

USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: International Session # (if more than one meeting): 1 Cmte. Report #: 1

Minutes recorded by: Shannon Sullivan Date/time of this meeting: September 11, 2003

ACTION ITEMS

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

1. MSA The International Committee will support representation to the Masters Committee of the Amateur Swimming Union of Americas (ASUA).

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2. MSA The International Committee will recommend to the House of Delegates that USMS undertakes and support the bid to host the 11th FINA Masters World Championships 2006 (FMWC 2006).

Committee Chair: Phillip Whitten Vice Chair(s): Myriam Pero - Shannon Sullivan

Number of committee members present: 17 Absent: 5 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 15
Committee members present (list all): Phillip Whitten, Myriam Pero, Shannon Sullivan, Lilly Kron, June Krauser, Walt Reid, Sean Fitzgerald, Graham Johnston, Susanne Simpson, Mark Gill, Nancy Miller, Frank Tillotson, Joseph Kurtzman, Mary Pohlmann, Sandi Rousseau, Peggy Buchannan and Jim Miller

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 2:45 P.M.

Phillip Whitten led us in a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11th victims, two years ago today.

1. **Roll Call** – Seventeen members present, five absent.
2. **Discussion of USMS Hosting the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships** – Chair, Phillip Whitten opened the floor to discussing the many issues surrounding the proposed bid for USMS/Pacific hosting the meet at Stanford University and the proposed FINA Contract. Sandi Rousseau commended Tom Boak on his detailed letter to the Executive Committee outlining the pros and cons of such an undertaking specifically noting the financial concerns and the budget proposals (please see September 7th handout). Some of the questions/concerns were:
 - i) Are there any other countries bidding?
 - ii) What do we get from doing this event- is it only of financial interest?
 - iii) Will USMS membership increase?
 - iv) Should LCM National Championship be canceled in lieu of the FMWC 2006?

It was noted from previous large meet hosts, and from conservative financial projections, that the break-even point for the event would be the participation of at least 4,500 athletes.

On a positive note, our hosting the FMWC 2006 would provide an opportunity for USMS swimmers to compete at a world level in their own country. Also the idea of making this event an “aquatic festival”, not just another international meet.

3. **Vote on recommendation to House of Delegates ref- FMWC 2006:** The vote passed in favor, 15 to 1.
4. **Pan Am Masters Championships- 2005, 2007: Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (ASUA)**
Jim Miller informed us of the invitation USMS received from ASUA to participate in ASUA’s newly formed Masters Committee. ASUA will be leading the organizing of the Masters Pan Ams in 2005 (Santo Domingo) and 2007 (Sao Paulo). This is an effort to bring together all the aquatic events in the Americas. In 2007 when the elite Pam Ams are held, masters would be participating along with the elite athletes.
5. **LatyCar Championship 2005** – The VIII Latin American and Caribbean, (LatyCar) Championship will be held in Sao Paulo. This is the first year the championships will be open to swimmers from Canada and the USA.
6. **FMWC 2004 Riccione, Italy** – June Krauser informed us that FINA will conduct two seminars during the World Championships in Italy, including one on nutrition, which will be offered to all participants.

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:00 P.M.

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. TBA

