



**FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FLORIDA SWIMMING OFFICE
CLERMONT, FLORIDA
JANUARY 25, 2003**

Minutes

Administrative Vice Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 2:20PM immediately following a Technical Planning Meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Helen Kelly, Bill Vargo, Stuart Michelson, Steve Lochte, Gay Wright, Mike Yearwood, Bob Anderson, Sherwood Watts, Fred Lewis, Bob Griffiths, Linda Haley, Steve Altheimer, Randy Johnson, Mac Kennedy, Vic Riggs and Dan Jimar. Guests and Visitors in attendance were; Eva Gronke and Al Forbes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Report of Officers

General Chairman, Jim Kelly – No Report, in absence.

Administrative Vice Chairman, Bill Vargo – No report

Senior Vice Chairman, Mac Kennedy – First senior circuit meet in Naples went well, approx 300 athletes with good participation from Gold Coast. Senior Champs and Sectional (short course) meet info to be ready next week.

Vic Riggs expressed that Sunday's session should require check-in to avoid empty lanes. Fred Lewis stated that seniors need full heats a brief discussion followed.

Age Group Vice-Chairman, Nancy Hennessy – no report, in absence.

Helen Kelly gave out info on Junior Olympics and Zone Selection, Not discussed at this time.

Treasurer, Stuart Michelson – Income statement covering previous year, previous Y-T-D and budget were distributed and an explanation was provided.

Other Reports

Executive Director, Helen Kelly – Move to new office went well and have signed a 3-year lease. Negotiations are underway with Hasty Awards for future awards, prices are much lower. Two-inch

custom medals will be awarded as in the past.

Officials, Bob Griffiths reporting the absence of Jack Goltz – announced championship official's assignments and are as follows;

	Head Ref	Admin Ref	Chief Judge
Spring JO's Reynolds	Roger Deary	Steve Altheimer	Al
Spring Seniors Gauzens	Eva Gronke	Tom McCaleb	Joanne
Summer JO's Barker	Sue Kelly	Al St. Pierre	Bill
Summer Seniors Milburn	Bob Griffiths	Don George	Anne Marie

Al Soltis is the Maxwell Award recipient and he will be featured in the Swimming World Magazine this month.

Jack Goltz sends the following comments;

The other concern I have is the "Chase Starts" for JO's.

Reason:

1. When doing 50s, it is quicker to run from one end of the pool.
2. It is considerably faster to do chase starts when doing 100s and longer.

Options:

1. Start all events from assigned ends consistently – just take a little longer to do the 50s. This just eliminates the "chase" part for the 50s. Probably my preference. Timers just need to be instructed well.
2. Start 50s all from the same end – swimmers may get confused because either the boys or the girls will be alternating the starting end between the 50s and 100s.
3. Use fly-over starts during the 50s – not a good option (does not save much time and the starts become sloppy).

Afterwards a Championship Meet Evaluation form was handed out.

Steve Altheimer handed out guidelines for Meet Marshals and announced an official recognition program and mentoring program. The apprenticeship for Stroke & Turn Judges has been changed, a post program test to be implemented. The timing reconciliation form is posted on the website to make it more understood.

Registration, Helen Kelly

Year-to-date statistics handed out, as of 1/24/03; 4075 Athletes, 516 non-athletes and 88 Clubs were registered.

Fred Lewis posed a question regarding Hunter's Green (Country Club Only League) a part of Tampa Bay Aquatics, these swimmers wish to swim summer league?

Helen Kelly explained, Country Club Swimmers can swim (closed competition), 120 days not in effect. If they enter an open meet, they must swim under Tampa Bay Aquatics.

Adapted Swimming – No report

Coaches Representative – No report

Athlete's Representative, Grant Nelson commented on Senior Circuit Meet going well, despite the very cold weather. He thought that the sessions were too long and suggested fly-over starts. Encouraged coaches to go back and promote the Athlete Rep. Application, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for athletes. He also asked if there was a contract for selected Zone Swimmers to sign?

