

FGC LMSC Meeting Minutes - Aug 19, 2026

1. Roll Call –

Thomas Murphy, PBM; Linda Bostic, PBM; Catherine Rust, PBM; Barb Protzman, GOLD; John Janszen, SFTL; Amanda Janszen, SFTL; Debbie Cavanaugh, GOLD; John Grzeczczak, HAFL; Cara Cannilla, SFTL; Kenni Sterns, SFTL

2. Approval of Minutes: Last Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2026

The minutes were approved. We will have 3 people attending Relay and 2 attending Coaches Clinic. All 5 are confirmed for the Golden Goggles event. Lily King will be one of the presenters at the Coaches Clinic.

3. Reports of Officers:

Chair – Thomas: Thomas is running for the USMS At-large Director from the Southeast Zone. He is currently unopposed. The election is on Sept.19. He has resigned from the LMSC Development committee.

Vice Chair – Linda: We need to find where the SFTL top ten awards ended up. Elaine gave them to someone at the FAU meet. John said that person is in Miami and does not practice with them.

Secretary – Catherine: Report sent out in advance.

Treasurer – Larry: Not present. Current balance is \$33,555.77.

Larry is stepping down as treasurer as of the end of the year. We will send out an email to the LMSC asking for a volunteer.

4. Reports of Committees

Membership Coordinator/Editor (Barb): Counts as of 8/19 were distributed. We are at 1,201 which is about 60 less than this time last year. We need to hit 1,300 to maintain our 4 delegates for next year. Membership year ends 10/31.

Sanctions (Elaine): Not present.

Top 10 (Amanda): The LMSC SCY records have been updated and John posted them on the LMSC website. There was a suggestion to send an email to the LMSC letting everyone know who broke LMSC records in the past year. Amanda will compile the list for Barb to send out.

Officials/Safety (Thomas):

Webmaster (John): John is learning how the LMSC website works. He can consider moving it to another platform if that will be better. Need to find out the cost of the existing site. There is a possibility that the national level will be providing a new platform for LMSC websites which needs to be looked into.

Open Water (Catherine): Report sent out in advance.

Coaches (John): John sent out an introductory email to all LMSC coaches on August 17.

Awards/Fitness - Open Positions

5. Unfinished Business:

None

6. New Business:

• **Swim Fort Lauderdale asking to partner with Florida Gold Coast for SE Zone Championship**

John Janszen proposed that the LMSC provide funding to SFTL if they are granted the Southeast Championship status for their SCM meet on November 13-15. They want additional funding to make the meet more than a regular meet with banners, medals, bag tags, etc. The banner would include both SFTL and FGC LMSC names and logos. SFTL has expenses for security and splitting their profit with the city.

Linda Bostic motioned that the LMSC give SFTL \$750 towards the meet. Catherine Rust seconded. Motion passed. The championship designation will be awarded at the Zone meeting on August 27.

• **Concerns about budget.** Because there was no discussion of increasing the club incentive at the December 2025 meeting, per the LMSC Policies, the amount to be awarded at the end of 2026 will be \$5 per swimmer for team that have participated in LMSC meetings in the past year.

There was discussion about LMSC spending. We have been working at a budget deficit of \$6,000-\$7,000 per year the past few years. If we continue at this rate or continue to increase our spending further, we will wipe out our reserves in about 5 years. A review of expenses for the Awards Banquet is needed. Further discussion is needed to determine the appropriate amount of reserves. The USMS national recommendation is 6 months of expenses, but one year may be better. Our income and expenses are not spread evenly throughout the year.

Retention and growth are other things to consider. The LMSC membership has been declining over the past 5 years. About 400 swimmers from last year have not renewed. Less members means less income. Our share of the membership fee is determined at the national level and has decreased over the years to \$10 per swimmer and team.

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.