

Minutes of the USMS House of Delegates
October 12 - 14, 2000
Orlando, Florida

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2000

The meeting was called to order by the President, Nancy Ridout.

Betsy Durrant, Secretary, called the roll and introduced new delegates.

Mike Heather, Convention Committee Chair, gave a brief convention orientation.

President Ridout asked that the House remember those Masters swimmers who had died over the past year. A moment of silence was observed.

Each of the members of the Executive Committee were introduced and made brief remarks about their yearly report. Committee Chairmen gave a brief report highlighting issues to be addressed during this convention.

After a short break, nominations speeches for Zone Chairman were given. Nominees were Lynn Hazlewood and Doug Huestis.

Delegates then broke into seven Break Out Groups, lead by a member of the Executive Committee. Delegates were assigned to a group based on the color of a dot on their badge. Each group discussed the same topics:

Why do we do what we do?

Has anyone started in Masters because of you?

What does Masters mean to you?

Strategies to increase new members, retain current members, and increase USMS exposure in the media and through sponsorships.

After the Break Out groups the House of Delegates was recessed until 2:00 pm on Friday, October 13.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 2000

The second session of the House of Delegates was called to order by the President. The election of Zone Chairman was conducted by Hugh Moore through a roll call vote.

President Ridout expressed her appreciation and the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the work done by Hugh Moore as Zone Chairman.

Reports were given by the following special appointments:

June Krauser, FINA Liaison/ISHOF

Nancy Ridout, USAS Liaison

Ted Haartz, USA Swimming Liaison

Stu Marvin, YMCA Liaison

Cathy Pennington, Controller

June Mather, Auditor

Scott Rabalais, Senior Games Liaison

The Parliamentarian, Jim Wheeler, gave a brief explanation of the rules which would be used in conducting the business of the House of Delegates.

The following special awards were presented:

Ed Nessel presented the MACA Lifetime Achievement Award to Scott Rabalais.

Manny Sanguily presented the David Yorzyk Award to Jean Durston.

Hugh Moore announced the results of the election of the Zone Chairman. Lynn Hazlewood will serve the next two years as Zone Chairman.

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the Committee Chairs. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed in their report with exceptions and additions noted below.

Coaches - Scott Rabalias

Computer Online - Jim Matysek

Convention - Mike Heather

Marketing - Debbie Morrin

There were questions on Action Item #1. After discussion, it was approved.

Officials - David Diehl

The Officials Report was tabled until all delegates were provided with a written copy.

Copies of the report were distributed and the report was accepted as printed.

Recognition and Awards - Mary Lee Watson

The Action Item was pulled, discussed, and defeated.

The Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards were presented to the following:

Jean Fox, Linda McCowan, Nancy Miller, Chris Gilligan, Cathy Copeland, and Bob Seltzer.

SWIM Magazine Editor - Bill Volckening

There was no written report. Bill reported that an Editorial Calendar for 2001 will be sent to the Executive Committee by October 31. There will be an increased availability of photographs from SWIM.

The Newsletter of the Year Award was presented to The Wet Set from PNA. The editor is Sandy McNeel. Bill also recognized the runner-up, West Hollywood Aquatics.

Ad Hoc Legal Counselors - Jeanne Crouse

Special note was made of the work the committee is doing in regard to a privacy policy.

One of the tasks for the upcoming year is investigating how the national policy affects a local policy.

Ad Hoc ISHOF Nominating - Ginger Pierson

Planning - Nancy Miller

Nancy noted one correction to the minutes. There will be one Altitude Training camp this year in February, not two as reported in the minutes.

Rule Book - Meg Smath

Executive Committee - Nancy Ridout and Hugh Moore

The House of Delegates accepted the Board of Directors recommendation on Professional Management. The House also approved the Executive Committee recommendation for the USMS Official Publication.

The House of Delegates was recessed until 6:30 pm when the Championship bids will be presented.

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 13, 2000

The National Championship Meet Award, presented by Raleigh Area Masters, went to Walt and Anneleise Eggert.

Bids for SC Nationals 2002 were presented by:

Carson City, Nevada

Stanford University

University of Hawaii

A roll call vote was taken to select the site of the 2002 SC Championship.

A bid for LC Nationals 2002 was presented by Cleveland State University. This bid was accepted by the House of Delegates.

Sandi Rousseau, Chairman of the Championship Committee, announced that the University of Hawaii

would be the site of the SC Championship in 2002.

The House of Delegates was recessed until 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 14.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2000

The House of Delegates was called to order by the President, Nancy Ridout.

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the Committee Chairs. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed with exceptions and additions noted below.

Finance - Doug Church

Financial Operating Guidelines (FOG) were presented at this time. The report was accepted with two corrections.

Page 7, VII. Insurance, 2. "The Chairman, Treasurer, ...that are in compliance with with FOG XI B, shall be ..." It was incorrectly written as 11IIB.

Page 12, XII. B. "USMS shall donate \$.50 per registered ..." The amount was amended from \$.05 to \$.50 per swimmer, as reflected in the budget.

History and Archives - Carl House

Championship - Sandi Rousseau

Endowment Fund - Doug Church

Fitness - David Grilli

Rob Whitters made an appeal for participation in the "Toys for Tots" program and made several suggestions for a meet or for a special workout where participants bring a toy.

Insurance - Colleen Driscoll

International - June Krauser

Records and Tabulations - Peiter Cath

Safety Education - Julie Paque

Sports Medicine - Jim Miller

-The Action Items were pulled. After discussion of Action Items 2 and 3, the report was accepted as written with the exception of Action Items 1 and 4.

-Action Item #1 was amended to read: "It is recommended that a member of Sports Medicine be represented at the USMS altitude training camp." This amended Action Item was approved.

-Action Item #4 was deleted from the report.

Registration - Sarah Hromada

Action Items 2 and 4 were pulled. The rest of the report was approved.

Action Item 2 was amended to read: "Recommend that the Legal Committee establish an official policy or guidelines for length of time that the registration and meet entry form must be retained. Request that this be a single policy across the LMSCs, if

possible.”

Action Item 4 was amended to read: “Recommend that the Executive Committee not use email information for national sponsor solicitations.”

Zone - Hugh Moore

USOC Liaison - Hill Carrow

No written report. Hill commented on assistance for the OTC and a more formal relationship with the USOC. A request has been submitted for USMS to be recognized as a NGB and become a member of the USOC.

Executive Committee - Jack Geoghegan

No written report. Jack gave a brief summary of work done by the committee.

Long Distance - Sally Dillon

-Action Item #1 was pulled. It is proposed that this be added to the LDOG. The rationale for this policy was questioned. After discussion the proposal was amended to read: “A prerequisite for hosting the One Hour Postal swim would be a successful running of a previous postal national championship or equivalent experience.” This action item was passed as amended.

-LD-14 (303.2.4) was amended to change the “will” to “shall”. It now reads: “Drafting (swimmer swimming directly behind the escort) shall not be permitted when other open water is readily available.”

-The minutes of the Long Distance Committee were approved as amended.

Legislation - Elin Zander

-Correction: In report of Session II, item II, it should read “Discussion of and action on L-8”. It was misprinted as L-7.

-L6, L7, L8 were pulled. The rest of the report was approved.

-L6 was discussed and approved.

-L7 is discussed and approved.

-L8 was tabled until after R10 is discussed.

Rules - Leo Letendre

The following Rules Proposals were passed as written in the Pre-Convention packet:

R1, R4, R7, R14, R17, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23, R24, R27, R37, R38

The following Rules Proposals were passed as amended by the committee and as written in the Rules Committee minutes:

R5, R6, R9, R11, R11a, R12, R15, R16, R18, R29, R31, R32, R34

The following Rules Proposals were passed as amended on the floor of the House of Delegates.

R16 104.3.2 Bidding Procedures

A. **Solicitation of bids** – The USMS Championship Committee shall be ...at the annual meeting held more that one year prior to the meet being contested..

R25 104.5.5 Seeding

1. **General procedures for seeding** (also see article 102.10)

(1) At the meet director’s option and with the approval of the Championship Committee, any or all events may be deck-seeded.

(2) Pre-seeded events shall be seeded, with oldest age groups first, slowest heats swum first in each age group. In the event that swimmers of the same gender are simultaneously swimming in two courses, the Championship Committee may authorize some alteration of this rule to allow for smooth progress of the meet.

(3) Deck-seeded events 200 yards/meters or less shall be seeded, with oldest age groups first, slowest heats swum first in each age group. In the event that swimmers of the same gender are simultaneously swimming in two courses, the Championship Committee may authorize some alternation of this rule to allow for smooth progress of the meet.

(4) The 400 meter/500 yard ...

R28 104.5.8 Results

2. **Publication of Meet Results** – Meet results in the appropriate format (see Appendix B) and club scores shall be published within 30 days of the last day of the meet, posted on the USMS website, and distributed, if requested, to the representative of each participating club. Hard copies and electronic files shall be sent to the chair and liaison for the Championship Committee, the Executive Committee, and the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee chair.

The following rules proposals were not passed:

R2, R3, R8, R10, R13, R26, R30, R33, R39

The following rules proposals were withdrawn by the submitters:

R35, R36

L8 was untabled and defeated.

The following have been deemed housekeeping by the Rules Committee and were accepted by the House of Delegates: H1, H4, H5, H6

The following were withdrawn: H2, H3

There is a standing motion to accept the USA Swimming wording for each of the following. An “approved” motion results in accepting the USA Swimming wording and a “failed” motion results in keeping the current USMS wording. The recommendations of the Rules Committee were accepted with one amendment.

D55 was amended. The word “designed” replaces the word “designated”. Passed as amended.

U1, U2, U3 and U5 were accepted.

Finance - Doug Church

The following line items were pulled for discussion: 4431, 5012, 5117, 5430, 5450, 5620, 5650, 5700, 5730. A copy of the final, amended, budget is attached. The budget was approved as amended.

The House of Delegates was adjourned at 5:23 pm.