

FGC LMSC Board Meeting – Annual Meeting

Coral Springs Aquatic Center, Saturday, December 2, 2018-3:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Barb Protzman, Chair

In attendance: Barb Protzman- Chair, Registrar & Newsletter, Eddie Ames- Treasurer, Sarah Bennett-Secretary, Catherine Rust-Open Water/Long Distance & Awards, Rory Grigull-Sanctions. Team Reps: John Grzeszczak-Hammerheads, Debbie Cavanaugh- GOLD. Others-Steve Dougherty-1776-Deleware Masters, Cecilia McCloskey-SFTL, Grant Whitcomb-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 8-25-18)-Minutes were sent out and posted on website. Everyone has seen the minutes. Deb Cavanaugh motioned to approved, John Grzeszczak 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**-Financials-noted he sent to Sarah Bennett to copy and bring to meeting. Sarah Bennett noted she only received a copy of the balance of the bank account-however Eddie Ames had email copy of sent financials-Sarah Bennett noted perhaps something got lost in her email-she was unaware it was her responsibility to provide the copies-in future Eddie Ames was directed to bring the financials vs depending on others to provide.

Eddie reported the bank balance is \$14,912. Balance income/expenses in the black Jan-Nov18 +\$13,722 – expenses -\$11,771= \$2,011 which may have additional income for registrations in Nov & Dec and still requires payout to clubs approximately \$6K (based on last year). The convention cost \$4,617. Linda Bostic helped to save \$s by renting a van to save flying cost. Next year the convention will take place in St. Louis and Jacksonville the year after. 2 people had to cancel-one for work trip and other for father's illness. Only lost convention fee. 5 attended last year and Matt Hooper's costs were paid by ASCA. Steve Dougherty noted 1776 had 30 people attend the convention. Eddie mentioned Chris Reider never cashed his check and Martha asked for her check to be re-issued.

A list of the clubs that have attended meetings were given-Sarah Bennett noted that Diversity in Aquatics had attended (which was not noted) Therefore the following clubs that have attended meetings included the following: Diversity in Aquatics (10 members)-Thaddeus Gamory, Gold Coast Masters (239 members)-Barbara Protzman, Hammerhead Aquatics (74 members)-John Grzeszczak, Performance Aquatics (28 members)-Kathleen Prindle, Palm Beach Masters (547 members)-Linda Irish Bostic, Swim Fort Lauderdale (381 members)-Marty Hendrick. \$5/member for attendee will be issued.

☑ **Registrar-Barb Protzman**- Total 2018 Registered FGC Swimmers is 1587 (1856 last year). Barb also provided list of Clubs and number of members each which is attached.

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

☑ **Fitness Chair-Melanie Andara**-not present

☑ **Top 10-Francois Caudrillier**-not present

□ **Open Water/Long Distance Chair-Catherine Rust**-Reported Long Distance rule changes-Personal Buoys are being allowed in non-National Championship events. If the participants elect to wear a buoy, the swimmer would be considered in the non-traditional category unless all participants are required to wear. Also rule pass last year about being able to hang onto a support boat changed to only being allowed if meet director puts it into the meet information. Catherine also provided a list of the current events (attached). Emphasize if the OW event is not USMS sanctioned there is no insurance. An may want to check with the event host on the insurance.

□ **Awards/Banquet-Catherine Rust** Ann Thomas officially passed the torch to Catherine Rust. The 2019 Banquet has been set for Sunday pm 6/2/18 at Galuppi's. They inquired into having the banquet on 2 Saturday evenings that would have fit into the schedule however both were booked back in August. There were too many conflicts to hold Saturday lunch and Galuppi's is not open for Sunday lunch (others disputed this fact but ok with current plan). Edco (Melissa) is getting back to Catherine Rust on pricing for plaque. According to Ann Thomas Edco has the nameplates but the cost of the plaque is higher. A comparison will be made. A copy of the official logo is needed for the awards.

☑ **Sanctions Chair-Rory Grigull**- Currently have sanction request for Master's Challenge meet at Swim Fort Lauderdale for Feb 15th-17th. There is also a meet upcoming in March-Snag Holmes at PBMs which requires a referee-the head referee Beth Wilkerson may be interested.

□ **Webmaster-Dale LeClair**-not present-Ingrid Bon can help on the 2019 OW calendar and attached list of open water events may need to be added to the website.

□ **Coaches-Patrick Billingsley**-not present

□ **Officials Chair-** Ken Hosfeld has not been officially confirmed to date.

4. Old Business-

Convention-

Awards - Catherine Rust wanted to correct previous note that Karlyn Pipes Neilson was told that she was to be SOTY in March 2018 and she was honored with the award. At the time she noted she was unable to attend the event and Catherine Rust told her at the time she would send the award. She thought the notes noted that Karlyn was not aware of the award which was not what was discussed.

Catherine Rust noted World Ranking have been a part of the banquet at least for the last 6 years. The banquet chairperson has a list of those that have received a world ranking award and selects those that have never received an award or someone who hasn't received in several years. The recipients of the award must attend the banquet. Since most of the SFTL did not attend the last banquet, all of the 6 WR swimmers at the banquet received an award. It was unusual circumstances.

Catherine Rust noted the current qualification for the pool swimmer of the year must be a member of the LMSC for the year being awarded and must re-register with the LMSC for the current year. The award recipient cannot change LMSC's during the award year. The swimmer who accumulates the most points based on Top 10 individual finishes in SCY, LCM and SCM. Points awarded 11-1st, 9-2nd, 8th-3rd.... The qualification for long distance swimmer of the year with the accumulation of points based on the National Championship OW, USMS Sanctioned Open Water swims in Dixie Zone and the National Postal Swims. Proposal in addition to the criteria in place is the pool swimmer of the year must compete in an event in each course: SCY, LCM and SCM. Swim in at least 1 meet within the boundaries of the LMSC.

All in attendance voted to the criteria of pool swimmer of the year to be a member of the LMSC the year of the award and re-registered for the current year, compete in each course: SCY, LCM and SCM, and compete in at least one local meet. They must have represented the local LMSC club in the 3 courses anywhere and 1 local meet.

5. New Business- Meetings-

USMS Leadership Summit - Occurs every 2 years. This year is in Phoenix the 1st weekend of March (1st & 2nd). Commitment to attend is needed by January 15th. Cost is USMS pays half hotel (\$139/night), all meals provided; LMSC pays airfare. Barb Protzman will attend.

College Club Swimming-Rules change-voted for 8-4 not contested.

Awards- Add Service Award to LMSC & USMS-Award will be named June Krauser Award- Catherine Rust motioned to approved, Eddie Ames 2nd. Passed; all approved. John Grzeszczak will sponsor the award and pay for the award. It was mentioned that there was too much \$s spend on the All American top 10 awards total was \$3,000. Previously the awards were under \$10. Deb Cavanaugh suggested throws-fleece which was done previously. Last year awards cost \$12.50/each. It was mentioned that it would be nice to have SFTL attend the banquet. It is planned that you can still receive your award if you do not attend the banquet.

Upcoming Meets

Y Nationals Info - will be on 4/11-14-info will be sent out to the entire LMSC for membership. The YMCA of South Florida will be the LMSC club. Many will use this meet as a tune up before nationals. John Grzeszczak motioned to approve sending out the info, Sarah Bennett 2nd, all approved.

Payments-Eddie to process payment to clubs by end of year, \$5/swimmer, for each club that has been represented at least 1 meeting/year. 30 clubs were registered last year and only 18 have renewed so far this year. Clubs pay USMS \$45 and LMSC \$25. Push to renew by Nov 1st. Gold Club members must prove the coach is certified.

Future Business

LMSC Logo – The LMSC checks currently have the incorrect logo - this should be corrected on next order.

6. Adjournment:

o **John Grzeszczak motion to adjourn, Catherine Rust 2nd. Approved and adjourned at 5:30 pm.**