FLORIDA SWIMMING, INC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Brandon Sports and Aquatic Center, Brandon, Florida
May 14, 2006

MINUTES

Chairman Bill Vargo called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM following a technical planning meeting. Those in attendance were as follows: Bill Vargo, Helen Kelly, Gay Wright, Stuart Michelson, Peter Banks, Sherwood Watts, Jack Goltz, Mike Yearwood, Ryan Woodruff, Don Henshaw, Randy Johnson, Fred Lewis, Tom Keer, Gina Mayer, Lauren Nightingale and guest, Melissa Hellervik-Bing,

Bill Vargo reminded the board that the meeting would be taped and to speak loudly. This is in concordance of USA Swimming.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Bill Vargo –Bill announced there would be an Executive Committee meeting immediately following the board. He stated he needs a commitment from those planning to attend the National Convention in Detroit. Those eligible to attend are Bill, Helen Kelly, Chuck Burgess, Peter Banks, Larry Shofe, Sherwood Watts and the athlete reps, Gina and Lauren.

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

Senior Vice Chairman: Peter Banks- Peter announced he had attended The National Team Coaches Meeting in Colorado Springs and had been informed of changes forthcoming on National Calendar. This had been discussed in the preplanning and in Technical Planning; the results will be discussed in New Business.

Age Group Vice-Chair: Sherwood Watts- Information to be covered in New Business.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson - Passed out year to date financial reports. He will have a watchful eye on reimbursements for senior national athletes as the numbers continue to come in. He is encouraged that registration numbers are up for the year. Our investments are currently at 4%.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly – Stated a template has been completed for each of the four championship meets this will avoid having it checked by numerous people. The only change will be to add date and location and should any rules be changed. Gay asked if this would include $10.00 fine rule. Helen explained it had been an oversight which caused the confusion at Senior Champs.

The Bud and Irene Scholarship info has been posted. A committee will need to be appointed to oversee as entries come in.

Officials: Jack Goltz- Jack thanked Peter Banks for his time and effort for speaking at the recertification meeting at JO's and Steve Lochte for speaking at Sectionals. We currently have 132 officials recertified and "good to go" from June 2006- 2008. We have 27 partially complete and 84 to go through entire process. They have 120 days to complete. Our total will be 240 upon completion. Jack asked for the motions tabled at the last meeting be tabled until the next meeting.

Registration: Helen Kelly – Reported current numbers vs. previous year;

	2006	**2005**
ATHLETE MEMBERS	7485	7068
NON-ATHLETE	674	653
CHARTERED CLUBS	97	97

Safety: Tish Kimball –Not present, no report

Disability Swimming: Mitzi Tighe **–***not in attendance, no report. Bill stated we need to look into reimbursement for disability athletes attending the national competition level. He has received one request from a meet attended last fall. Stuart asked if we would be offering the same as to our senior athletes. After discussion Bill indicated he would ask Mitzi to work up a proposal with specific meets and any additional criteria and bring it before the board.*

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte – Not present. Bill Vargo will present report in New Business

Coaches: Larry Shofe-Not present for Board had attended Technical Planning. Bill announced there will be a clinic with ASCA and Florida Swim Coaches Association on April 20, 2007, most likely in Sarasota.

Athletes: Gina Mayer and Lauren Nightingale- Gina introduced Lauren to the Board. She was elected at the Senior Champ Meet in Clearwater, she is from the Central Florida Marlins. They plan to continue the information for athletes on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

. None to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sectional Report- Peter Banks stated that the sectional committee had met and voted against our proposed date for sectionals, voting to have it one week earlier. There have also been questions regarding the on-line entry process for sectionals. This was a decision of Duffy Dillon and Jay Thomas. Moving forward the USA Swimming Data Base best times will be used for all championship meets. We need to look at how Sectionals fit into the national calendar.

FS vs FGC Meet Report- Sherwood Watts spoke of the success of Junior Olympics with revised time standards, especially in 10 and under boys, it helped increase the numbers. Meet went well. The All-Star Meet went well. The changes in scoring and increasing our field helped as it came "down to the wire" but….**Florida Swimming Rules!!!!!! Thanks to our athletes and coaches for an excellent job.** Based on our earlier JO's for next year, Sherwood will discuss a possible date of April 15 with Gold Coast. Suggestion has been made to have next year be long course.

Zone Meet Report- Sherwood reported rooms and bus transportation have been arranged for Georgia Tech Zone Meet. There is a need for another female coach to be added as the 13-14 girls coach. There will be pick-up and drop-off spots at Tampa, Ocala and Lake City, this will save families from driving to one central pick-up. The details to ensure that athletes will be supervised at all times at these sites are being worked out. It's of utmost importance to do this. There will be a Zone Selection Table at Sectional's and JO's to sign athletes up to fill the roster. We will take the top 10 in the 15-18 age group (with 9th and 10thbeing wild card) and the top 7 from 11-12 and 13-14 with 7th being wild card. We will increase the athlete cost to $375, which is covering everything except a lunch going and coming back. This is a great deal and opportunity for those qualifying.

The Open Water Swim will be part of the meet on Sunday. The cost of $20.00 per athlete will be covered by Florida Swimming.

2007 Championship Meet Dates and Bid Schedule Bill reviewed the dates we had agreed to at the last board meeting adding the **Florida Spring Long Course Championship for March 16-18.** This decision was made due to the National Schedule. The Sectional Meet will most likely be held in FGC area March 8-11. The format for the new championship will be decided after Larry Shofe sends out a survey asking coaches to decide between a 2!/2 or 3 day, and whether prelims/finals or timed finals. A discussion followed. Peter will contact Duffy Dillon of our decision.

Posted as reminder of dates decided upon at last meeting.

SHORT COURSE

February 22-25, 2007	Junior Olympics
March 1-4, 2007	Senior Championships
March 15-18, 2007	Southern Sectional
March 27-31, 2007	Spring Nationals

LONG COURSE

July 5-8, 2007	Junior Olympics
July 18-22, 2007	Southern Sectionals
July 26-29, 2007	Senior Championships
July 31-August 4, 2007	Summer Nationals
August 7-11, 2007	Junior Nationals

The bid schedule was reviewed with Bill going thru each month asking for corrections, additions or questions. The Spring JOs have bids from CLW and CFYR , we will select the team at our next meeting. A lengthy decision followed about board meeting frequency and locations. Fred Lewis suggested going back to having a July meeting at JO's on Thursday. Bill agreed to keep it August this year and possibly try JO's next year. The important thing is to get the most participation from members. The elimination of an August meeting was suggested, but Mike Yearwood commented for those bidding on meets, they need a decision before October. Peter suggested using a conference call with the Executive Committee. Our final decision, August meeting would stay for this year. Due to travel and busy schedules we will try to select central locations and as few dates as possible. Most agreed it's better to do a 'face to face" rather than conference call. Moving forward in covering the proposed calendar, Bill mentioned having bids from the Gators and CFYR for JOs and IRCC and CAT for Senior Champ's, both in July. Fred Lewis questioned the date of JOs, after a discussion and review it was decided to move JOs to July 12-15, which is one week prior to Sectionals. With this change Stuart Michelson was asked to check the Trinity schedule to see if they could host Area meet around new schedule.

Next Board of Directors Meeting will be in August, meeting time and place will be announced at a later date.
Stuart motioned meeting to be adjourned, Gina with second.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:51 P.M. WOW!!

Respectfully submitted
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Gay Wright, Secretary