

# Dixie Zone Newsletter

## Fall 2007

### Convention Highlights

This year's United States Aquatic Sports Convention was held September 26-30 in Anaheim, CA. The focus this year was on how to best serve the members of USMS, with a "Members First" philosophy. There has been some realignment of national committees to better serve this objective.

All current national officers were re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer who chose not to run for a second term. Jeff Moxie was elected as the new treasurer.

Online registration is one of the upcoming improvements that will be obvious to members. It is currently being beta tested by a few LMSCs and is expected to be operational for the 2008 registration year. For the future, rolling annual membership and 18-month membership are being considered. As was decided at last year's convention, the annual national dues will be increased by \$5 for the 2008 registration year.

USMS has determined that a major emphasis will be placed on expanding the Open Water events across the country and working with USAT on combined sanctioned events.

USMS continues to experience excellent insurance claims experience, which keeps down the cost of our coverage. Many of USMS safety-related rules are one of the reasons for this. Remember to remind your teammates and meet hosts that one of USMS's rules is that no diving is allowed in a workout or meet warmup/warmdowns except in supervised start training, or official start practice lanes.

The Coaches Committee is setting up Mentor Clinics and Open Water Clinics for clubs that are interested in participating.

There was a clarification concerning FINA World Records. They must be set at a meet that is run by a FINA member. This means that World Records cannot be set at YMCA Nationals or Senior Games. The importance of properly measuring the length of a pool was also stressed.

### USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award

The following swimmers from the Dixie Zone were honored at this year's convention as recipients of the USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award. This award is given to members of USMS who have exhibited an exceptional level of volunteerism and service to USMS.

#### Joan Campbell

Joan Campbell started Masters swimming late in life. At the age of 59, in 1989, she was introduced to the Senior Olympics in Connecticut by Dorothy Donnelly. Joannie volunteered as a timer, a scorer, in hospitality, and awards. She did anything, anywhere that help was needed, working at local and National meets, Senior Games, and YMCAs. In 1995 at the age of 65 Joannie retired and she and her husband, Jim, moved to Tarpon Springs, FL. She immediately became actively involved with Clearwater Masters serving as President, Vice President, Registrar, Treasurer and Secretary. She was instrumental in making her team's annual winter swim meet a huge success by offering fabulous hospitality, a continuation of Dorothy Donnelly's Connecticut Masters philosophy. She was also directly involved in the formation of two new teams, Sun Masters and the Florida Aquatic Combined Team (FACT).

Over the past six years, she has been a delegate to the USMS convention and an active member of the USMS Finance Committee. Since 2004 she has also served on the USMS Marketing Committee. She has been active with the National Senior Games and has promoted USMS involvement and participation of USMS members in the Games. Since 2001 she has served as Liaison to the Senior Games for the Florida LMSC. She has served on many other committees of the Florida LMSC and is one reason that our Annual Awards Banquet is such a success.

At 77, she remains active in all facets of the swimming world, achieving Top Ten regularly in all strokes and receiving special awards for Long Distance swimming from her local LMSC and All American honors. Joannie is a take charge individual. She always finishes what she starts, with honors.

#### Cav Cavanaugh

At the 1999 Florida Gold Coast Annual Meeting, the then Top Ten and Records volunteer resigned. It was

at that time that Cav stepped up and volunteered to take over that most important job for the LMSC. The LMSC has provided the software and updates that were needed to help make the job more efficient. Cav has found errors in our records and has researched for the corrections. The Top Ten Times have always been sent on time, as he knows how important this is to our swimmers. He provides a list of our FGC records for the heat sheet of all of our Masters meets.

Everyone knows what a good swimmer Cav is with all of his established records and Top Ten Times. He stays at meets until the last swimmer is finished so that he can take a disk home with the results. Cav has spent a great number of hours at his computer, as anyone that does this job knows.

Cav holds numerous World, National, and Zone records and stands heads and shoulders above most when it comes to swimming fast. This letter is not about fast swimming – it is about one of our most valuable volunteers, someone who never tires when it comes to helping and giving back to masters swimming. Consider only a part of what Cav has and continues to offer others with his volunteer efforts: (1) 11 years as our LMSC TOP TEN CHAIR; (2) 6 years volunteer to the ISHOF open water swim; (3) 9 years volunteer at YMCA Nationals; (4) 11 years assistant to the LMSC treasurer – files all LMSC/IRS forms; (5) 5 years President of Gold Coast Masters (our LMSC's largest team)

Anyone who has ever attended a master's swim meet in South Florida has benefited from this great man's volunteer efforts. In the pool Cav is a fierce competitive sprinter whose records line the record books, but Cav is also the behind the scenes helper making masters better for all of us. Cav is as good "on the pool deck" as he is in the water!

### **James Donnelly**

James Donnelly has played a major role in the successful 2002 and 2007 One Hour Postal Meets, sponsored by the Florida Maverick Masters. With his longtime, excellent reputation as a creative designer of t-shirts for his own club and other clubs, James designed their first OHP t-shirt, including a frog, the Mavericks mascot, in five-colors, with goggles, appeared to be leaping out of a postage stamp. It was an instant hit, and a popular item with the swimmers.

When the Mavericks received the bid for the 2007 OHP, we asked him if he would be willing to create another t-shirt design. Without any hesitation, he assured us he would. This time, our request was a frog on a starting block. Our multicolored frog, ready to dive in from a postage stamp, was again, a very popular item with the swimmers.

Although not a member of the team, we appreciated his willingness to take his time to create a popular t-

shirt, which was a positive contribution to Masters swimming. Both times, he went the extra mile and turned in the order for the shirts, had them delivered to his print shop and helped us load them into our truck.

### **Chuck Hutinger**

When Margie Hutinger was elected to the Top Ten & Record office in the FL LMSC in 1998, her stepson, Chuck, sat down with her at the computer, with the USMS Top Ten handbook near by, so he could read what was needed. He proceeded to write a program which gave her the tools that enabled her to enter times from all meets in the FL LMSC and manipulate the data to transform it into the proper format. During the past eight years, he would tweak it as needed, to keep up with changes and new rules.

When the Florida Mavericks received the bid to host the 2002 One Hour Postal Meet, Chuck tweaked the Top Ten program, so it included all the modifications needed, including a comprehensive data entry format. This helped keep track of all 2000+ individual entries plus relays, t-shirts, a daily and total financial report, easy-to-read final results and mailing labels. The labels were a godsend, as they included everything needed to mail out the packets, after the meet, with t-shirt, results and medal info on them. He was in charge of all electronic entries, which eased the data entering responsibilities.

When the Mavericks received their 2nd One Hour Postal bid for 2007, Chuck made more tweaks to further simplify processing and mailing.

In the past ten years, Chuck has contributed his vast computer skills and talents to improve the reporting of Top Ten times in the FL LMSC. His suggestion for simplifying the final results order for relays was adopted by the Top Ten committee. His work with the One Hour Postal Meet contributed to two successfully run events for Masters swimmers.

### **Mary Lee Watson**

Dot and Mary Lee had a close friendship from the early days of the Masters Program, when Dot was the first National secretary. Mary Lee has been very active and held positions on the Marketing Committee and various other committees. The 1992 Rule Book was dedicated to Mary Lee for recognition of her participation in the Masters' program locally and nationally. She created the Music City Masters Swim club in Nashville, TN. in our Southeastern LMSC. Mary Lee was presented the Arthur Ransom Award in 1995.

The past three years, due to her husband's illness she has not been able to attend the conventions, but still kept involved. January 2006, Art died and Mary Lee immediately resumed her active participation. I know being given her best friend's award would have special meaning to Mary Lee. Mary Lee is truly deserving of

the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award for her life-long dedication to swimming, her years of service to local and national Masters Swimming, and her active participation in USMS committee work.

## World Masters Coaches

The USMS Coaches Committee has named four Masters Coaches to assist USMS swimmers planning to compete at this spring's FINA World Masters Swimming Championships in Perth, Australia April 15-25, 2008. One of the coaches is from the Dixie Zone, John Grzeszczak.

