

Minutes of the SCLMC Meeting  
November 13, 2010

The meeting of the SCLMC was held at the Charles R. Drew Wellness Center Pool, Columbia, South Carolina on November 13, 2010. Those present were: Pete Palmer (Chairman), Barry Clark (Editor/Newletter), Viki Tracy (Secretary) Dick Fetters, Diane Bartlett (Coaches chair), Maria Elias- Williams, Scott Graber, Melinda Chappell, Joel Schmaltz, Karen Fuss, Lesley Scott, Mitch Laps, Patty Hilton, Bob List.

Pete Palmer handed out agenda for the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting and financial report were unavailable for review. Robert Banfield (treasurer) was not present due to a medical emergency; however, Pete reported that the LMSC is in solid financial shape with something more than fourteen thousand dollars in the till. Robert will be forwarding a financial report to the Chairman and to USMS later this year.

Pete Palmer noted that although he was stepping down as chairman he is willing to stay on as webmaster and keep updating postings. Pete introduced discussion on future fee increases and how the LMSC should handle them. A number of solutions were discussed.

1. Dick Fetters - keep the cost down for swimmers to encourage more members.
2. Maria Elias-Williams – swimmers pay more and, accordingly, the LMSC would have more funds to educate and promote coaches.
3. Mitch Laps – would like to see more coaches helped.
4. Bob List – is cost a factor for recreational swimmers?

Pete wanted the record to show our thanks to Barry Clark for conducting a very successful SCM State Championship meet and initiating on line registration within the SC Championship meets.

Next discussion was how to grow the present LMSC. Ideas were put forward such as; partnerships with other foundations, influencing new coaches, the value of coaches and aid for new teams.

Rewards and or recognition for volunteers were discussed at the US Aquatic Convention and Pete wanted input as to what our LMSC has done in the past and what it needs to do in the future for our volunteers.

Dick Fetters stated that many swimmers have complained about the issue of competing in 11 events when the meet covers 3 days. After discussion the LMSC formally approved that swimmers at State Championships are limited to 10 individual events – effectively immediately.

Melinda Chappell asked for our support for the Clemson University swimming program that is in the process of being cancelled. She asked if we could send letters and or emails showing our support. Patty Hilton gave the email to everyone: [saveclemsonswimming.org](mailto:saveclemsonswimming.org).

Maria Elias-Williams asked if all SC teams could put more effort into supporting our own State meets. She also suggested having more fun meets such as relay only meets.

Also covered was getting more media coverage. Maria made note of two national meets being held in 2012; one being at Greensboro, NC and encouraged our swimmers to attend due to the close location; and, SCY Nationals will be held in Omaha which right after Olympic Trials – and pointed out that there will be good deals on tickets for the two events – Nationals and Olympic trials.

Elections of Officers: Pete Palmer acknowledged that his term as Chairman was up and asked for any nominations. Maria nominated Joel Schmaltz. Joel was approved by acclamation. Maria thanked Pete for all his work and Pete thanked Joel for accepting the position with the promise of being available if Joel needed any assistance.

With no further discussion Pete Palmer closed the meeting.

Viki Tracy/Secretary