



**FLORIDA SWIMMING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
USA Triathlon Training Center
Clermont, Florida
May 14, 2005**

Minutes

Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. following a Technical Planning meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Bill Vargo, Helen Kelly, Gay Wright, Steve Lochte, Mike Yearwood, Don Henshaw, Jon Sakovich, Stuart Michelson, Chuck Burgess, Sherwood Watts, Mac Kennedy, Alphonzo Forbes, Larry Shofe, Tish Kimball, Scott Kimmelman, Julie Carusone, Gina Mayer and Brittany Boldizar. Guests in attendance were Ed Spencer-USM-USA Swimming Center and Tim Buchanan. The motion was made & seconded to approve the minutes of the February meeting, motion carried

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Bill Vargo – Announced there would be a brief Executive meeting immediately following the Board. He also announced that beginning in 2006 all four championship meets would have the Meet Information generated and mailed from the Florida Swimming Office. At the July meeting the Board will vote on the host clubs for the 2006 championship meets, bids have been extended until May 31, 2005. He reported he has been working on flow charts to show “who is responsible for what”, identifying duties: which may surprise some. He stated after much research he was unable to find anything in the Florida Swimming By Laws listing what members compile the Executive Committee, this can be addressed in October at the HOD Meeting.

Administrative Vice Chairman: Chuck Burgess – No Report. Chuck congratulated the Sarasota YMCA Sharks Girls for winning the Short Course YMCA Nationals.

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy – He stated we need to look at the reimbursement for Junior Nationals athletes attending the summer meet in California, proposing we leave it at the discretion of Senior Chairman and Helen Kelly. Following a discussion, Bill announced he was appointing a committee to look at the reimbursement of athletes. Those on the committee are Mac Kennedy, Steve Lochte, Helen Kelly, Sherwood Watts and himself.

Age Group Vice-Chair: Sherwood Watts– Reviewed his 2006 Age Group All-Star Proposal. Discussion followed on changes. One suggestion was to attend the Southern Zone Eastern Section Age Group Championship, with the possibility of hosted it in our LSC. Our guest, Ed Spencer injected it had been a large meet this past spring at Dynamo. Sherwood commented on the All Star Meet, he indicated he thought more athletes need to compete, that we revise the scoring structure but overall how successful our 2005 Team had been defeating Gold Coast. The Zone Meet was discussed briefly, again reiterating the fact it needs to be earlier so that our best team could be sent.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson – Distributed current financial report. Stuart pointed out the negative deficit is not a concern and that the mutual funds numbers were down about 1% due to market.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly – Helen stated the Bud and Irene Scholarship Committee would need to replace Apryle Nickson. Bill Vargo recommended that Jack Goltz be her replacement. She announced the HOD Meeting is set for October 9th weekend at the Radisson in Orlando. Rooms are blocked until September 1, for those interested. Helen requested program suggestions in addition to the Business Mgt. Meeting most likely being provided by USA Swimming. She further announced she has been working on organizing a media public service announcement with general info on Florida Swimming, both audio and video, that our LSC clubs would be able to use.

Officials: Jack Goltz- Not in Attendance. Written report submitted.

Registration: Helen Kelly- Reported current numbers,

<u>Type</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Athletes	7068	6558
Non-Athletes	653	638
Chartered Clubs	97	98
note: there are three new clubs awaiting processing		

Safety: Tish Kimball – Distributed two handouts: up-to-date accident report and a list of safety co-coordinators by team.

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson – Not in attendance. No report.

Technical Planning: Bill Vargo reported data from the meeting held earlier, Steve Lochte in attendance at Board Meeting was unable to attend TP. Bill announced the Short Course Championship dates for 2006 are Sectionals-March 9-12, Junior Olympics-March 16-19, Sr .Champs-March 23-26 and USA Spring Championship - March 28-Apr 1. Long Course dates are Sectionals- July 5-9, Junior Olympics- July 20-23, and Sr. Champs-July 27-30. Several changes in 2005 calendar include; Cocoa is adding a one day meet, 25yd, June 25 and GCTS a 50M Sept.23-25. Proposed additions to the 2006 calendar are Area 6 – July 7-8, CFM - Oct 13-15, GSC – Dec 1-3, B Champs – Dec 9, and one change in date, RATS – Feb 11-12. Motion was made to approve, seconded by Stuart Michelson, passed. Bill announced a task force will review meet proposals for 2007 (including Sherwood's Age Group proposal and report back in January 2006 with recommendation. The members of the task force are Chuck Burgess, Don Henshaw, Scott Kimmelman, Larry Shofe, committee chairman, and Mike Yearwood. Helen suggested they contact clubs throughout the LSC for their input. By having this ready in January, we could notify the Sectional Committee of our decisions in March.

Coaches: Scott Caron – Not in attendance. A written report was submitted. Stuart commented that coaches needed to be encouraged to join and pay dues, FS is not going to fund or need to pay for coaches activities, other members agreed wholeheartedly.

Athletes: Julie Carusone, Ex. Officio Rep, introduced Brittany Boldizsar, Sr. Rep and Gina Mayer, Jr. Rep Gina announced they would like to have information on the website for athletes; surveys, etc. Bill instructed them to get the info to Helen Kelly and she would take care of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Championship Meet Entry Person – Helen distributed the job criteria for this position, requesting that interested parties contact the FS Office. Sherwood asked for an explanation of need for this person. Helen recounted before mentioned reasons. Bill explained at July meeting we will ask for approval of requirements and vote to accept..

NEW BUSINESS:

Cancelled Championship Meets- Discussion was held, do we fine? What happens if club bids on meet and decides to not host? No decision. It was suggested that the host club of a championship meet block rooms at local hotels for room availability.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Executive Session followed

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Wright, Secretary