



**FLORIDA SWIMMING, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Radisson Barceló' Hotel, Orlando, FL  
October 2, 2004**



**Minutes**

Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.. Those in attendance were as follows: Bill Vargo, Helen Kelly, Gay Wright, Steve Lochte, Nancy Hennessy, Fred Lewis, Bob Griffiths, Mike Yearwood, Don Henshaw, Stuart Michelson, Randy Johnson, Terry Maul, Jack Goltz, Cashel Mack, Cassie Batchelder, Scott Kimmelman, Craig Fischer, Steve Fenning and Ty Segrest.

Helen Kelly mentioned the omission of Rick Benner's name from the list of attendees on the minutes of the last meeting. Having made this correction the minutes were accepted.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**General Chairman:** Bill Vargo – Provided copies of his report; recapping his first year. Safety and Adapted Swimming remains the focus. Bill mentioned the *National Aquatics Convention* (held in Orlando 2 weeks prior) and that moving forward USAS delegates would be required to attend Wednesday's Luncheon, Thursday's Zone Meeting, and Friday's Breakfast in order to be informed and areas discussed prior to actual voting. The 2005 Convention will be held in North Carolina.

A discussion on new officers attending the convention followed.

We may consider electing delegates/officers earlier in the year. Helen explained the overlay in positions would be good for training purposes. Job descriptions can be handed down to help with training.

Additionally Bill mentioned the zone team needs improvement. He has asked Chuck Burgess (Admin. Vice Chairman) and Sherwood Watts (new Age Group Chairman) to work together in improving our Zone Team and promoting it to athletes, parents and coaches as well as the age group program.

**Admin. Vice Chairman:** Chuck Burgess – Not in attendance, no report

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

**Age Group Vice-Chair:** Nancy Hennessy – Report is in the book.

**Treasurer:** Stuart Michelson – Distributed current financial statement, incomplete data for September due to the storms. Overall in good shape for the year. Budget for zones had been discussed w/Sherwood Watts. Recommended the "All-Star" and "Zone Team Meets have a budget also. The Market & Mutual Funds for first 6 months are good, about even at present.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**Executive Director:** Helen Kelly –

- A. Starting in 2005 Helen is to have all entries two (2) days after deadline to allow time for any corrections and make it possible to go into SWIMS database.
- B. HY-TEK is a time saver for registration; she suggests we run clinics to help

train. Workshops will be set up & posted.

- C. Florida Swimming and Florida Gold Coast are being asked to be the “guinea pigs” for background checks. USA Swimming to institute requirement in 2007. Vote will be taken in 2005. The charge for this check will be added to the coach’s fee, \$50 to \$75 locally. No one will see results; if something is flagged it will be handled by USA Swimming. This has been deemed necessary due to problems nationally. Volunteers are welcome!
- D. On-line rosters will change; they will no longer include USAS number or sex of athletes due to privacy laws.
- E. Deadline for submitting Top 16 info is October 15, 2004.

**Officials Chairman:** Jack Goltz reported there had been an officials meeting earlier in the afternoon. He announced the list of officials and their teams would be posted monthly. Rules and regulations states number of officials required for teams wishing to host meets. He said sanction requests need to be checked to make sure the officials are on the teams list and the request is accurate. He suggested that sanction requests be sent in earlier. A suggestion was made to have year around teams registered by August 31<sup>st</sup> instead of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Randy Johnson read from the rules and regulations and questioned why a date was needed. Helen explained the purpose is to make sure clubs are developing officials. Bill directed interested parties to write up proposals and submit at the January Meeting. Jack mentioned officials have changed their team affiliation to another just to get that team a sanction, he suggested the 120 day rule apply. This too would need to be proposed in writing in January. Jack further stated that over 20 officials were available to do clinics a list will be made available on the website.

**Registration Chairman:** Helen Kelly – Report is in the book.

**Safety:** Tish Kimball – Reviewed the “Hot Topics” at the meeting she attended in Atlanta. She reviewed Meet Safety in regards to separating age groups for warm-ups and keeping spectators off the pool deck during meets. Marshalling needs direction and attention to follow through.

Insurance – Lightning safety, Red Cross has entered a partnership with USA Swimming, a video on safety is available.

Tish will be visiting upcoming meets and observing safety procedures.

**Adapted Swimming:** Apryle Nickson – Not in attendance, report is in the book.

**Technical Planning:** Steve Lochte – Reviewed the following changes to the proposed calendar;

- A. January 8 Distance event by GCST
- B. January 22-23 Southside
- C. January 28-30 YTO
- D. February 25-26 changed to 18-20
- E. April 15 SPA Long Course (50m)
- F. May 7 Sarasota Scratched Meet
- G. May 13-15 St. Petersburg is a Long Course Meet (50m)
- H. May 14-15 Brandon Blue Wave
- I. June 4 Sarasota Scratched Meet
- J. June 17-19 Sarasota changed to 23-26
- K. June 24-26 Bolles changed to 6/30 thru 7/3
- L. June 24-26 YTO
- M. November 13-15 Cocoa Beach (25yd)

**Coaches Representative:** – Scott Caron, not in attendance, Bill Vargo announced a meeting would be held later at Houlihan’s

**Athletes:** Cassie Batchelder – provided a report on the convention and announced that Grant Nelson was elected as Southern Zone Athlete Representative on USA Board of Directors.

Other: Bob Griffiths mentioned Para Olympics and how rewarding it is to watch.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Helen Kelly – the language change for Junior Olympic meet information to state “disk only” entries still require the hard copy. Any corrupted disks will be team’s responsibility. Faxed entries to continue for short course, but recommends we do not allow for long course.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jon Sakovich – Zones – very well prepared took 5<sup>th</sup> place for girls and 4<sup>th</sup> place for boys. Several US Open cuts were achieved, one high point and 67% best times.

Great Meet but needs support of the coaches to improve. 2004 team was very well behaved. Coaches did great job on focus. Jon volunteered to be Head Coach for 2005 Zone Team that will travel to Houston Texas.

Fred Lewis asked Jon what he thought of the selection process. Jon shared info he had gathered at the meet. Terry Maul asked how other teams got support of the meet. A discussion followed on how to make Zone Team better.

Bill Vargo asked Jon to work with Chuck Burgess and Sherwood Watts on Zone Team improvement.

Helen Kelly proposes that the entries for the 4 Championships (JO’s and Sr. Champs) go to Florida Swimming or an independent, non-biased third party for input.

Stuart Michelson recommends email of last chance entries instead of fax.

Bill Vargo read a letter from Lake Highland requesting the 3 fines imposed for meets 4/17, 4/26 & 4/27 be waived. A motion was made and seconded a discussion followed. Motion was defeated by vote, fines remain in effect.

Bill Vargo introduced Mark Wilson a referee from area 6, Mark suggested a committee to review rules and regulations and to “recodify”. This committee should have a representative from each area. He will provide a written recommendation at a later date.

Bill Vargo suggested Mark present his recommendation to the House of Delegates, who will form a committee, review the recommendation and send it to Helen Kelly to be brought before the board for approval. Helen suggested calling a historian, possibly Jim Kelly, to be on the committee.

A motion was made by Nancy Hennessy to adjourn and was seconded by Stuart Michelson; meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary