



WORLD PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING FEDERATION INC.

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DENNIS MATUCH - Secretary
PRESIDENT - Raul Villagomez
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Dear Member:

Mr. Arthur Lessard (Director) and Mr. Herbert of the Laval Marathon Organization have informed me that the Laval, LaTuque and Saguenay River marathons have been cancelled (suspended) for 1976. The marathons have been cancelled for this year only because of the impact of the Olympic Games at Montreal. Two reliable Canadian members of our Federation have also verified this news. Personally I do not know whether to be happy or sad as these marathons were the ones that gave our Federation problems last year.

There may be a new race in Chibougamau, Quebec which will have over \$12,000 in prizes. According to Gilles Potvin, a former marathon swimmer and now John Kinsella's trainer the race may be held in Lake Gillman which is about 150 miles north of Roberval. Those interested in full details and entry forms write Gilles Potvin, Municipal Police, Chibougamau, Quebec, Canada.

We will try to have our annual meeting a few days before the Lake St. John Marathon (officially on Aug. 8th) in Roberval, Quebec. The meeting will take place at the Club Aquatic Du Lac St. Jean. I hope that all members planning to attend will write me. The Lake St. John Marathon is the premier race of the world. Holding our annual meeting in Roberval can only benefit our Federation and the Lake St. John committee.

A few members have written asking what our policies will be this summer. Since I have had little contact with President Villagomez and Vice President Ghazzawi I am taking it upon myself to state that we should not boycott any of the pro races this summer. We should, however, make sure that the two races that have adhered to our Federation policies receive our full support & cooperation (Lake St. John & Chicago). I also think we should count all of the swims in the point standings as far as World's championship (male & female).

This year at Roberval we will determine where our Federation is going. We will determine who the leaders will be for the coming year. Election for officers will take place. I am very frustrated with the large numbers of members who talk loud during the race season and then do nothing the rest of the year. I am upset over our Egyptian members who have not kept me up to date as promised on their own Zorkani-led Federation. No information from them. I feel that this will be my last year as an officer and hope that there are members who will take over the Secretary's job. Till then I shall do all in my power to direct the Federation on a straight and steady course.

We will issue our final pre-season bulletin in early June. It will list all the pro marathon swims this year with official dates, average water temperatures expected, distance and prizes offered.

Sincerely,

Dennis Matuch

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* Dear Conrad:

I got over purchasing Dept
Head Brad Byrnes to make me up
a 100 of these today, and when
I got home there was your
newest and latest bulletin copy.

He also had his secretary
take out that stuff I didn't
want and put in that straight
stuff about Potvin and his
sum

Thanks for all your trouble -
I'll try to put it together much
better the next time —

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WPMSF 1976 WORLD RANKINGS

MEN

1	JOHN KINSELLA	USA	1475 pts
2	CLAUDIO PLITT	ARG.	1004
3	MARWAN SALEH	SYRIA	799
4	MARWAN GHAZZAWI	Egypt	690
5	ROGOSIC VELJKO	YUGOSLAVIA	603
6	RICHARD CAMPION	AUSTRALIA	535
7	RAUL VILLAGOMEZ	MEXICO	532
8	JON ERIKSON	USA	449
9	MAHMUD KHAMIS	SYRIA	410
10	DENNIS MATUCH	USA	397
10	MAHER SALEH	SYRIA	397
12	AHMED YOUSSEF	Egypt	384
13	MAURIZIO CASTAGNA	ITALY	237
14	OSSAMA RACHAD	Egypt	210
15	MOTHAMMED OKAB	KUWAIT	190
16	MAGUIB MESSALI	SAUDI ARABIA	185
17	KLAUS STUTZER	W. GERMANY	180
18	GAMAL ELHAG	SAUDI ARABIA	175

WOMEN

1	NICHOLAS, CINDY	CANADA	1375
2	PASSFIELD, LOREEN	CANADA	1211
3	ANDERSON, JENNY	AUSTRALIA	869
4	LUMSDON, KIM	CANADA	403
4	MANsour, RAWIA	Egypt	403
6	MARCHETTI, ANGELA	ARGENTINA	286