



**FLORIDA SWIMMING
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
RADISSON BARCELO HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA
October 3, 2004**



Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Bill Vargo at 9:40 am.

Roll Call was taken by Gay Wright.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and passed.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Bill Vargo stated that his report was written and copies available for pick-up. He reaffirmed that Safety and Adapted Swimming continue to be his focus.

Bill stated that our Zone Team needs to be the best athletes available representing our LSC. He has asked Chuck Burgess and Jon Sakovich to work with Sherwood Watts on age group and zones.

Mr. Vargo announced we will propose one person doing the meet entries for all four (4) championship meets (JO's & Sr Champs), and decide at the January Board Meeting.

Bill mentioned the *National Aquatics Convention* held two weeks prior at Lake Buena Vista and that most LSC's had elected officers prior to the meeting. He suggested we have April elections so that person could attend convention in the fall. This matter will be revisited in January.

Admn. Vice Chairman: Chuck Burgess – no report

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy - Not in attendance, no report

Age Group Vice-Chairman: Nancy Hennessy announced that in addition to her report in the book that it was voted on at the National Convention to include adaptive swimmers at zones. She announced the athletes of the year which also appear in the book.

Nancy thanked everyone and announced she was resigning as age group chair.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson's report is in the book. Overall things look good at this time.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly – Thanks to Kiki Cook for her continued hard work at the Office. Hy-Tek workshops will be available, encouraging one person from each club to attend. These workshops are very important to registration.

Florida Swimming and Florida Gold Coast have volunteered to be the "guinea pigs" for the background checks. Complete FBI background checks will be conducted. The cost will be charged to the coach. Information gathered WILL NOT be shared. If there is a red flag it will be handled by USA Swimming. Volunteers for checks are encouraged to contact the FS office.

Rosters on-line will be changed for privacy reasons, they will no longer contain USAS number or the sex of the athlete.

Top 16 info or corrections deadline is October 15th, 2004.

- Officials: Jack Goltz – Most of the report is in the book.
- Announced that Don George received the Fred Cruciger Award and the Al Soltis award was presented to Harvey Jackson.
- He mentioned some teams currently listed on the calendar to host meets do not have enough officials. Clinics will be offered in different areas, these will be posted. He encouraged teams to send in sanction requests earlier and list correct officials info.
- Registration: Helen Kelly – report is in the book.
- Safety: Tish Kemball – Highlighted the importance of safety at the meets. She reported that there had been a recertification class earlier at the “Y”. She stated that an updated facility checklist is available on-line. The concern for lightning safety was discussed. She also announced that the Red Cross is now a partner with USA Swimming.
- Bob Griffiths commented there are still problems with marshaling. Host team is responsible and that marshaling guidelines are available on-line.
- Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson’s report is mostly in the book. She congratulated Charlie Rose’s swimmer Mykael Keyser for representing the US at the Para Olympic Games. She will continue to locate swimmers locally and encouraged coaches to do so
- Technical Planning: Steve Lochte – Reminded all to review the calendar changes made earlier, additionally the Area 3/5 meet will be 3/18-20 not 2/26-27.
- Mike Yearwood announced a Senior Circuit meet with Gold Coast was being planned for Jan 28-30. Bill stated they need to hear back from Duffy. Fred Lewis made a motion for the facility fee to go to the host team. Facility fee reimbursement was discussed at length. Bill explained that the topic was covered at the convention. Gold Coast proposed in order to receive reimbursement you must go to two (2) meets. Info must be stipulated in meet letter. Motion remains on the floor, motion is passed, Facility fee will remain with the host team.
- Coaches Rep.: Scott Caron announced the “Age Group Coach of the Year” award goes to Sherwood Watts and “Senior Coach of the Year” goes to Greg Troy. Congratulations to Sherwood and Greg!
- Athletes Representative: Julie Carusone and Cassie Batchelder – Communication is improving. She announced that Grant Nelson was elected as Athlete Representative to USA Swimming.