Head Coach:

Mark Moore, Mission Viejo Masters

Assistant Coaches:

Michael Collins, Irvine Novaquatics

Tiffany Forbes, Boulder Aquatic Masters

**John Grzeszczak, Florida Gold Coast Masters**

[swimjohnswim@bellsouth.net](mailto:swimjohnswim@bellsouth.net)

If you are planning to swim in Perth, please contact Coach Mark Moore by e-mail at [coachmark@mastersmvnswim.org](mailto:coachmark@mastersmvnswim.org).

If possible, indicate the events and days that you will swim, so that the coaching staff can plan their daily coverage. The coaching staff is working on Regional Training Camps and USA Masters logo apparel for swimmers attending the meet. More information and details will be posted on the USMS web site in the near future.

## Going Postal

by Margie Hutinger

No, this has nothing to do with the post office. Well, in a way, it does. Have you heard about the USMS Postal Events? These are events that you swim in your own pool, and submit your entry to the sponsoring host (that's the postal part). The meet host has the responsibility of putting together the results.

**What are these events?** There are five National Championships. In January, there's the granddaddy of all postals, the One Hour Postal, swum in any pool 25 yds or longer. The longest and most challenging of all, is the 5K/10K, which must be swum in a 50 m pool, anytime from 5/15-9/15. The 3000/6000 yds, swum in a 25 yd pool, must be swum between 9/15-11/15. In all of these events, your age is determined as the day of your swim. For some of you lucky people, that means that you can swim the event twice, in two different age groups. Yes, swimmers actually do that. Entry forms available:

<http://www.usms.org/longdist/ldchamps.php>

The 1650 postal is swum in February. The theme, "maintain your base," is the reasoning for the month following the hour swim.

<http://www.tammasters.org/poolmile.html>

The Postal Pentathlon is another challenging one, swum between Apr 15-Dec 15, age as of 12/15. There are three different categories to choose from, Sprint (50 fly, back, breast, free, 100 IM), Middle Distance (100 fly, back, breast, free, 200 IM) and Ironman (200 fly, back, breast, free, 400 IM). You must swim your five events on the same day and the host recommends you swim your five events in order, and preferably within a 2 to 3 hour period. Besides being able to swim all five events, you need the endurance to swim them within a short period of time. Contact:

[polarswim@aol.com](mailto:polarswim@aol.com), Minnesota Masters.

**What do I get for my efforts?** All meets print results, give awards, and most often, sell special t-shirts and/or caps. These meets can have the same fierce competition as in a pool meet, only you don't know your competitors until you see the results.

**What's the procedure for these swims?** In order to give credibility to postal swims, you must have a reliable counter. Other than the Pentathlon, you must have a counter record your running splits and time your finish. The forms are included with the entries.

In addition to this info, make these events part of your regular team workout or set aside a time that is specific to a postal event. Many teams use a postal as a fund raiser or to increase camaraderie (share a meal following the swim). The successful teams are organized with different time slots available for each swimmer. All you really need is a counter, with a stopwatch (a backup watch is recommended). Marty Hendricks' club, FLAQ, swam the Hour Swim for the first time in 2007. He commented, "This is a great way to have your swimmers compete in a National Championship, without leaving your pool."

Winning isn't always about swimming the farthest, or the fastest, but your own definition of triumph. No matter what your age or ability, we urge you to expand your horizons and try at least one postal event during the year. Do the best you can, with whatever you have."

**DIXIE ZONE SHORT COURSE METER  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
DECEMBER 7 - 9, 2007  
TULANE UNIVERSITY REILY CENTER  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Elmwood Masters Swim Team and Southern Masters Swimming would like to invite all swimmers to the first Masters swim meet to be held in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina. Our regular venue, the University of

New Orleans Lakefront Arena, was damaged during the storm, and repairs have not yet been completed.

The meet will be held at the Tulane University Reilly Student-Recreation Center Natatorium which houses a beautiful 50 meter x 25 yard Olympic Sized Pool equipped with a moveable, flow-through bulkhead. Along two walls of the complex large windows allow patrons to view the Varsity athletic track, soccer fields, training fields, as well as the outdoor social pool and sundeck. Natural light fills the natatorium through these windows as well. The competition will take place in the deep end of the pool. The pool is located on Tulane University's uptown campus.

