

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: Safety Education Committee

Committee Session: 1st

Day and Date of Meeting: Friday, October 13, 2000

Action Items

***None

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 6 Number of committee members absent: 7

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 16

Minutes

I. Current Projects

1. USMS Safety Handbook. A draft of the USMS Safety Handbook was distributed. Legal and insurance implications of the content were extensively discussed and will be addressed during revisions. Upon the recommendation of the lawyers present the committee voted to rename the booklet to USMS Safety Handbook for Swimmers. We will distribute the booklet to the clubs (with the Rule Book mailing in 2001 if possible), as part of the LMSC Handbook (see below), on the web as a PDF file, and at low cost via the National Office.

2. SWIM Magazine articles. We are currently working on an article focusing on water quality issues in open water swimming. Dan Gray will be working on this with the assistance of Bill Volckening and others. A draft of this article is due in February for tentative publication in the May/June issue of SWIM.

3. LMSC Handbook Safety Section. We would like to include information for LMSC Safety Chairs (Rick Harris), highlight safety information from the USMS Rule Book (Edward Ames), references for additional safety information (Jack Kangas and others), information on safety practices that have worked for others (Julie), and a copy of the USMS Safety Handbook for Swimmers.

II. New Projects

1. SWIM Magazine articles. Bill Volckening suggested that we do an article on (not) diving during warm-ups and into pool during practices. Perhaps a top ten list of reasons why not to dive. We would also like to do an article encouraging swimmers to obtain safety certifications (CPR, first aid, and water safety).

2. When Mel Goldstein solicited ideas for suggestions on what we could get sponsors to fund we suggested that it would be nice to have someone sponsor the printing and laminating of safety signs ("no diving" and other information) for distribution to LMSCs for use at their meets.

3. A sheet of safety information "blurbs" was mailed out two years ago to LMSC newsletter editors. It will be mailed out again as many editors have changed.

III. Proposed changes to the rule book relating to safety

The committee voted to recommend passage of R11, relating to entry into the pool during warm-ups.

IV. New Business

None.

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

* The USMS Safety Handbook for Swimmers will be revised to reflect legal/insurance considerations and be ready for distribution to clubs by the end of 2001.

* The committee will have a draft of the safety section for the LMSC Handbook by next year's convention.

* An article on water quality issues during open water swims will be published in SWIM Magazine in 2001, and drafts of two other articles ("no diving" and "safety certification") will be prepared.

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We will mail out safety information for newsletter editors to use as fillers.