BREAK FOR AREA CAUCUSES

RECONVENE **Reports from Areas**

2005 Florida Swimming Area Representatives:		
Area 1 Reps:	Todd Mann (2)	mannt@bolles.org
	Jon Sakovich (1)	gatorsak@earthlink.net
Area 2 Reps:	Al Forbes (2)	alan4.1@netzero.net
	Stuart Michelson (1)	stuart.michelson@bus.ucf.edu
Area 3 Reps:	Fred Lewis (1)	swimstpete@aol.com
	Mike Yearwood (2)	tcatmike@aol.com
	Cashel Mack (1)	zookeeper5721@cs.com
Area 4 Rep:	Bob Ruth (2)	bobruth15@juno.com
	Jack Goltz (1)	goltzj@comcast.net
Area 5 Reps:	Tom Keer (2)	
	Don Henshaw (1)	don@gst.org
Area 6 Reps:	Helen Ryan (2)	spacecoastswim@aol.com
	Scott Kimmelman (1)	skimmelm@ircc.edu

2005 Florida Swimming Technical Planning Committee:		
Area 1 Rep:	Jon Sakovich	gatorsak@earthlink.net
Area 2 Rep:	Chuck Burgess	cburgess@ymcaaquaticcenter.com
Area 3 Rep:	Fred Lewis	swimstpete@aol.com
Area 4 Rep:	Terry Maul	perfenh@aol.com
Area 5 Rep:	Don Henshaw	don@gst.org
Area 6 Rep:	Scott Kimmelman	skimmelm@ircc.edu

2005 AREA MEET SCHEDULE

Areas 1 & 4 - 3/19 and 3/20 Episcopal Amberjacks
 7/30 and 7/31 Area Tallahassee Aquatic Club
 Area 2 - 3/4 through 3/6 Patriot
 7/9 and 7/10 Highlander
 Areas 3 & 5 – 3/18 through 3/20 St. Petersburg Aquatic
 7/29 through 7/31 Sarasota YMCA
 Area 6 – 2/25 & 2/26 Daytona Beach
 7/08 & 7/09 Indian River

OLD BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominating Committee submitted the following in nomination for 2004-2005;

General Chair – Bill Vargo
 Admin Vice Chair – Chuck Burgess
 Senior Vice Chair – Mac Kennedy
 Age Group Vice Chair – Sherwood Watts
 Treasurer – Stuart Michelson
 Secretary – Gay Wright

Committee/Chairpersons

Technical Planning – Steve Lochte
 Safety Coordinator – Tish Kemball
 Registration Chair – Helen Kelly

Records Chair – Dan Jimar
STAR (OVC) – Helen Kelly
NAG (T16) – Helen Kelly
Adapted Swimming – Apryle Nickson
Coaches Representative – Scott Caron

2004-2005 OFFICER ELECTIONS

Upon recommendation of the committee the full slate of officers were elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Vargo announced that entries for championship meets would only be accepted on disk and a hard copy with contact info included. Instead of faxed last chance entries, these entries will be emailed to the appropriate entry person.

Don Henshaw proposed the responsibility of entries of last chance go back to team of the athlete not the host team, Stuart Michelson agreed. Helen Kelly suggested writing a proposal for the January Meeting.

Bill Vargo announced the “*Board of Review*” Committee:

Greg Fisher, Julie Sears, Mitch Norton, Nancy Hennessy, Bob Griffiths, Jack Goltz and Cassie Batchelder.

The All-Star Duel Meet was discussed; the dates are April 2 & 3, 2005. Scott Kimmelman and Mike Yearwood described the benefits of Indian River and Clearwater respectively. Indian River was awarded the meet.

OTHER

A small committee chaired by Mark Wilson, Ben Swinshort and Jim Kelly will “clean-up” the by-laws. This committee will submit to Helen Kelly their recommendations for review and then to the Board for approval.

Coaches were reminded of the importance in attending Technical Planning Meetings. Steve Lochte suggested that those in attendance contact the ones absent and encourage them to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

The Board of Directors set the next meeting date to be January 22nd, 2005 at 10:00am in Clermont..

Respectfully Submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary