



**FLORIDA SWIMMING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
USA Triathlon Training Center, Clermont, Florida  
May 16, 2004  
Minutes**

Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. after the technical planning meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Bill Vargo, Helen Kelly, Gay Wright, Steve Lochte, Mac Kennedy, Nancy Hennessy, Fred Lewis, Bob Griffiths, Mike Yearwood, Don Henshaw, Larry Shofe, Scott Caron, Jon Sakovich, Stuart Michelson, Shaun Zitani, Julie Carusone and Cassie Batchelder.

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

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**General Chairman:** Bill Vargo - Introduced Cassie Batchelder the new athlete representative.

**Admin. Vice Chairman:** Chuck Burgess – Not Present.

**Senior Vice Chairman:** Mac Kennedy – Senior Champs info should be out next week.

**Age Group Vice-Chair:** Nancy Hennessy – Announced more 15-18 athletes needed for Zones. Selections for all ages should be announced shortly.

**Treasurer:** Stuart Michelson – Distributed and reviewed financial statement. He announced we do have our 501C3 status.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**Executive Director:** Helen Kelly –reported having made 3 mailings on fines; those included championships, times not proven from sectionals and non-registered athletes participating in meets. She further explained that only one non-registered swimmer can negate insurance coverage of the meet. Please send a Hy-tek meet registration file listing swimmers entered in meets 3 days after the deadline entry of the meet (host team/club) to check current athlete registrations.

Helen also shared a Thank You note received from Kiki. Our Best Wishes continue to go out to Kiki!!

**Registration report –**

<u>Type</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Athletes	5424	5291
Seasonal Athletes	1134	823
Non-Athletes	638	649
Clubs	98	105

**Officials:** Bob Griffiths (for Jack Goltz) – Bob reports Florida Swimming currently has 182 registered and/or recertified and approximately 60 uncertified officials. The end of May is the deadline for officials recertification.

Jack Goltz's assignments for the upcoming summer championships are as follows;

JO's – Sue Kelly-Referee, Stephen Plapp-Adm. Referee & Jerry Karp-Chief Judge  
Senior Champs – Don George-Referee, Eva Gronke-Adm Referee & Anne Marie  
Milburn-Chief Judge

Mike Yearwood requested reimbursement for officials lodging at Sr. Champs. It was explained he was responsible for the 3 assigned officials only.

Bob Griffiths stated that he had attended the Paralympic Competition and felt it very rewarding. He encouraged others to get involved. Helen Kelly announced that YTO-Oviedo swimmer, Mykael Keyser coached by Charlie Rose had competed in the Paralympic Trials and qualified to go to Athens, Greece. He is currently ranked #5 in the world in the 50m Freestyle. Note: Mykael is currently in Denver training for the upcoming Paralympics.

**BEST WISHES MYKAEL, BRING HOME THE GOLD!!!!**

**Safety:** Tish Kimball – In attendance at the USA Swimming Safety meeting in Atlanta.

**Adapted Swimming:** Apryle Nickson - not present, no report.

**Athletes:** Julie Carusone & Cassie Batchelder - no report.

**Technical Planning:** Steve Lochte – Reported the 2005 Spring Sectionals would be March 17-20. The Summer Championships are; JO's – July 14-17, Sectionals July 21-24 & Sr Champs July 28-31. December 3<sup>rd</sup> would be the East & West "B" Championships. Also discussed at Technical Planning were additions of locations on the website, to be discussed and voted on in a later meeting

**Coaches:** Scott Caron – reports that Helen Kelly had sent out the bills.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of 2005 FS Meet Schedule** – Steve Lochte asked Sarasota, Clearwater and YTO to "pitch" their sites.

Larry Shofe stated that Sarasota was adding deck space with more shade, portable bleachers, 75 added parking spaces and improved concessions. He also pointed out they were close to a major shopping mall with a food court.

Mike Yearwood stated he and YTO (Gay Wright) were in agreement on JO's and Sectionals. Clearwater would do Sectionals and YTO would host JO's (possible conflict with NCAA). Gay would get back regarding dates. Sarasota would host Spring Senior Champs.

Steve Lochte announced a rebid would go out for the Summer JO's and Sr Champs. Meets would be decided at the July Meeting. Other additions & changes to 2005 schedule were discussed (schedule attached).

## **Resolution of the 2004 Spring JO Event Entry Time Protest**

Bill Vargo explained the Executive Committee decision was made in favor of the swimmers. Bob Griffiths added that the review committee had recommended and not mandated their opinion. Fred Lewis, as the person filing the protest said he understood the decision as a recommendation. Mac Kennedy, as a member of the executive committee, explained the decision was "made in everyone's interest". In

resolution, a possible lawsuit was avoided and the teams involved have been sent a letter of warning.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Helen Kelly explained a one day only membership would strictly be used for open water competition, this would go into effect next year. Dan Jimar explained it would be seasonal and could not be a national event. Helen said the benefit to the athlete would be insurance coverage.

Fred Lewis revisited the insurance coverage if all swimmers aren't registered (see Helen Kelly's report ). Steve Lochte explained lifeguards are a separate entity and their insurance coverage comes from an outside source.

Fred Lewis made a motion to adopt the one day membership as explained above, Steve Lochte seconded, motion passed.

A discussion followed on faxed entries for JO's, two suggestions emerged; increasing the fax entry fee & who should get the fees. It was then stated that the age group chairperson, Nancy Hennessy was responsible for the meet letter, she was asked to consider these suggestions when drafting the letter.

Stuart Michelson asked if disk entries are required at this time and if so, are the fines being imposed to the clubs not in compliance. The effective date has passed, clubs will be subject to a penalty.

Steve Lochte made a motion to add several areas (links) to the FS website; *Aquatic Supply Services* would list any items teams within the LSC would like to advertise for resale or need of swimming equipment. The 2<sup>nd</sup> site would advertise any team hosting a swim camp, teams within our LSC would pay \$100.00, teams outside would pay \$300.00 per.

Jon Sakovich asked how long the \$100.00 would cover? January 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> was provided.

Scott Caron mentioned these monies would go to the Irene Hackett Scholarship Fund.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Yearwood mentioned the need for cutting costs at Sr Champs, are individual awards needed?

Steve Lochte suggested providing T-shirts to top three, both Julie Carusone and Cassie Batchelder agreed that getting a T-shirt would be more favorable than getting a medal. At that point different ideas were coming from the attendees, Bill Vargo asked Mike Yearwood to draft a proposal and submit it to Steve Lochte for Technical Planning review and recommendation.

Fred Lewis motioned for a waiver to allow 2 swimmers, unable to compete last year due to injuries, have their times count for 4 year rule. Seconded and passed.

Jon Sakovich asked the board to consider the number meetings being held. An entire day is required for driving back and forth. Larry Shofe stated his observation was that meetings held at meets were not as productive.

Several comments were made in favor of conference calls provided they were not too long in duration.

Bill Vargo added that he would prefer meetings not be held at JO's.

This matter will be further addressed at the next meeting.

The Next Board Meeting: Long Course JO's in Gainesville.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary