

## USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

Committee Name: **Championship Committee** Session # (if more than one meeting): 1 Cmte. report #:

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Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson Date/time of this meeting: September 16, 10:30 AM

### ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

None

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1. **The Championship Committee has approved the 5 day format for Mission Viejo which is attached to this report.**
2. **MSA to amend R7 and submit a new rule proposal , both of which allow the Championship Committee to require NQTS for distance events, if deemed necessary.**
3. **MSA to submit a Rules proposal that allows the Championship Committee to seed events 400yds/mtrs or higher by time only, if deemed necessary.**
4. **MSA to submit a Rules proposal that allows the Championship Committee to set a maximum time for all age groups in events 200 yards or longer.**
5. **MSA to submit a Rules proposal that changes the distribution of team awards.**

Committee Chair: Barry Fasbender

Vice Chair(s): Jerry Clark

Number of committee members present: 17 Absent: 4 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 30

Committee members present (list all): Carolyn Boak, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jerry Clark, Barry Fasbender, Mark Gill, Gorden Gillin, Mel Goldstein, Errol Graham, Bill Grohe, Jane Moore (Ex officio), Mark Moore, Michael Moore, Barbara Protzman, Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Tom Spence, Diane Stowell, Lisa Watson

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 10:30 AM on Thursday, September 16

1. **2005 NATIONALS-** Plans for 2005 Nationals were reviewed. Stu Marvin discussed the plans for the Ft Lauderdale SCY Nationals. Dates are May 19-22. There will be 3 courses available for use during the distance events, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> course for upper age groups. Swimmers may swim both the 1000 and 1650 as long as they have the NQT in at least one of those events.

There will be no social. There will also be no shuttle service, since there are so many hotels within walking distance of the pool. Stu showed the proposed logo and awards to the committee.

Mark Moore presented the plans for the Mission Viejo LC Nationals. Dates are August 11-15. There will be a social at a nearby lake. There will be a separately sanctioned open water event held on Saturday morning at the same time as LC Nationals events. **ACTION ITEM-The Championship Committee has approved the 5 day format for Mission Viejo which is attached to this report.** Mark showed the proposed logo and awards to the committee.

2. **RULES PROPOSALS-** the Championship Committee reviewed a number of rules proposals that have been discussed during the year. Carolyn Boak first reported on the survey that was distributed at the recent LC Nationals in Savannah, asking for feedback on suggestions for shortening the length of the meet. There were 192 respondents to the survey. The most popular suggestions included: dropping the 3<sup>rd</sup> non NQT event, seeding events by time only, and dropping the maximum number of events from 6 to 5. There were a number of suggestions recommended chase starts as well.

The committee voted to withdraw R9.

**ACTION ITEM-MSA to amend R7 and submit a new rule proposal, both of which allow the Championship Committee to require NQTS for distance events, if deemed necessary.** MS, motion failed to submit a rules proposal to require NQTS for events of 200mtrs or higher.

**ACTION ITEM-MSA to submit a Rules proposal that allows the Championship Committee to seed events 400yds/mtrs or higher by time only, if deemed necessary.** MS, motion failed to submit a Rules proposal to seed events 200yds/mtrs or longer.

**ACTION ITEM-MSA to submit a rules proposal that allows the Championship Committee to set a maximum time for all age groups in events 200 yards or longer.** The swimmer would be pulled from the race if he/she exceeded

that time before the end of the race. This proposal would hopefully be a deterrent to swimmers from entering an event in which their time would significantly impact the length of the meet.

MS, motion failed to to submit a Rules proposal to impose penalties on swimmers who did not make their NQT.

**ACTION ITEM-MSA to submit a rules proposal that changes the distribution of team awards.** The committee felt that the current method of categorizing team divisions in Large, Medium, and Small categories is flawed. The new proposal would simply give out awards through 10<sup>th</sup> place, and was felt by the committee to be a better method.

3. **NQTS FOR LC NATIONALS-** The subcommittee on this topic has proposed changing the NQTs for LC Nationals to 5<sup>th</sup> place & 11%. Jeff Roddin has prepared statistics to show how this will impact each age group. This topic was tabled for the next meeting, in order to distribute Jeff's data.

4. **DISCUSSION ON CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS-** The committee continued discussion on the ever present challenge of soliciting qualified bids. It was commented that this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row with only 1 Championship bid for SCY. Michael Moore mentioned that the meet reports of previous meet directors should be a very valuable resource for potential meet hosts. As an example, Mark Gill was complimented for the excellent job he did on his meet report for Tempe. The committee decided to form a subcommittee to look at ways to solicit bids and find suitable venues for Nationals meets. Mark Gill will chair the committee, which will also include Mark Moore, Jerry Clark, Sandy Rousseau, Tom Spence, Bill Grohe, and Lisa Watson.

The committee was concerned that for the second straight year, a bidder did not send a representative to the Convention. It was suggested that the policy be changed to mandate that a representative be present at the Convention. This topic will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at: 1 PM

#### TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. The newly appointed subcommittee will investigate ways of soliciting Nationals bids.