The meet will begin on Friday evening with the 1500 meter freestyle. An order of events will be posted on [www.southernmastersswimming.org](http://www.southernmastersswimming.org) in the near future.

While parts of New Orleans are still trying to rebuild from the hurricane, the main tourist areas such as the French Quarter and Garden District are completely recovered. New Orleans is a premier vacation spot, with fantastic food, music, and tourist attractions. Our zoo and aquarium are world-class and linked, in true New Orleans style, by a river boat. More local information can be found at [www.neworleansonline.com/](http://www.neworleansonline.com/).

## Winners Announced in Virtual One Hour Swim Postal

by Margie Hutinger

At the Dixie Zone meeting, at the 2006 Masters convention in Dearborn, MI, I announced that my club, the Florida Maverick Masters, would be sponsoring the One Hour Postal swim, January, 2007. To encourage more participation from the Dixie Zone swimmers, I extended a challenge to the seven LMSCs in our zone. The Mavericks would offer a special award to the LMSC who had the greatest number of entries for this January event. We would base the award on a PERCENTAGE of total registered swimmers, within each LMSC.

The results are in. The Florida LMSC (14.8%) crushed the competition, and won by an overwhelming margin over the North Carolina LMSC (6.7%). Coming in third, with a close race, was the Southeastern LMSC (6.1%). I presented each of the victors with a special Hour Swim certificate and a meet t-shirt. Each LMSC was to decide which of their swimmers would be the recipient of their lone frog t-shirt.

In order to be accurate in my figures, I got a list from the National Office, which gave me the total number of swimmers in each LMSC, as of 2/1/07. The DZ had 3367 swimmers, and 271 accepted the challenge of swimming for an hour, in January, which was 8% of our total membership. Out of the total

number of entries, 2079, our DZ swimmers were 13% of the total number, or, 1/8th of the eight zones.

### Total Dixie Zone Results

LMSC	Total	OHP Entries	% of Total
FL	933	139	14.80%
NC	606	41	6.70%
SE	362	22	6.07%
SC	255	15	5.80%
FG	515	28	5.40%
SO	246	13	5.20%
GA	450	13	2.80%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3367</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>8.04%</b>

The Florida Mavericks thank all of you who took the time to train and participate in the 2007 One Hour Postal. We hope you had fun, enjoyed the challenge and will support the 2008 event.

## Florida Aquatics Team News

Marty Hendrick, FLA Masters, Head Coach

### Swim Miami 2007

**23 FLA Masters** participated in the Swim Miami on Sunday, September 30 2007. Although the day got off to a very stormy start **2 FLA Masters**, Brian Palmer and Kennon "Blake" Williams, mastered the 10K course. 10K is a long way. To give you an idea of just how long the swim is, Brian completed the 6+ mile course in 2 hours and 42 minutes. Blake completed it in 3 hours and 8 minutes. Congratulations on both of them for this amazing accomplishment!

**7 FLA Masters** (4 Women & 3 Men) completed the 5K course. Andy Fischer (40-44), Greg Kelchner (45-49) and Tim Erickson (50-54) all took first place in their respective age groups. For the women Laura Ingoldsby (25-29) won her age group. The other 3 "FLA ladies" brought home Top 3 performances to medal in their age groups; Heather Sherman (30-34) 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Adrienne Chin-Ogilvie (45-49) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Jeanne Sather (50-54) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Congratulation on all of them for swimming the 3.1 mile course!

**11 FLA Masters** (7 Women & 4 Men) swam the 1500m (the metric mile). Gold medal performances were swum by Jen Hulett (35-39) and Jim Ward (65-69). Also bringing home some of the "hardware", placing in the Top 3 in their age group were; Vanessa Aron (25-29), Carolan Cross (25-29), Laura Thompson (35-39), Maria "Teca" Paiva (40-44), Ann Thomas (45-49). Also completing the 1500m swim were Andrea Rynne, John Cerreta, Thaddeus Gamory and Joel Gibson.

**3 FLA Masters** chose the day's "Sprint" event, the 800m; Gold Medalist Sarah Bennett (40-44) and Silver Medalists Gwen Pursell (30-34) and Karsten Kalthoff (40-44).

And finally, **FLA Masters'** Matt Miller guided Charlie Plaskon (60-64) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish in the 5K Swim. For those of you who do not know Matt and Charlie, Charlie is a visually impaired triathlete and Matt is the Founder of "C Different Foundation" ([www.cdifferent.org](http://www.cdifferent.org)) an organization he established to inspire visually impaired people around the world to lead active and healthy lives.

Everyone is a winner by participating in Swim Miami! You should all be extremely proud of yourselves for completing your respective swims!

***The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonaire EcoSwim  
Saturday, November 10th 2007  
10K 5K 3K 1K***

The Jan 2007 Scuba Diving Magazine January 2007 Readers Choice Awards places Bonaire #1 in the following categories: Top Dive Destination - Healthiest Marine Environment - Beginner Diving-Underwater Photography - Shore Diving

INFO and ENTRY for both events are posted on:  
[www.AquaMoonAdventures.com](http://www.AquaMoonAdventures.com)  
or contact Randy Nutt at: [info@RandyNutt.com](mailto:info@RandyNutt.com)  
or 954-821-3294

**St. Nicholas SCM Invitational**

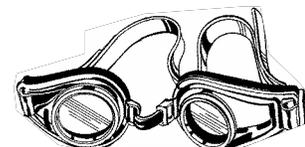
The Atlanta Rainbow Trout will host the St. Nicholas SCM Invitational at the Georgia Tech Aquatics Center on December 15, 2007. All individual events except the 1500 will be offered. The entry fee is \$40 regardless of the number of events entered. The entry deadline is December 5.

**AUBURN MASTERS TO HOST  
11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCY INVITATIONAL**

Auburn Masters Swimmers will host our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Short-Course Yards Invitational on February 16-17 at the Martin Aquatics Center on the campus of Auburn University. The Auburn pool <http://auburntigers.cstv.com/facilities/aub-facilities-swim.html> is one of the fastest in the country.

Entry materials will be available in .pdf and .html formats at <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/~bailelc/masters.html>. For those who would prefer receiving a copy in the mail, please write to Conner Bailey at 323 Brookside Drive, Auburn, AL 36830. We will feature a 1650 late morning on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> for the first 32 entries received. The 1650 will be seeded fast to slow; all other events will be seeded slow to fast.

The Auburn meet features fast swims and heated rivalries between teams vying for the large, medium, and small team trophies. Over the last nine years we have averaged approximately 200 swimmers from a half dozen LMSCs. We also put on a low-keyed social with good food and drink. We look forward to welcoming back to Auburn lots of old (chronologically and otherwise) friends and sharing our great facility with others who have not yet had an opportunity to swim in our great facility.



## Dixie Zone Meeting at 2007 USMS Convention - Anaheim, CA

ACTION ITEM: PROPOSED EXPENDITURES - None.

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. MSA to approve for Clearwater, Florida as the site for the 2008 SCY Dixie Zone Championships
2. MSA to approve Greenville, South Carolina as the site for the 2008 LC Dixie Zone Championships.
3. MSA to have a Virtual Dixie Zone SCM Championship for 2008, comprised of all Dixie Zone teams who host a SCM meet.
4. MSA to re-elect Debbie Cavanaugh as Dixie Zone Chair.

Number of Committee Members present: 27

Committee Members present: Debbie Cavanaugh (Chair), Lisa Watson, Barb Protzman, Margie Hutingler, Rhea Wilkins, Charles Kohnken, Ed Saltzman, Randy Nutt, Cav Cavanaugh, Pete Palmer, June Krauser, Marty Hendrick, Oreta Van Materen, Meegan Wilson, Marianne Bradley, Nan Destatney, Chris Powers, Patty Walton, Joan Campbell, Jerry Clark, Joe Neal, Sue Moucha, John Grzeszczak, George Simon, Viki Hill, Bill Cleveland, Danielle Newton

MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Debbie Cavanaugh introduced herself as Chair and all the members introduced themselves. The minutes from the 2006 session were approved.

