

Minutes of the SCLMC Meeting
December 10, 2011

The meeting of the SCLMC was held at the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Pool, Columbia, South Carolina on December 10, 2011. Those present were: Joel Schmaltz(Chairman), Barry Clark (Editor/Newletter), Viki Tracy (Secretary), Robert Banfield (Treasurer), Judy Childer (Top Ten), Diane Bartlett (Coaches chair), Pete Palmer (Web Master), Maria Elias- Williams, Melinda Chappell, Karen Fuss, Leslie Scott, Patty Hilton, Bob List, Eric Wright, Janet Thiel, Margaret Holt.

Joel Schmaltz opened the meeting by greeting all present. First discussion was that all registered teams are not responding to all notices. Work is in progress with Jeff Stone (registrar) to maintain contact with all registered teams. Joel stated that it has been decided to raise the annual fees to \$40. No objection was noted. Maria Elias-Williams talked about the Rowdy Gaines clinic that was held earlier this year which the LMSC helped to fund and asked for suggestions for next year. Included in the discussion was how to keep it fair for all swimmers to access such functions.

Next years calendar was discussed. A South Carolina "super team" was suggested for next years national but was nixed by majority of attendees. It was decided that SCLMSC needs to have a 2 year calendar for meets to avoid short notice for swimmers wanting to attend meets. Joel will send out notice for bids to close on December 31 for year 2013.

Viki brought up that due to the growing number of swimmers at meets we need to ensure that the team that gets the bids can accommodate all attending swimmers. Criteria established that all State and Zone meets must have 6 lanes for competition and adequate warm up lanes to include sufficient Deck space or coverage for attendees.

Diane Bartlett was congratulated on the North Myrtle Beach Swimming Saves Lives program and it was discussed how other teams may conduct similar programs.

Roy Dessoloch (Records) was not present so Joel read a report from him. It stated that he was still having issues with swimmers not providing him with records. He went on to remind everyone that it is the swimmers responsibility to notify him of any records attained.

Pete Palmer talked about the SC website and problems that we are running into. Leslie suggested that we look into Team Unify or Club Assistant to assist.

Karen Alexander sent a request for suggestions for High Point awards for the Dixie Zone Meet in Greenville in August. Also it was noted that online registration has been initiated for the meet.

Maria Elias-Williams asked if it would be necessary in the future to go to conference call for this meeting as people are spread out. It was decided that we would consider it when necessary.

Swimmers registrations have dropped from last year. It was discussed on why and what can we do to improve it for next year. Ideas were media coverage, web base and 2year calendar.

Leslie Scott is hosting a relay meet on March 10, 2012 and handed out information and registration forms.

Joel brought up the subject of nominating our volunteers, coaches and teams for recognition at the national level. Ideas were talked about having Coach Fetters to be recognized by either a Hall of Fame or a Coach Fetters award.

The crowd thanked Barry Clark for hosting a wonderful meet.

Robert Banfield gave the financial report and noted that the balance stands at \$11661.64.

Pete noted that we need to recruit a vice chair.

Maria added the Kerry O'Brien award accolade to Diane Bartlett. She then talked about the need to focus on volunteers, benefits, open water, triathletes, fitness swimmers and medical reasons for all swimmers.

Joel noted that for the US Aquatic convention we are allowed 2 delegates and 2 delegates at large. If we have more people wanted to attend we will have to decide on a voting system to make it fair for everyone.

Pete then thanked Joel for stepping up to the plate and being a terrific Chairman.

With no further discussion Joel Schmaltz closed the meeting.

Viki Hill/Secretary