

**FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THE LONG CENTER
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA
JANUARY 17, 2004**

Minutes

Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 1:35PM immediately following a short Technical Planning Meeting (see attachment). Those in attendance were as follows: Bill Vargo, Helen Kelly, Gay Wright, Steve Lochte, Mac Kennedy, Todd Mann, Fred Lewis, Mike Whaley, Jack Goltz, Cashel Mack, Chuck Burgess, Mike Yearwood, Dan Jimar, Stuart Michelson, Steve Alzheimer, and Bob Griffiths.

Guest in attendance; Dave Thomas

The Motion was made & seconded to approve the minutes of the November meeting, motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Bill Vargo stated three issues which he would stress;

1. Safety, he has spoken with Tish Kimball and arranged for her to go to a meeting in Atlanta & report back.
2. Adapted Swimming, he has discussed with Apryle Nickson the role adapted swimming plays and has asked her to send a letter to the association making them aware of the program and for schools to be identified where needs exist.
3. He also asked for a job description from each officer to include down to area rep position. (Steve Lochte agreed to this being a need and Helen Kelly mentioned that USA Swimming has theirs posted).

Admn. Vice Chairman: Chuck Burgess - No Report.

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy asked for ideas on improving Senior Meets to be submitted so that they could be considered and incorporated to improve the quality of the meets.

Fred Lewis asked if recommendations for athlete reimbursement had been decided.

Helen Kelly indicated she and Mac would get together this week. Steve Lochte suggested a set amount for Junior Nat'ls, Senior Nat'ls & Olympic Trials and for coaches as well. Duration and location should be considered and have an effect on the amount.

Age Group Vice-Chair: (Todd Mann reports in Nancy Hennessy's absence). Zone selection will include 15/16 again this year. A "wild card" position will be instituted. The

Committee would determine what extra person would be added to improve our team. Bill Vargo asked that Nancy email the board members with their recommendations and a deadline for the decision/selection. Fred Lewis stated he had a problem with a board member not present at meeting making a decision on zones, a brief discussion followed.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson handed out financial report comparing 2002-2004 & explained several figures. Encouraged more coaches to join the coaches association. Also, reported that the cushion for emergencies looks better.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly distributed a handout of registration/membership data. She also reports that the Florida Swimming Handbooks would be mailed out in January mailing. Teams not listed had missed the deadline. Helen reminded the Clubs that the deadline for 2005 bids is March 15, 2004

Officials: Jack Goltz announced there would be a recertification clinic on Sunday as well as at JO's and Sr. Champs. Wells O'Brien will discuss safety issues. Suggestions were requested. Plans to discuss gray areas and how to deal with these issues. Discussed marshaling at meets. The person listed as meet marshal should not have any other responsibility, i.e. coaching. This person would report to the meet management prior to the start of the meet. After the meet starts, the referee may stop the meet until the marshal is back on deck.

Registration: Helen Kelly

1. Fees are in line with last year all team members are registered.
2. 20 to 30% of all times entered for meets do not go through because of inaccurate data. Teams need to enter data correctly!

Dan Jimar asked if we could get a report for times for athletes. Helen explained how data needs to be submitted.

Jack Goltz asked how far back do recorded best times for swimmers go? Helen said 2.5 to 3 years for Florida Swimming, USA extensively for major meets. Jack asked about proving time for Seniors (a lifetime best time). Helen explained it was the coaches' responsibility to prove time not in database, discussion followed. Steve Altheimer suggested this be communicated to clubs so that swimmers don't show up without proof. Dan Jimar asked why faxed entries are accepted for JO's and not Sr. Champs. No answer was available.

Safety: Tish Kimball not present, no report

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte – a written report is attached.

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson not present, no report

Coaches: Scott Caron not present, no report

Athletes: Lindsey Largo/Julie Carusone not present, no report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. "B" Meet Format – not discussed
2. LSC Sponsorship – nothing submitted since last meeting
3. FS SC JO Format – Jeff Poppell not present, he has until March to submit, to be discussed at March 2004 meeting at JO's

Mac Kennedy commented on combined JO/Sr. Champs. If time standards are faster, he suggested area qualifiers have a separate meet leading into championship.

A discussion followed on time standards. Steve Altheimer mentioned if they were too fast some swimmers might "lose interest" if unable to make the cut.

Fred Lewis stated the entry procedures needed to be amended for JO's & Sr. Champs, to be exact times whether SC, LCM or SCM. After discussion, we were reminded that exact times were being required for 2004 JO's.

Fred Lewis asked for the four hour meet fine to be changed to \$5.00 per minute for the first 15 minutes over. Bill Vargo asked Fred to write it up and submit at the March 2004 meeting in Orlando.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clubs attendance at House of Delegates Meetings – The problem of low attendance at annual meeting discussed, the Board agrees a penalty needs to be assessed to teams not sending a delegate. Chuck Burgess stated it is part of obligation and responsibility. Todd Mann stated that it should be a substantial fine. Steve Altheimer was asked to write and submit a proposal. The proposal would require each club to pay a \$350.00 fee with \$100.00 being charged for annual club dues and \$250.00 credited to their account or returned after a delegate has attended the HOD meeting. Any monies made from this imposed fine would go into the "Irene Hackett Scholarship Fund".
2. Patriot Aquatic Refund Request – tabled until March 2004 meeting, information to be submitted at that meeting.
3. LSC Safety Chairs Meeting – mentioned earlier, see above.

OTHER

Dan Jimar motioned we should have faxed entries for Sr. Champs as we do for JO's, Fred Lewis seconded and the motion passed.

Fred Lewis stated meet information should state if ODD/EVEN heats to be used just like "fly-overs" and sanctioned only if both ends are similar, discussion followed no one seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at **2:45pm**.

The Next Board Meeting will held Saturday March 13, 2004 between prelims and finals at JO's in Orlando.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary

**FLORIDA SWIMMING TECHNICAL PLANNING MEETING
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Steve Lochte stated there were two infractions of the four hour rule before the committee. One on October 19, 2003 and the other on November 23, 2003. The October 19th session went four hours and fifteen minutes and the November 23rd session went four hours and seventeen minutes. Steve stated that in his opinion there was no intent to abuse the committed in either of these sessions.

Fred Lewis said we needed to look at the timelines and what the teams had done to shorten sessions and then make decision.

Todd Mann stated his team (Bolles) was one of the teams and that the decision needed to be consistent, that any meets over four hours must pay (There have been fines forgiven in the past).

Jack Goltz read from a report from a referee in which it was suggested the fine be adjusted to include a prororation of minutes.

Chuck Burgess spoke regarding Team Orlando, he stated the meet in December was needed in the LSC. He stated that Teams were turned away but the relays were not canceled. Then team management decided to accept a fine rather than not allow kids to swim.

Steve Lochte asked both teams to submit their timelines and referee report to Jack Goltz. A decision will be made at the March Meeting.

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Gay Wright, Secretary