

ad hoc Recognition/Awards Committee
September 22, 1995
Minutes

Attendance. Committee members: N. Ridout, D. Donnelly, M. Watson, T. Boak, G. Dummer, K. Casey, J. Krauser, J. Geoghegan, E. Gruender, J. Paque. Non-committee members: M. Smath, S. Petrequin, D. Schwab, S. Rabalais, T. Hendryx, J. Tesmer.

The meeting was called to order at 10:24 am.

Ransom Arthur Award

Publicity for nominations: The committee decided that the current method of publicizing the call for nominations is adequate.

Award Presentation: This year's presentation has been delegated to an "ad hoc" committee chaired by J. Geoghegan. The current "ad hoc" group that has been devising the presentations expressed a wish to pass along the torch to others. All committee members are charged with looking for replacements for the current ad hoc presentation committee.

Ransom Arthur pins: N. Ridout presented two design proposals for pins to be given to all past and future award winners. These pins would be of high quality. MSC to pursue the Ransom Arthur pin/charm. N. Ridout will obtain bids from several companies and distribute them to the committee.

USMS Recognition

Presidential Service Awards: These were distributed to awardees at convention and were well received. MSC to continue with Presidential Service Awards.

"Behind the Scenes": The "Behind the Scenes" series of spotlights on local volunteers appeared in SWIM magazine this year. We would like to continue to receive nominations for people contributing to the success of Masters swimming on the local level.

Service Pins: Nancy Ridout presented a design to the committee for a USMS Service Award pin. Several suggestions were put forth for changes to the design. A subcommittee consisting of G. Dummer (chair), K. Casey, N. Ridout, and E. Gruender will draft criteria for selection of recipients. It is anticipated that 10-15 pins will be awarded annually.

Thank you note cards: G. Donner has printed up USMS Thank You note cards (at no charge to USMS). These will be distributed to committee chairmen and the board of directors with the stationary at the beginning of the year. We would like to encourage committee chairmen to use the note cards to thank those who do work during the year. The note cards precipitated discussion concerning recognition of the people who work at national meets, including officials. We will explore options for recognition.

Other Awards:

Proposed Swimmer of the Year Award: Scott Rabalais discussed his proposal for a USMS Swimmer of the Year Award. A handout outlining criteria and procedures with the results of a prior survey were distributed to the committee. A discussion followed covering the pros and cons of the proposal. MSC to not recommend the awarding of a Swimmer of the Year Award by USMS. MSC to draft a USMS Performance Award proposal for consideration by the committee. This would highlight one or more (or none) extraordinary performances per year and would also be a useful marketing tool. S. Rabalais was asked to restructure his proposal along these lines. He will consider this request and let the committee know whether he will do it, otherwise the committee will appoint a subcommittee to draft such an award proposal.

Proposed USMS Speedo Fitness Swimmer Award: Joe Tesmer elaborated on a proposed National Fitness Award. Discussion ensued on the appropriateness, criteria, and value of such an award. MSC to support this award as presented. Various suggestions were given to J. Tesmer as to ways to achieve the goals other than this proposed award.

Adapted Aquatics Award: G. Dummer presented the proposal for a USAS Adapted Aquatics Award for feedback from USMS. Nominations would be forwarded from member organizations to USAS. MSC to support this concept.

MSC to adjourn at 11:35 am.