Minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call September 14, 2001

1. Convention 2

Various options for the date and place of the convention were discussed. Several sites are being considered. The only complete bid received so far is from Louisville, KY.

Nancy will work with Dearborn and request a partial refund for USMS. Mike Heather is working on an overbudget request in order to fund a rescheduled convention. No additional delegate registration costs are planned.

ACTION: A motion was made to schedule our annual convention for later this year. Passed unanimously.

ACTION: The dates of November 15-18 and December 6-9 were considered. December 6-9 was accepted with a 6-1 vote.

The reasons for the December choice are that it will allow more time to assess the national situation, more time for delegates to make plans, and more time for air travel to return to normal. In addition, the Legal Counsel is unable to attend Nov 15-18 due to a trial that has been scheduled for November 16. The Executive Committee believes that it is essential to have the presence of the Legal Counsel at this year's convention.

Because the first consideration in holding the convention is the safety of the delegates, other options were discussed if the national situation does not allow us to hold a convention this year. It might be possible to hold the election and have the budget approved with an electronic vote. The Championship Committee could be entrusted with selecting sites for the 2002 National Championships.

2. South Texas LMSC Delegate Certification

Motion was made and accepted unanimously that Legal Counsel Jeanne Crouse will contact the South Texas Parliamentarian and ask for an interpretation of the by-laws as to whether the selection of the delegates for the 2001 convention was done in accordance with the LMSC by-laws.

3. Audit

Reports from the Audit were sent to Dearborn and have now been shipped to Jeanne Ensign.

4. Unapproved Overbudget Items

Jeanne Ensign will pursue the overbudget requests with the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. This will include the request for Convention funding.

5. Evaluations

Evaluations for the Executive Secretary, Controller, Sponsor Liaison, Webmaster, and SWIM Magazine Editor will be done in a future conference call.

All contracts (employee and independent contractors) end December 31, 2001. Extension of contracts was discussed in order to give the new Executive Committee time to make plans. ACTION: A motion was made and unanimously approved to extend the contracts for Executive Secretary, Controller, Webmaster, and SWIM Magazine Editor until June 30, 2002.

6. Another Conference Call

The next conference call was scheduled for Saturday, September 22, at 4:00 pm Eastern time/1:00 pm Pacific time.

7. Evaluations/Extensions

Mel Goldstein was recused from the discussions at this time. ACTION: A motion was made and unanimously approved to extend the contract of the Sponsor Liaison until June 30, 2002.

Respectively submitted, Betsy Durrant, USMS Secretary