

# FGC LMSC Board Meeting

Conference Call, Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

**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, Catherine Rust-Open Water/Long Distance & Awards, Chris Rieder-Safety, Rory Grigull-Sanctions, Francois Caudrillier-Top Ten. Team Reps: John Grzeszczak-Hammerheads, Debbie Cavanaugh- GOLD, Peggy McDonnell-GOLD.

**1. Roll Call-** Barb Protzman had each attendee state their name as Sarah Bennett noted attendees.

**2. Minutes from Last Meeting** (Annual Mtg 12-2-18) Minutes were sent out and posted on website. Everyone has seen the minutes. Barb Protzman motioned to approved however, Debbie Cavanaugh noted the Awards criteria for June Krauser award-no criteria was set up but needs to be added to new business. Debbie Cavanaugh also noted awards can be received even if not at the Banquet but they must be requested in advance to receive and it is up to coaches to decide who receive. Debbie Cavanaugh also noted payments to USMS are \$45 and after Nov 1<sup>st</sup> it will be an additional \$2. For a club to obtain Gold status they must prove their coach is certified. All voted to approve the minutes of the annual meeting.

### **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** - Completed budget was attached to the email with the agenda, John Grzeszczak thanked Eddie.

**Open Water/Long Distance Chair - Catherine Rust** - Rory Grigull, Barb Protzman & Catherine Rust decided to publish the USMS non-sanctioned events on the LMSC website and will note if they are sanctioned by others and specifically note they are not sanctioned by USMS. This is how it is done on the Dixie Zone website.

**Registrar - Barb Protzman** – Count of registered swimmers as of 4/6 is 1226.

**Safety Chair - Chris Rieder** - no report

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

**Top 10 - Francois Caudrillier-**

**Awards/Banquet - Catherine Rust** - discussed in old business

**Sanctions Chair - Rory Grigull** - Current sanctioned for Coral Springs Meet for 6/29 & 6/30/19.

**Webmaster** - Dale LeClair - not present

**Coaches** - Patrick Billingsley - not present

**Officials Chair** - Ken Hosfeld - not present

### **4. Old Business-**

**Banquet-** Catherine Rust is waiting to hear back from Barb Protzman & Linda Bostic to Order Awards. Dale LeClair to send the signup via email in April/May with online link. Banquet is setup for 6/2/19.

Debbie Cavanaugh -Suggested a subcommittee should be set up for the June Krauser Service award. Catherine will work with Debbie Cavanaugh and (Debbie Cavanaugh suggested) John Grzeszczak (he agreed) to put together the criteria for the award and Barb Protzman will send out to be approved

**LMSC Financial/Budget** (3 attachments) Previous balance was \$10,920 and Eddie noted the current balance is \$19,359.02 (which included renewals) The additional approximate \$10k was from approximately 1000 members at approximately \$10/each.

2018 Budget was \$17,915 and actual costs were \$18,005 which resulted in approximately -\$390.  
2019 Budget is \$18,006 and projected costs are \$18,800 which results in approximately -\$134.

Eddie talked to Catherine Rust about the Banquet and the income is a concern. Usually in an Olympic Year the registrations go up. Convention was reasonable this past year due to the location in Florida and next year it will be held in St. Louis so flight costs will go up. Eddie inquired if anyone had any questions on the budget. None were stated and it was decided to move on.

**LMSC Website** Dale LeClaire (not present) but let her know if any content needed. Eddie thought it looked good. USMS will help the LMSC if needed.

**LMSC Logo** The file for the Original Logo has been obtained & replaced this year. John Grzeszczak and Debbie Cavanaugh prefer the old logo and Linda Bostic agreed. Eddie Ames noted he prefers the newer logo. John Grzeszczak motioned to vote - does everyone know what the two different logos look like? John Grzeszczak suggested a vote be done when everyone is together (not via teleconference) to see it. The old version of the logo will be used in this year's awards.

## **5. New Business- Meetings-**

**USMS Leadership Summit** – was held in Phoenix, AZ, March 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1. Task force at the national level was set up to review volunteer positions and changes were suggested to combine items such as taking away many of the local registrar's tasks and moving them to the National level. USMS feels it would not add staff to the National Office. Barb Protzman has a concern that USMS is too understaffed to handle this. Some items such as transfers, and people who choose the wrong LMSC need close review. Linda Bostic also concerned with the fact that if you do not pull up the correct LMSC then you cannot find your club. FL Registrar corrects with the city. Linda Bostic has to correct weekly people who end up in FL vs FGC. It would be preferable if USMS could direct addresses to the correct LMSC however this would be worse with unattached. If they aren't corrected in the same month that they register, the LMSC loses \$10. John Grzeszczak asked if they can put the club 1<sup>st</sup> then the LMSC. National group taking over may cause more issues.
2. Growth slow down - not only local; the USA has slowed per USMS. Find places to start clubs, list of not renewed & send to coaches. Linda keeps on her people - must join to workout. Need to give swimmers a reason to join if not required for insurance then little reason to join.

Recent pow-wow/East Coast Summit was attended by Marty Hendricks-SFTL & Linda Bostic-PBM and all agreed that the National Benefits of USMS besides insurance they were not sure why if taking part of competition it has value. Email reminders are good from USMS, clubs with coaches that don't require-SOL with accidents. Pools may cover the insurance-competitive was originally intended-now open water, adult learn to swim, etc. USMS should be the advertiser. Currently \$55 to renew in November. Renew on anniversary cannot be done currently. Triathlete automatically renews. Competition or practices-the membership guarantees pool time often. John Grzeszczak remains concerned with the insurance obligations-1 member attending without registration may negate the team's coverage. Growth down why promote? Linda Bostic's members renewed weeks before nationals.

Gold-level Clubs must put on at least 1 event yearly - epostal, fitness, swim meet, etc.

Linda Bostic asked if Barb Protzman felt value for leadership. Barb Protzman felt it was for USMS not for the clubs. What we can do for USMS vs. what they can do for us. 18-month volunteer task force? Missing the how to? Barb Protzman can print lists of last year's registered for each team. Sarah Bennett explained that SFTL used to register their people but now they direct the members to register. SFTL enforces no membership-no swim in practice. Linda Bostic said Marty Hendricks should get the crown on the enforcement.

## **New Business**

**USMS Convention** to be held in St Louis on September 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Late May is goal time to start picking people to go. Barb Protzman will be sending out an email. There will be 4 LMSC delegates. Barb Protzman & Catherine Rust will attend as automatic delegates due to committee assignments. There are less people on committees this year. Rory Grigull wants to attend. Rory will not attend the June swim meet as he will be attending a bachelor party the same weekend for his wedding in the fall.

**Next Meeting** - after Coral Springs Swim Meet in June 29-30, 2019.

## **Future Business**

**LMSC Logo** - Future logo going forward-back to original for now-vote on original vs last logo or any other future proposals.

## **6. Adjournment:**

o **John Grzeszczak motion to adjourn, Linda Bostic 2nd. Approved and adjourned at 8:30 pm.**