

Safety Education
(Committee Name)

Agenda item # 9

SESSION # _____

Report to be given on: Fri x Sat (check one)

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Committee Chair: Julie Heather/Carol Berendsen (acting)

Recorder: Carol Berendsen

Action Items

Continue working on the USMS Safety Guidelines

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 3

Number of committee members absent: 9

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 18 .

Minutes

Minutes should follow the order of the committee's agenda.

I. Introductions and attendance

II. Current Projects

- The two articles from the Safety Education Committee that were published in SWIM Magazine were mentioned.
- It was agreed that swimmer safety is more important than the fear of litigation, and work on the USMS Safety Handbook would continue with the following suggestions:
 - Change "Handbook" to "Guidelines", omit "for Swimmers", continue working with legal counsel and insurance, make sure there are no conflicts with related rules,
- Preparing safety material for the LMSC Handbook is on hold until the USMS Safety Guidelines take final form.

III. New Projects

- Put the USMS Safety Guidelines document on the USMS website.
- Write at least three safety articles for use by LMSC Health & Safety Chairs and newsletter editors to use to educate USMS swimmers.
- Include guidelines for swim meet warm-ups for including a slow or "leisurely" lane and include this in the USMS Safety Guidelines.
- Select appropriate excerpts from the USMS Safety Guidelines that apply to swim meet management and submit to LMSC Sanctions Chair to distribute to Meet Directors.
- Write articles for distribution through various media about "Lane Etiquette" and "Lightning"

IV. No changes to the rule book relating to safety were proposed.

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

* See item III. New Projects