Mike Yearwood suggested coaches' call once a month to see how training is going.

OLD BUSINESS

Zone/All-Star Selection Procedure – Randy Johnson handed out a sheet with criteria

- Qualifying events are listed

- No change in selection process

- To select 6 instead of 7 per gender/age group

- Suggested best times from meets held Jan 1 thru March 31 be used.

Should have until April 30 to respond to invitation with non-refundable deposit. A suggestion to include an application in the heat sheet to get those interested & their ages.

Fred Lewis suggested going by top ten to send out invitations and asking for response by 4/30.

Randy Johnson & Bill Vargo discussed posting depth chart, we want the best representation.

Fred suggested posting names to let the qualifiers know who made it. Randy further stated two camps were being planned for team cohesiveness.

FS vs. FGC Dual Meet

Randy Johnson in Nancy Hennessy's absence reported that FS paid \$29 per swimmer, \$150 for the head coach, \$100 for asst. coaches and covered the coaches' hotel expense. Official's expense not known. 88 swimmers went to the meet, each paid \$25 and were given a shirt and cap.

Dan Jimar suggested raising the athlete's cost to \$35 each, a brief discussion followed.

Fred Lewis made a motion to raise the cost per swimmer to \$35 each, seconded by Vic Riggs, motion passed.

Several random comments were made regarding increasing the coaches reimbursement for Zones. Bill Vargo said Randy Johnson should report to Nancy Hennessy and for her to come with recommendations to the next meeting.

Helen Kelly mentioned while on the topic of camps, that USA Swimming was billing FS for unreturned camp items. Bill Vargo said Helen Kelly should charge the team responsible and let them figure out what happened to the items.

Mike Yearwood mentioned pretty hefty shipping charges should be reimbursed, Helen Kelly asked him to submit.

Junior Olympics

Bill Vargo turned over to Steve Lochte as most of the info would come from earlier tech meeting. Steve Lochte JOSC would take place 3/6 thru 3/9, Order of events are being changed (rough

draft only) Thursday & Friday events unchanged. Saturday events 55-60 change from IM to Fly. Sunday events 73-78 changes from Fly to IM, event 79 would be girls 1650 and events 80-84 from back to breast (to be marked with an asterisk). Event # 92 would be Men's 1650, the last three events would be backstroke. Changes made trying to follow format at Nat'l level.

Would like the board to reconsider <10 in finals at JO's, 11/12 conciliation finals added, the 200yd back, breast & fly plus the 400 IM out for 11/12.

Fred Lewis made a motion for board reconsideration, Steve Altheimer seconded, a lengthy discussion followed. Fred Lewis stated that the board needs to correct the mistake made in October.

Bill Vargo stated that three days was too long.

Sherwood Watts added that his vote in October went with the wisdom of the committee but we should reinstate <10 to finals at JO's.

Steve Altheimer said it was "the package" as presented that had been voted on. Board should be responsible to parent's perspectives.

Bob Anderson said families were willing to give extra time for JO's.

Helen Kelly & Bill Vargo reminded the board a 30-day wait period before vote applied.

Steve Altheimer made a motion to consider reinstating <10 to finals at JO's. Fred Lewis and Sherwood Watts seconded, motion carried.

Meet Marshal Guidelines

Steve Altheimer reviewed the handout, mostly to be used to educate those doing the job.

Fred Lewis commented on verbal and visual contact from guidelines of safety.

Mike Yearwood suggested separate warm-ups for <10.

Fred Lewis brought up control of the pool deck.

Grant Nelson suggested parents on deck were a problem, fines should be charged to parent and team.

Vic Riggs stated that deck control needs to be a coach/team responsibility to educate parents.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Jimar reminded everyone that new record setting forms were on the website. He had only received 4 last year. He is trying to research and keep up but would appreciate the forms being sent.

Helen Kelly announced that elections for Athlete Rep would be held at Seniors in the spring.

Stuart Michelson moved to dismiss, Steve Lochte seconded, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:55pm.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2003, Clermont, Florida (Site TBA)

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary