

## **Minutes to Discussion Held at SwimLouisville.com Invitational June 16, 2002**

**LMSC members present:** Bill Tingley, Gail O'Malley, Meg Smath, Janice Kregor, Bob Adams, Mike Lemke. Pam Haeberlin arrived at the end of the discussion.

**Open Water Swim in September.** For the last several years, we've tried to have an open-water swim at the Boy Scout Reservation in Shepherdsville in September. Two years ago we had the first one, and broke even on expenses. Last year Bill had to cancel the swim because we didn't have enough entries and would have lost a lot of money. Bill and Meg spoke with Freda Holderman of the Louisville Y at the open-water swim they sponsored June 8, and Freda offered to help us with putting on a swim in September. We need the Y's help because they can supply lifeguards, and also because they don't have to pay as much to use the facility as we would, since both the Boy Scouts and the Y are United Way agencies. The swim would have three divisions: USMS, USA Swimming, and novice. We could let the Y keep the entry fees, and we would take care of the administration (including the timing). Also, because the Boy Scouts have put in a water ski course in the lake, we will have to shift the course (as you're standing on the dock facing the lake, the cable would be moved to the left, and the start/finish line would be in the middle of the cable, rather than at the end).

**Proposed Meet in New Albany.** The New Albany (Indiana) High School Adult Boosters used to run a Masters meet in the fall as a fundraiser for them. They had to halt the meet a few years ago when the pool was torn out for renovation. In the meantime, Bob Adams's club stepped in and began the Kentucky Classic to take the New Albany meet's place in the schedule. Now the New Albany pool has reopened, and they have requested that we sanction a meet for them. Bill had suggested they have a SCY meet in April, but Meg pointed out that would be too close to the Wildcat meet, tentatively scheduled for late March 2003. Another option was having a SCM meet in October, but Bob isn't sure when in November he will be able to have his meet next year, so another meet in October could be too close to his meet. The best option seems to be for New Albany to have their meet the first weekend in March, at least 3 weeks before the Wildcat meet. Mike mentioned that that would conflict with the School for the Blind meet, at which he usually officiates. Meg said that if the School for the Blind could move their meet to a different weekend, she would be willing to help with their meet too. We kicked around the idea of the New Albany meet being a SCM meet, even though it would be in what is traditionally thought of as the SCY season. You can actually have a meet in any course at any time of the year, and if one of the March meets was SCM and the other was SCY, that might encourage people to do both. It would also be an advantageous time of the year for people whose birthdays fall late in the year—they would get to “artificially” age up because of FINA's age-determining rule. Bill pointed out that not as many swimmers from Louisville attend the Wildcat meet as once did; a lot of the Wildcat entries now come from Tennessee, Ohio, and Indiana. The Louisville swimmers might be more likely to attend a meet just across the river.

**Purchase of New Touchpads.** Bill wanted everyone to be thinking about the LMSC possibly loaning Lakeside and Crescent Hill the money to buy new touchpads. The ones used at the Louisville meets are about 10 years old and on their last legs. We will discuss this, and the other topics, at the fall meeting.