The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 7:05PM EST. Present were Sally Dillon, Nancy Ridout, Lynn Hazlewood, Jack Geoghegan, and Tracy Grilli. Scott Rabalais and Doug Church joined the conference while in progress.

- 1. The next EC conference call will take place Thursday, June 6 at 7:30PM EST.
- 2. DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the April 2, 2002 conference call were approved, sent to the BOD, and posted on the USMS web site.
- 3. Officer reports:

<u>PRESIDENT</u>: Jim reported on the World Championships and noted that a summary is in the current issue of *STREAMLINES*. Open water competition will be limited to no more than 5000 meter distances. It was noted that a number of inaccuracies in the results have been reported.

<u>LEGAL COUNSEL</u>: Jack reported that our agreement with ISHOF to maintain our records at the Henning Library appears to be more reasonably priced than was originally expected. The future location of the Swimming Hall of Fame is still undetermined. Nancy asked Jack if priorities have been set to determine what materials will be kept as archives at the Henning Library. A good deal of material has been accumulated in various locations and we will only have two large file cabinets for the materials at the library. Carl has put together a priority list and Jack will try to get together with him over the coming weekend when he attends the Hall of Fame presentations. LMSCs should retain their own materials if possible. Jack confirmed to Nancy that the USMS materials will be kept separately from other International submissions and that USMS would retain title and rights to all reproduction of our materials under the proposed agreement. Jack also mentioned that he had received a letter from Ross Wales that the annual report and fee is due to the State of Ohio, the site of the articles of incorporation. He will send the letter to Doug who will take care of the report.

<u>SECRETARY</u>: Sally reported that the History and Archives committee has recently distributed their brochure to representatives in all LMSCs. It is designed to solicit help in the creation of stories about USMS members.

<u>ZONE CHAIR</u>: Lynn has completed minutes from the data base project conference call and will make them available to the EC.

<u>PAST PRESIDENT</u>: Nancy has recently met with Aimee Fitzgerald, the public relations consultant, and is pleased with the good ideas being brought forth. She reported that the Registration committee has started a forum on the web site for all Registrars and the Chair is participating in the database discussions.

<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u>: Scott reported that arrangements for the Masters program at ASCA are on schedule and we will have nine speakers. A grant program is in place to subsidize registration for 20 coaches. ASCA has asked Mel Goldstein if USMS would like to host the Friday night reception at a cost of \$1000-\$1200. Mel contacted Jim Miller to see if the money could come from the discretionary funds in Jim's budget. Jim reported that the event could be funded with a combination of his and Mel's budgets. Discussion was had as to whether funding could be found to subsidize more than 20 coaches and Nancy offered to contact Mel about getting some sponsor monies. Scott reported that a provision would be included to prevent one team from dominating the program.

Tracy Grilli was complimented on an excellent job with the latest STREAMLINES.

4. <u>CALENDAR LISTINGS – SANCTIONED AND NON-SANCTIONED</u>: The EC is investigating the topic of posting sanctioned and non-sanctioned events on the web site. It was MSC that the EC should explore the proper and fair charge, if any, to be paid by event sponsors of non-sanctioned events in order to be listed on our calendar. Doug will develop a plan and get a sense as to what is being paid for this service elsewhere.

- 5. <u>SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE</u>: At the last meeting a committee was formed to discuss the increased workload and appropriate compensation for the SWIM editor and Web Master. The committee members are Scott Rabalais (chair), Nancy Ridout, Lynn Hazlewood, Rich Burns, Tom Boak and Hugh Moore. The current contracted employees have provided data about their workloads. The committee will develop updated job descriptions, start with the budgetary process, and will present a proposal to the HOD in September. Once a budget is approved, the job descriptions and compensations will be publicized with interviews to take place early in 2003.
- 6. <u>CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE</u>: The EC will make a change in the convention schedule to make it clear that the Championship bid meeting is a House of Delegates meeting as well.
- 7. <u>TASK FORCE TO LOOK AT NATIONAL SPONSORS AND EVALUATE THEIR WORTH</u>: A discussion of the relative value of national sponsors' contributions to USMS compared to the value that they receive has been brought to the Executive Committee. Doug will chair a committee consisting of Tom Boak, Rich Burns, Barry Fasbender, Mel Goldstein and Nancy Ridout.
- 8. <u>ROOM ARRANGEMENTS AT CONVENTION</u>: The EC will share rooms including a suite that will be available for meetings and evaluation of our employees and contractors. Sally will contact the hotel and make the necessary arrangements.
- 9. <u>NATIONAL SPONSORS</u>: Lynn explained the technical issues that are involved in putting certain types of links on our web site. Every effort will be made to assist Mel Goldstein in getting sponsor information on the site.
- 10. <u>INTERNATIONAL "INVITES"</u>: Jim expressed a concern that the process we use to "invite" foreign swimmers to compete in USMS meets might bring in individuals to the US who would erroneously use our competitions as a means of receiving travel visas from their respective governments.. After some discussion it was MSC that a request from a foreign athlete will be referred to their home federation to obtain a USMS request for letter of invitation. Upon receipt of the request for the letter of invitation, the letter of invitation would be extended by USMS through the National Office. Sufficient documentation (including a copy of their passport) will be required. If a swimmer says they have no NGB Tracy will inquire as to where they register for Masters swimming. Tracy will develop forms for these procedures.
- 11. <u>HAWAII EC MEETING</u>: Sally will prepare a brief agenda for the Hawaii meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM EST

Respectfully submitted, Sally Ann Dillon, USMS Secretary