

FGC LMSC Board Meeting

Coral Springs Aquatic Center, Saturday, August 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Barb Protzman, Chair

In attendance: Barb Protzman- Chair, Registrar & Newsletter, Linda Bostic- Vice Chair, Eddie Ames- Treasurer, Sarah Bennett-Secretary, Matt Hooper, Catherine Rust-Open Water/Long Distance & Awards, Rory Grigull-Sanctions, Francois Cauldrillier-Top Ten, Dale LeClair-Webmaster, Melanie Andara-Fitness. Team Reps: John Grzeszczak-Hammerheads, Debbie Cavanaugh- GOLD, Cav Cavanaugh- GOLD. Others-Fran Hare-PBM, Martha Fowler—Diversity in Aquatics, Rebecca Smith-PBM, Joan Craffey-PBM.

1. Roll Call- Sarah Bennett took roll call of officers, chairs & balance of attendees by asking names.

2. Minutes from Last Meeting (Board Mtg 6-24-18)-Minutes were sent out with agenda. Everyone has seen the minutes. John Grzeszczak motioned to approve, Rory Grigull 2nd. Passed; all approved.

3. Officers/Committee Reports-

☐ **Chair-Barb Protzman**-called meeting to order.

☐ **Vice Chair- Linda Bostic**-no report.

☐ **Secretary-Sarah Bennett**-no report.

☐ **Treasurer-Eddie Ames**-no report.

☐ **Registrar-Barb Protzman**- Total 2018 Registered FGC Swimmers is 1507 as of 8/24/18. Last year there were 1856 members, 712 members withdrew from swimming. John Grzeszczak inquired about clubs with only 1-2 members.

☐ **Safety Chair Position-Chris Rieder**-not present

☐ **Fitness Chair-Melanie Andara** new chair

☐ **Top 10-Francois Caudrillier**-only meet for this season has been uploaded. Sarah Bennett still owes Francois the spreadsheets for the LMSC Records. Linda Bostic cannot understand why it is taking Sarah Bennett so long to update this past year's records and Sarah explained the delay is due to her new job and inability to locate files due to moving company at beginning of the year-old company gave no access to files.

☐ **Open Water/Long Distance Chair-Catherine Rust**-no report

☐ **Sanctions Chair-Rory Grigull**- meet today will require a re-sanction for the new date.

☐ **Awards/Banquet-Catherine Rust** 2019 Banquet has been set for Sunday 6/2/18 at Galuppi's and need a deposit for \$250 now. The price will be \$31.33/pp which is same cost as last year. It was asked if the venue could be lunch in lieu of dinner? It is believed either lunch or dinner will cost same however Catherine Rust will inquire. The Plaques have run out of space. Debbie Cavanaugh mentioned EDCO in Pompano or at 441 & Davie-mention Deb at Gold Coast and they will honor the \$100 perpetual plaque.

☐ **Webmaster-Dale LeClair**-Website has been redesigned and moving to WIX vs being housed on Dale's MS Computer at home. The website will be easier to change but cannot load to USMS unless a fee is paid. The fee is \$7/month without ads. John Grzeszczak offered to pick up the cost. Deb Cavanaugh believes only officers have rights to change links to club websites. Deb Cavanaugh moved to do new website format for 1 year and the LMSC should pay the fee. Eddie Ames motioned to approve to go with Dale's recommendation for website hosted on

USMS for 1st year paid by our LMSC and after a year it will be reviewed to decide if it will be renewed, John Grzeszczak 2nd and group approved.

☒ **Coaches**-Patrick Billingsley-not present

☒ **Officials Chair**- Barb Protzman noted the position to be filled by Ken Hosfeld has not been officially confirmed to date.

4. Old Business-

Convention-9/26/18-9/30/18 in Jacksonville. 8 total-3 National Committee members and 5 delegates with 2 open spots last meeting. Martha Fowler-Diversity is interested, and Sheryl Tucker has expressed interest. John Grzeszczak motioned and Linda Bostic 2nd, all agreed. The attendees will be Barb Protzman-Rules, Matt Hooper-Rules, Catherine Rust-Long Distance, Linda Bostic-PBM, Chris Rieder-PBM, Melanie Andara-PBM, Martha Fowler and Cheryl Tucker. Barb suggested read in advance Rules, Convention packet. There are motions in rules to change relays in yards to be like meters for age grouping and this motion is not being recommended by the committee. There is also a rule about no physio tape and legislation is discussing college club swimmers having a championship meet by setting up a different class in masters swimming for college clubs. USA Age Group waives all age groups, college groups no age groups-rights and privileges. USMS Board Directors-removed voting for finance, legislation, Long Distance and Rules. Restructure-streamlined and remove past presidents from voting. South Texas combined rules & legislation to one committee. None of these were recommended by the committee.

5. New Business-

LMSC Website-discussed in Committee Reports

LMSC Logo-The official Logo has a Sun/Palm Tree was used in 2014. Since then Jen Huelett came up with another logo which was not voted on and ended up on the website and awards. Awards need to reflect the old logo not the new one. It is possible in the future to have a contest for a new logo. The option to have a contest for a new logo will be discussed again at the December annual meeting. John Grzeszczak motioned to return to old logo, 2nd & approved.

Registration Forms for Convention were given out and the \$180 fee which will be paid by LMSC.

Meetings- The annual meeting will be held at Coral Springs SCM Meet in December.

Upcoming Meets-Coral Springs SCM Dixie Zone Championship will be Dec 1st-2nd. Coral Springs Last Chance Meet postponed today due to weather and will be rescheduled to Sunday, September 23, 2018 with Warm up starting at 8 a.m.

Martha Fowler-Diversity Aquatics-Wants to make optional committee meeting @ annual meeting. There is a creation of a new committee for Diversity and Inclusion vs Task Force at the national level. East Sunrise is creating new programs for Black & Hispanic to close gap found to be cultural. Coach Thaddeus says hello to everyone.

Awards-Sarah Bennett read an email from Jamie Harrington SFTL regarding the rules for Swimmer of the year. Jamie noted the Swimmer of the year last year was a member of our LMSC however she does not reside her nor did she compete in any of our local meets. *U.S. Master's Swimming does not restrict membership and any swimmer, regardless of location can join any USMS Club regardless of location. Whereas the Florida Gold Coast LMSC Bylaws defines the jurisdiction of the FGC LMSC as follows in Article I: C. JURISDICTION the FGC LMSC has jurisdiction over the sport of Masters Swimming as has been delegated to it by USMS, Inc. The geographical boundaries of FGC LMSC are: Counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and that part of Hendry County east of Route 833 in the State of Florida. I move that the person(s) awarded Swimmer of the Year (pool & open water) should reside/train within the geographic jurisdiction.* Point of discussion. I know we have snow birds. I believe if they want to amend this, then I would be willing to take a friendly amendment to state they need to reside in the area for a minimum of 3 months. Item

was discussed in detail-Linda Bostic noted the swimmer who got the award did not want it however the award was ordered without a discussion. Discussion on the policy and possible future task force to re-visit the standards was discussed. The idea that the swimmer needed to swim in 1 event in each course in our LMSC was discussed but decided that we do not offer enough meets to make this possible. Eventually it was decided that the pool swimmer of the year must complete in an event in each course (LCM, SCY and SCM) during the year and at least 1 local meet in our LMSC to qualify for consideration. The group would not approve the residence requirement of 3 months. John Grzeszczak motioned to approve and Deb Cavanaugh 2nd, group approved. Local open water sanctioned events do not exist so that cannot be criteria for the Open Water Swimmer of the year. Discussion was brought up why we give awards for World Ranking at our local LMSC and it was noted this was not done in the past, so this will be discussed in the future.

Future Business

LMSC Logo-Contest for new logo

Awards-Task force to revisit policies/rules

6. Adjournment:

- **John Grzeszczak motion to adjourn, Dale LeClaire 2nd. Approved and adjourned at 3:30 pm.**