

USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: Rules Committee

Session #: Open Forum

Agenda item #: 31

ACTION ITEMS

None

Committee Chair: Leo Letendre

Vice Chair(s): Kathy Casey

Number of committee members present: 12 Absent: 5 Total delegates attending this meeting: ca. 100

Committee Members present: Leo Letendre, Tom Boak, Jessica Leaton, Kathy Casey, Joe Kurtzman, Peggy Buchannan, Michael Moore, Charles Cockrell, Jan Kavadas, David Diehl, June Krauser, Graham Johnston

MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: approximately 3:16 PM

The meeting focused on the issues surrounding the certification of competitive facilities. In order to develop a sense of the House, four conceptual issues regarding certification of facilities were introduced. The topics and the perceived desires of the organization were:

- Do we wish to have uniform standards for all competitions?
 - All official times should be obtained in pools that meet the length standards. The organization needs to continue to sanction meets in facilities that do not meet the standards but we should not recognize these results for official purposes.
- What facility standards do we wish to enforce?
 - Pool length and starting blocks need to be compliant.
- How do we enforce the standards?
 - The sanctioning process should be used. Fixed length pools require a single certification unless structural changes occur. Pools utilizing bulkheads need to be re-certified after every session and all lanes should be measured. USA Swimming certifications are acceptable.
- How thorough should the determination of compliance be?
 - All lanes need to be measured for both certification and re-certification. A certified surveyor should not be required.

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 4:18 PM

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR