was the meet director and very easy and pleasant to work with, also doing an excellent job. The only hitch that I found was \$1000.00 for the pizza on Friday night. The sign up procedure and payment structure for the social need to be revamped to avoid getting stuck with lots of leftovers, and we also need to find out who the heck Scott is buying his pizza from!

There has been discussion about getting rid of this meet altogether. I think these past couple of years it has been very beneficial for athletes to come together and swim as a team with athletes they normally are competing against. However, we can accomplish this same environment by running the age group camps scheduled for the fall season. There has also been mention of an age group sectional meet which I must admit I don't fully understand it's format. I question if we need to have a meet at all during this part of our season. Typically many athletes have taken time off following their championship meet and show up to this meet out of shape. Depending on the athlete, this can have long term negative effects. If they're in good shape then they probably didn't take time off which is vital for long term success in our sport. We can entertain more about the sectional age group meet or really focus on the age group camps in the fall and do a great job with our athletes in that capacity. This will also lend more exposure to Zones with the new dates for the selection process.

### Zone Selection and Application

Upon evaluation of the past few years performances at Zones the selection process has been altered somewhat. In order to perform better on relays, worth double points, we opted to select athletes off the shorter distances: 50s for 11-12, and 100s for 13 & up. The 100 free and a long free were also chosen to get good freestylers that could also help with the 50 and 200 Free. Lastly the 200 IM for all ages. Athletes times (SCY) will be used from September 1, 2002 through April 13, 2003. Forty eight athletes in all will be chosen, 6 for each age group/gender.

The application process has also changed, most significantly the date the application is due. In the past this application process has been done at the Summer LSC Championship Meet (s). In an effort to get the best team possible united and prepared, the application date was moved to the spring. This allows the athlete ample time to prepare for their long course championship meet at Zones.

This has been very challenging to get this information made available along with the new selection procedure. Up to this date we still do not have a full list of athletes to choose from for the 11-12 Boys!!!, 15-16 Girls, and we have ZERO 17-18 Girls. Put out some feelers and let your athletes know we need to fill these spots. This will also delay the announcement of the All Star Zone Team to unknown date at this time.

Bryan Welter (NCFY) has been named the head coach of the All Star Zone Team for Florida Swimming. Any coaches interested in assisting Bryan, please contact Nancy Hennessy at (904) 733-9292 ext. 246 or Bryan Welter at (352-376-3675. We still are planning to run a zone camp for the selected team members and that date needs to be determined if there could be some discussion about that today. It will be in Orlando with this schedule:

Friday:            Practice in the early evening  
                     Dinner following practice  
                     Team Meeting  
                     Hotel for the night

Saturday:        Breakfast  
                     Practice  
                     Lunch  
                     Theme/Water Park

Departure



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Helen Kelly, Executive Director, report to the Florida Swimming Board of Directors:

- Florida Swimming is one of several LSC's that have been selected to test the new USA Swimming Data Base this May. FS will be testing the new Registration/Membership and National Times Verification portion of the program.
- Proof-of-Time for the Spring FS Junior Olympics is due June 1, 2003 and FS Senior Championship on May 15, 2003. Following these dates a fine (\$25.00) must be paid for each event not proven. The following teams still have outstanding times to prove before the deadlines.

### Spring Senior Championship Proofs Needed:

BAC	CAT	CFM
DBS	GCST	LAKE
NCFY	SAC	SCAT
SEA	SPA	SWFT
SWIM	SYS	TBAY
TNTY	WFLA	WIN
WYAC		

### Spring J.O. Championship Proofs Needed:

ABRF	ASC	BAC
CAT	CFA	DAC
DBS	EHSA	FCA
GAC	GSC	GTSA
LAKE	NCFY	SAC
SC	SPA	STAC
SWFT	SWIM	SYS
TBAY	TBB	TCA
TNTY	TPA	WFLA
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- The renewal of our web site domain name, floridaswimming.org, has been renewed for seven years.
- The Irene Hackett Scholarship information and applications are available on our web site for athletes to apply. As of this date we have received no applications.
- At this time there are no plans in place for a fall FS Athletes Banquet in conjunction with our fall House of Delegates meeting. Please have the Board of Directors discuss whether to continue this banquet.
- Registration Membership Report as of 4/24/03:
 

Regular Athletes	5,173
Seasonal Athletes	313
Non-Athletes	632
Clubs	104