



**FLORIDA SWIMMING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
O'Connell Center, Gainesville, FL
July 17, 2004
Minutes**

Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. following a brief technical planning meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Bill Vargo, Helen Kelly, Gay Wright, Steve Lochte, Nancy Hennessy, Fred Lewis, Bob Griffiths, Mike Yearwood, Don Henshaw, Scott Caron, Jon Sakovich, Stuart Michelson, Shaun Zitani, Randy Johnson, Helen Ryan, Chuck Burgess, Apryle Nickson, Martyn Wilby, Terry Maul, Sherwood Watts, Jack Goltz and Steve Altheimer.

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

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Bill Vargo - Reminded the Board of his request of a job description. He announced the following nominating committee; Apryle Nickson, Helen Ryan, Bob Griffiths, Fred Lewis and Steve Lochte. Bill stated that meet entries must now include the wording "take the disk" the disk entries will be honored **NOT** the paper copy. This is to avoid confusion and oversights.

Admin. Vice Chairman: Chuck Burgess – No Report

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy – He stated we need to look at scheduling of Sectionals and Senior Champs back to back. Swimmers and coaches are forced to choose since they both involve the same caliber of swimmer.

Age Group Vice-Chair: Nancy Hennessy – Announced Itinerary for Zone Meet is available. She will send it to Helen for the website.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson – Distributed current financial report. Bill inquired as to the monies for the Zone Meet; Stuart stated they were listed under "age group".

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly – Proposed the "Irene Hackett Scholarship be renamed to the Irene & Bud Hackett Scholarship, all agreed.

Helen stated as of September 1st, 2004 membership will increase to \$51.00 and \$28.50 for seasonal.

She mentioned 2004 Convention Plans are being made; areas of interest will be;

1. High Tech Workshop
2. Coaches Certification (probably on Sunday)
3. Officials (if needed)

Registration report –

Type	2004	2003
Athletes	8862	8210
Non-Athletes	685	703
Clubs	101	113

Safety: Tish Kimball – Not present, Bill stated that Tish had attended the meeting in Atlanta in

May and a report from that meeting would be mailed out.

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson – Provided additional info on Mykael Keyser's "Road to Athens". She expressed how proud we are of him. She also stated she is attempting to locate athletes to participate in regular meets. Any help would be appreciated!

Athletes: Julie Carusone & Cassie Batchelder - no report.

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte – Reported that the recommendation for 2005 Long Course Junior Olympics go to Gator Swim Club and 2005 Senior Champs to Indian River. Board proceeded with a paper ballot, after a tie and a revote, Gators were awarded 2005 JOLC and Indian River is awarded 2005 LC Sr Champs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Vargo announced that the Board Meetings would be decreased to four (4) in 2005. They will be held in January, May, July & October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill announced the 2004 recipient of the Irene Hackett Scholarship would be announced at Senior Champs. He also announced that USA Swimming is promoting an "Ultimate Clinic" available to clubs for \$4,000.00

Bill Vargo congratulated Steve and Ryan Lochte for their accomplishments at The Olympic Trials. Ryan has helped promote Florida Swimming.

Steve Lochte thanked the Board and stated "I'm going over as a Dad".

The executive committee met during the Saturday night finals and voted unanimously for Florida swimming to give Steve Lochte \$5,000 to be used toward his trip to Athens.

Way to Go Steve! Swim Fast Ryan! We are all so very proud of you both!!

Mac Kennedy stated our 2004 Zone Team is weak. He feels our selection process is too early. Helen Ryan mentioned the lack of interest in athletes wanting to go is because it's back in Ft. Lauderdale. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

The Next Board Meeting: October 2, 2004, Orlando, Florida

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary