

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 8:04 PM. Present were Scott Rabalais, Sally Dillon, Doug Church, Lynn Hazlewood, Nancy Ridout, Patty Powis, and Tracy Grilli.

1. Noting a specific need to discuss meetings that will be held at SCY nationals, the next conference call is scheduled for Monday, May 5, at 8:00 PM EST.
2. DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the March 10 conference call were approved, sent to the BOD, and posted on the USMS web site.
3. OFFICER REPORTS:
President: Jim reported that major efforts on his part have been in the areas of FINA World Championships and Core Objectives, both of which are line items in the agenda. Additionally, letters have been drafted for At-Large Delegates and those who are requesting this status.

Vice President: Scott reported that one significant development in the Coaches Committee (Mike Collins) is that the committee is proposing to ASCA that a Jonty Skinner/Dave Thom presentation on new video analysis software be included in the Masters track for the 2003 World Clinic in San Diego. The Recognition and Awards Committee (Kathy Casey) has received nominations for the Ransom Arthur award and the voting process is taking place.

Secretary: Sally reported that she has revised the Delegate Entitlement document for an April 15 distribution by Tracy. LMSCs are already submitting their lists of delegates. She has included in her mid-year report some encouragement to the LMSCs to get their delegates selected by June 30 although it is not a hard and fast deadline.

Treasurer: Doug distributed a summary from the Task Force on the Sponsor Liaison that will be discussed later if time allows. He noted that the budget seems to be tracking at the midyear where it should be. He has asked for some information on the registration reports to see if the dues increase has cut down on registrations and it doesn't appear that we are seeing any significant changes in registration numbers at this point in the year. Doug indicated that he has a draft of specs to review regarding the merchant account and he will circulate them when they are ready. As liaison to Finance (Tom Boak), an internal discussion continues on some FOG revisions but there have been no recent over budget issues. Championship Committee (Barry Fasbender) is having a lively discussion about upcoming national meets, their length, events, etc.

Zone Chair: Lynn reported on the Database Task Force progress. She shared an implementation plan and schedule that will form the basis of the Project Administrator reports. A system for sanction tracking has been prepared and the group will continue to discuss online USMS registration. Lynn reported that the vote of the Communications Committee (Hugh Moore) in opposition to charging a \$25 fee for non-sanctioned event listings on the USMS calendar was unanimous (that information was not available for our last meeting). The committee has made suggestions of how to emphasize sanctioned events on the calendar that will be implemented when the calendar conversion is done. The Zone Committee discussion of the zone chair realignment is close to conclusion. Lynn reported that one of the Zone Reps will be resigning and she has begun the process of finding her replacement. The Long Distance Committee (Peter Crumbine) has distributed bid forms for the 2005 LD National Championships and all but one of the entry forms for the 2003 events is posted on the web site.

Past President: Nancy reported that she is honored to be representing USMS at the ISHOF Induction ceremonies May 9-10 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. It is especially meaningful as a member of her team (Laura Val) is being inducted. In a conversation with Pieter Cath (Records and Tabulation), Nancy has discussed the meet results format, the Top Ten program specifications, and his concern regarding checks and balances for the new Top Ten web site posting. Pieter has initiated a survey among his committee and LMSC Top Ten Recorders which seeks to ascertain the various procedures used, if and

how registration numbers are incorporated, and the amount of extra work incorporating them would incur. The Registration Committee (Anna Lea Roof) has kept in touch with the LMSC registrars regarding problems and potential problems with the new registration program. The new brochures developed by the Marketing Committee (Rich Burns) are out and our Public Relations Consultant (Aimee Fitzgerald) reports more exposure for USMS in her last report.

Legal Counsel: Patty reported that we have agreed on the terms of a contract with James Merrill, the contractor who will be doing the conversion for the History & Archives database. She has been communicating with the Ad Hoc Legal Counselors Committee on the topics of on-line signatures (see agenda item #10, and the amount of contact information for USMS and LMSC leaders that is presently on the USMS web site. Patty continues to receive questions from USMS members that she responds to individually or with the involvement of other committee chairs. Finally, she reported that the Legislation Committee (Rob Copeland) continues its work on revisions to Part 4 of the USMS Rules.

4. FORUM FOR REVIEWING SWIM ARTICLES: Sally spoke with Bill Volckening about setting up a forum for the EC to use when reviewing articles for SWIM Magazine. This would replace the numerous email messages that are sent when articles are ready for review. The EC was in support of the concept and Sally will work with Bill to implement the idea.
5. SANCTIONS PACKET: The concept of a sanctions packet was discussed and it was decided that it was premature since the Database Task Force is still working on the integration of sanctioning and event calendars with USMS's enterprise database.
6. LETTER ON SANCTION TRACKING AND CALENDAR SYSTEMS: Lynn presented the draft of the information on sanction tracking. The EC deferred discussion on the current language to the Database Task Force, which will meet next week.
7. CORE OBJECTIVES: The EC further discussed the process for sending out the proposed objectives to the BOD and, in an effort to assure that we reach everyone and encourage interaction, we decided to use email as the primary source for communication. Some new ideas have come forth that we feel the entire BOD should have an opportunity to discuss. The BOD will be encouraged to "reply all" so that opinions and comments can be shared more fully.
8. 2006 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FUNDING FOR THE GAMES: Jim reported that he joined a conference call with the International Committee (Phil Whitten) in order to discuss procedures for a World Championship bid. It was determined that we would need at least 2X50 meter pools. Pool needs have been requested from the other disciplines (water polo, synchro, diving). Although FINA's terms are fairly rigid, an effort will be made to make the event a "sports festival". All ideas must be included in the bid, which is due December 31, 2003. Estimated costs have been determined and they will be shared by the four disciplines. A \$25,000 application fee is required up front but it is refundable if we do not receive the bid. A significant additional cost will be transportation and lodging for FINA officials who will attend not only the event itself but also, a site visit and meeting the year before the event.
9. SILVER OLYMPICS: The National Office received information and a request for support from a person promoting the "Silver Olympics", a proposed international organization. No motion was made to discuss the proposal and no action will be taken on it.
10. OLD BUSINESS:
 - e. Electronic Signatures: Patty reported that through research and discussion with the Ad Hoc Legal Counselors, she believes we can now sign off on allowing releases to be "signed" (click to accept) on-line. This is a prerequisite for on-line registration. After some discussion it was *MSA to direct Jim Matysek to develop a concept for registration and entries and present it to the Database Task Force by May 15, 2003. Sounds like we expect the plan to be underway by that date which is not the case.*

The following items were tabled until the May 5 meeting due to the time:

- a. Removal of street addresses and phone numbers from web site.
- b. Web site inclusion of Safety and Officials Committee information
- c. Task Force on finance, budgets, and audit
- d. National Sponsors Task Force

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 PM, EDT

Respectfully submitted by:

Sally Ann Dillon
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