### 2. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Dixie Zone currently has \$1205.02. No money was spent this year.

### 3. NEWSLETTER

Barb Protzman will continue to put out the Dixie Zone newsletter. She asked the members to submit items for the next newsletter, which will go out shortly after the convention. The Dixie Zone newsletter is sent out electronically.

### 4. TOP TEN TIMES

Andy Dyer is in the process of finalizing the 2007 Dixie Zone Top Ten list. It was suggested that guidelines for reporting Top Ten results be included in the Dixie Zone newsletter. These guidelines will also be included in the LMSC handbook.

### 5. RECORDS

Ed Saltzman reported that the Dixie Zone records are currently up to date.

### 6. VIRTUAL SCM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

Ed Saltzman is still working on compiling these results and will have them published as soon as possible.

### 7. 2006 ZONE MEETS

Auburn was the host for 2007 Dixie Zone SCY Championships. They reported that they had a very successful meet.

There was no 2007 LCM Championship this year.

The 2007 Dixie Zone SCM Championships will be held in New Orleans at Tulane University on December 7-9. Ed Saltzman said we should really promote this meet throughout the Dixie Zone to increase attendance.

### 8. TOP TEN PATCHES

Ed reported that we sold 3 patches this year. We only have 4 patches remaining, so Ed will order some more.

### 9. 2007-2008 CALENDAR OF DIXIE ZONE MEETS

#### October:

6	Fiesta Key, FL	OW
13	Ocala, FL	SCY
21	Gainesville, FL	Senior Games
21	Bermuda	OW
27-28	Orlando, FL	SCM

#### November:

3-4	Columbia, SC	SCM
11	Sarasota, FL	SCM
18	St Petersburg, FL	SCM
18	Pensacola, FL	SCM

#### December:

1-2	Estero, FL	Senior Games
1-2	Coral Springs, FL	SCM
15	Atlanta, GA	SCM

15 Charlotte, NC SCY & Swim Clinic  
 January 2008:  
 TBA Senior Games  
 26-27 Charlotte, NC  
 February:  
 9-10 Mt Pleasant, SC SCY  
 16-17 Clearwater, FL Valentine's Day SCY  
 16-17 Auburn, AL SCY  
 23-24 Ft Lauderdale, FL SCY  
 23-24 Lakeland, FL Polk Senior Games  
 March:  
 9 Clearwater, FL Good Life Games LCM  
 15-16 Chamblee, GA St Patrick's Day SCY  
 April:  
 19 New Orleans, LA OW  
 26-27 Atlanta, Ga Gary Eaton SCY Invitational  
 May:  
 1-4 USMS SC Nationals - Austin, TX  
 15-18 YMCA Nationals - Ft Lauderdale, FL  
 June:  
 7 Athens, GA LC  
 12-15 IGLA Meet Washington, DC  
 28-29 Greenville, SC LC  
 July:  
 5 or 12 Beaufort, SC OW  
 TBA Atlanta, GA Georgia Games OW  
 August:  
 14-17 USMS LC NATIONALS- Mt Hood, OR  
 September:  
 20 Peachtree City, GA SCY Pentathlon  
 November:  
 1-2 Columbia, SC  
 December:  
 TBA Atlanta, GA St Nicholas SCM Invitational

#### 10. 2008 DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. MSA TO APPROVE CLEARWATER, FLORIDA AS THE SITE FOR THE 2008 DIXIE ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIP. Lisa Watson made the motion and it was seconded by Cav Cavanaugh.

B. MSA TO APPROVE GREENVILLE, SC AS THE SITE FOR THE 2008 DIXIE ZONE LC CHAMPIONSHIP. Lisa Watson made the motion and it was seconded by Cav Cavanaugh. There was some concern expressed regarding relay events, due to the shallow depth of the pool. The suggestion was made to have 400m relays instead of 200m relays.

C. MSA TO HAVE A VIRTUAL DIXIE ZONE SCM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2008, COMPRISED OF ALL DIXIE ZONE TEAMS WHO HOST A SCM MEET.

#### 11. ELECTION

Debbie Cavanaugh was nominated for re-election for Dixie Zone Chair. MSA TO RE-ELECT DEBBIE CAVANAUGH AS DIXIE ZONE CHAIR.

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS

State of LMSCs - all LMSCs are being asked to give feedback on our current status.

2007 1 Hour Postal Swim - Margie Hutinger reported that the Florida Mavericks hosted this year's Hour Swim Postal Championships. 1/8 of all swimmers participating were Dixie Zone swimmers. Margie gave awards to the Dixie Zone LMSCs with the most participants: Florida placed 1<sup>st</sup> with 139 swimmers; North Carolina was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 41 swimmers; and Southeast was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 22 swimmers.

#### TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. To continue to promote growth within the Dixie Zone.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM. **Thanks to Lisa Watson of Georgia for preparing these minutes.**

# DIXIE ZONE CALENDAR

<b>2007</b>		
Oct. 27	SCY	North Carolina Autumn Splash, Hillsborough, NC
Nov. 3-4	SCM	South Carolina SCM Championship, Columbia, SC
Nov. 10	OW	Bonaire EcoSwim, Bonaire, N.A.
Nov. 11	SCY	Collins Hill Veterans' Day Meet, Suwanee, GA
Nov. 11	SCM	Sarasota Shark Masters, Bridge the Bay Meet Day 1
Nov. 18	SCM	St. Pete Masters, Bridge the Bay Meet Day 2
Nov. 18	SCY	2007 Turkey Dip Invitational, Pensacola, FL
Dec. 1-2	SCM	Holiday Classic, Coral Springs, FL
Dec. 1-2	SCY	Florida Senior Games, Estero, FL (recognized)
Dec. 7-9	SCM	Dixie Zone SCM Championship, Tulane Univ, New Orleans
Dec. 8-9	SCM	Marietta, GA
Dec. 15	SCM	St. Nick's Meet, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA
<b>2008</b>		
Jan. 1-31		2008 USMS One Hour Postal Championship
Jan. 26-27	SCY	Charlotte Masters Sunbelt Championship, Charlotte, NC
Feb. 2-3	SCY	South Carolina State Championships, Mount Pleasant, SC
Feb. 16-17	SCY	Dixie SCY Championship Meet / SUN Masters Valentine Meet, Clearwater, FL
Feb. 16-17	SCY	Auburn Masters 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual SCY Invitational, Auburn, AL
Feb. 29 – Mar. 2	SCY	Masters Challenge, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Mar. 15-16	SCY	St. Patrick's Day Invitational, Atlanta, GA
April 15-25	LCM	FINA World Masters Championships, Perth, Australia
May 1-4	SCY	USMS SCY Nationals – University of Texas, Austin
May 15-18	SCY	YMCA Masters Nationals – Fort Lauderdale
June 7	LCM	Classic City Invitational, Athens, GA
June 21	OW	USMS 2008 6+ Mile OW Champ – Hartwell Lake, Clemson, SC
June 27-29	LCM	June Krauser Summer Splash, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
June 28-29	LCM	Dixie Zone LCM Championship/Team Greenville LC Champ.. Greenville, SC
Aug. 14-17	LCM	USMS LCM Nationals – Mt. Hood, OR
Sept. 24-28		USMS Convention, Atlanta, GA
<b>2009</b>		
May 7-10	SCY	USMS SCY Nationals – Fresno, CA
Aug. 6-10	LCM	USMS LCM Nationals – Indianapolis, IN

For more calendar details, check out [www.usms.org](http://www.usms.org) and [www.dixiezone.org](http://www.dixiezone.org).  
It is recommended that meet directors post their meet information on the main USMS Calendar as well as on the Dixie Zone Calendar.

<b>Zone Website:</b> <a href="http://www.dixiezone.org">www.dixiezone.org</a>	<b>Zone Representative:</b> Debbie Cavanaugh cavdeb@juno.com	<b>Newsletter Editor:</b> Barb Protzman swimbarb@hotmail.com	<b>USMS Website:</b> <a href="http://www.usms.org">www.usms.org</a>
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