



SFTL Booster Club Board Minutes June 2, 2024

Date: June 2, 2024, 12:00 p.m. ET

Location: Conference room above Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. ET by Deborah Rosenbaum, Club Chair.

Roll Call: As per the meeting's sign-in sheet:

- ✓ 46 team members were physically present
- ✓ 43 members attended by proxy

Coach Marty Hendrick was present as the official City of Ft. Lauderdale representative. Coach Blake Woodrow was also present.

Chair's Report: Statement read thanking Swim Ft. Lauderdale Masters for the opportunity to serve. She also withdrew her candidacy for president.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Martin was not present. Minutes from the previous meeting and these minutes shall be read and approved at the next Board Meeting. Carla Albano suggested posting minutes on the website going forward.

Treasurers Report: An abbreviated report was available. Kristen Voltz reported a balance of \$19,110.67. Outstanding estimated expenses are \$401 for liability insurance.

Another pending expense is T-Shirts for short course nationals at the end of June, 2024, the amount and timing were not specified.

There was open discussion about the annual operating budget of the organization. Typically, the run rate is \$15(k) to \$20(k) annually however, it was suggested that we may want to raise our expectations. None of our dues paid to the city go toward our budget.

Marty Hendrick reported that when we run a swim meet our revenue is generally in the \$4(k) to \$8(k) range. We are not required to pay fees or rental payments to the city. We split net revenue 50/50.

New Business:

Vice Chair Martin Torres assumed control of the meeting for purposes of the election.

Martin requested nominations from the floor for the position of Chair.

I. Candidates for Chair:

Jody Wesgate -self nominated

Jody Wesgate elected Chair by acclamation.

Martin Torres then requested nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

II. Candidates for Vice Chair:

Deborah Rosenbaum (nominated by Debbie Eisinger), Phil Wenzel (nominated by Melissa Scott)

Introductory speeches given.



Phil Wenzel elected as Vice Chair.

Martin Torres requested nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary.

III. Candidates for Secretary:

Carla Albano -Self Nominated

Carla Albano elected Secretary by acclamation

Martin Torres solicited nominations for the position of Treasurer.

IV. Candidates for Treasurer:

Zaq Harrison, Matt Goracy, and Byron Burt.

Each candidate provided an introductory speech.

Matt Goracy elected the club Treasurer.

Old Business:

Marty Hendrick mentioned that the booster club oversees awards. He presented the Clyde Akbar award to Dena Rubin.

The passings of three swimmers were noted: Michael Hart – a military funeral is being planned for July, and Marty will communicate the details. Sheldon Grobner and John Olsen passed as well.

New Business:

Our new President, Jody Wesgate, took the floor and presented a list of committees and opportunities for our team to support our booster club. She asked that members to sign up for committees they are interested. She circulated a document and will post our website to let people review and share their interest.

The proposed priorities/committees are:

- 1) Home meets – Aiming for 3 per year. Hubie wants to do a SCM Championship in January – Suggested that we call it the Marty Hendrick Championship
- 2) Away meets
- 3) Fundraising
- 4) Social
- 5) Community/Charity
- 6) Digital Hub
- 7) Team Apparel
- 8) Bylaws/legal
- 9) Communications/newsletter
- 10) Sponsorships
- 11) Open Water
- 12) Clinics
- 13) Membership/Recruiting and On-boarding of new members – Coach Blake suggested that we recruit college swimmers during their summer break to generate interest long term.



Suggestions Offered by Members:

- Create a directory of members. Jody spoke about the functionality and vision for the Digital Hub which would include member profiles and the ability to connect and learn about each other outside the pool.
- Consider providing Adult Learn to Swim programs. The consensus was that such programs are better executed at community pools rather than at the Aquatic Center. This is an explorative opportunity for a future committee.
- Look into how members can donate Airline Miles to the Booster Club.

There was general discussion about when the new board would assume their office. Consensus was to have a rolling transition occur. Given that our bylaws state such transition should occur in January-February, the board shall take up the timing of future elections at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by a majority vote at 1:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Carla Albano Secretary