

Minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call
July 22, 2001

1. Convention Schedule

Wednesday evening - no planned program. Dinner break (after BOD) will be 6:30-8:00 then from 8:00 pm on, delegates can meet in the hospitality suite. Lynn is also working on a get-together for new delegates and mentors.

The Coaches Seminar is from 1:00 - 4:00 on Wednesday afternoon. Although the Executive Committee will be meeting during this time, we would like to show our support and/or attend..

ACTION: Jack will check with Scott about what the Ex Com can do.

ACTION: Nancy will ask committee chairs about potential meeting conflicts. The meeting schedule can still be adjusted.

The first HOD session on Saturday, 11:00-12:15 is for the Finance Committee to discuss FOG and any changes.

2. External Audit Bids

Clifton Gunderson is the recommended bid. The audit cost will be \$9900. According to FOG, if the lowest bid is not accepted, an explanation must be made to the Executive Committee.

ACTION: Motion to accept the Clifton Gunderson bid for an audit of 2000 financial statements was seconded and passed unanimously. Jeanne E will draft a letter to the Finance Committee with an overbudget request and a justification an explanation for not accepting the low bid. If the Finance Committee approves the overbudget request, Jeanne will send a letter to the Board of Directors with overbudget request and explanation. BOD members will respond to the Secretary. A majority of the members of the BOD must approve.

3. Hosting of non-USMS groups on our Website.

The consensus of the Ex Com was that we would recommend to the Communications Committee and Jim Matysek that very narrow criteria be used to determine whether to host a group or organization. Some considerations should be: a limit on band width, the function of the organization with respect to supporting the goals of USMS, approval on a case by case basis.

4. Proposed Legislation

The Ex Com had a general discussion of Legislative proposals. NO ACTION. .

The Ex Com also discussed current proposals to change Financial Operating Guidelines to Financial Operating Rules. We concluded that no decision should be made without thoughtful discussion, including input from members with financial or other relevant backgrounds. NO ACTION.

5. Professional Management

The Ex Com discussed the guidelines approved at last year's convention. NO ACTION.

6. Safety

The Safety Handbook written by the Safety Committee was discussed. ACTION: It will be reviewed by Mike Laux and Jeanne Crouse.

7. Election Guidelines

Lynn gave a summary of proposals made by the Nomination Committee for future elections.
NO ACTION.

8. Officer Reports

Betsy - will pursue the possibility of providing minutes in electronic form for those with laptops at the HOD meetings.

Nancy and Betsy will discuss a possible Ex Com Challenge Relay at the convention.

Mel - more bids this year for championships, probably due to the elimination of area requirements. Mel also reported on the increase in on line registrations for nationals.

Members who sign up with MBNA will receive a fleece vest. Kast-Away, who ordered the vests, does not want to store the inventory of vests. ACTION: Motion was made, seconded, and passed for USMS to purchase the vests and to sell those that are not used in the MBNA promotion. Money spent in purchasing the vests will be recouped through MBNA sign-ups and, if necessary, sales at convention or National meets.

9. Next Conference Call

Nancy would like to talk one more time prior to convention, between August 27 and September 8, if we can arrange a time.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Durrant, USMS Secretary