

Committee Name:	Board of Directors	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Patty Miller	Date/time of meeting:	3/21/2016 8:30pm EDT
Minutes recorded by:	Chris Colburn		

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Emergency Board Meeting as amended.
2. MSA for a Board resolution to approve Dawson Hughes, Chief Executive Officer, as the fully authorized signer on USMS bank accounts with an effective date of March 28th, 2016.
3. MSA to accept the amendment to the proposed rule changes regarding water temperatures.
4. MSA to accept the proposed rule changes regarding water temperatures as amended (see below).

Number of committee members present:	23	Absent:	5	Number of other delegates present:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Patty Miller - President; Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Administration; Chris McGiffin - VP of Programs; Chris Stevenson - VP of Local Operations; Frank (Skip) Thompson -VP of Community Services; Chris Colburn – Secretary; Ralph Davis – Treasurer; Maria Elias-Williams - Legal Counsel; At-Large Directors: Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket); Dave Diehl (Colonies); Dan Cox (Great Lakes); Sarah Welch (Northwest); Leianne Crittenden (Oceana); Jill Gellatly (South Central); and Laura Winslow (Southwest); Bill Brenner – Interim CEO; Dave Coddington (USA Swimming Liaison to USMS); Past Presidents: Nadine Day, Rob Copeland, Jim Miller, Nancy Ridout and Ted Haartz.					
Not present: Sean Fitzgerald (Dixie); Past Presidents: Jeff Moxie, Tom Boak, Mike Laux and Dan Gruender. Mel Goldstein is recused from the Board due to his contractor position with USMS.					
Guests: none.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm EDT.

1. Agenda review and conflict of interest declarations (Patty): Patty welcomed everyone to the call. There were no conflicts.
2. Approval of February 13-14 and March 2 meeting minutes (Chris Colburn):
 - a. Chris had questions for the Board about the desired contents of the Consent Agenda that would be included with the Winter Board Meeting Materials. The Board agreed to provide the Officers’ Reports from the pre-meeting packet.
 - b. Chris solicited changes to the Winter Board Meeting Minutes. He will be sending out an updated draft of the minutes in the morning for further review and an email vote.
 - c. **MSA to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Emergency Board Meeting as amended.**
3. CEO Transition (Patty): This is Bill’s last report as Interim CEO. Patty thanked Bill for all the contributions he has made as Interim CEO.
4. Interim CEO Report (Bill):
 - a. Membership is currently flat for this time of year, around 50,000 members. Staff is working on signing up new clubs.
 - b. Kyle is working on a Facebook campaign that has directly signed up 62 new members.
 - c. Staff are moving forward with Market Research to put together a marketing plan.
 - d. Melanie Jaudon is the new office manager and is getting up to speed.
 - e. Staff had a conference call with college club leaders to further work on their partnership with USMS.
 - f. The College Club Championships will be at Georgia Tech in two weeks. Kyle will be attending.
 - g. The Summer BOD Meeting will be at the Holiday Inn at Ledo Beach, across the street from the Gulf and a 25m pool. Friday evening will have an Open House at 5pm at the new Headquarters. Patty mentioned that she thought it would be possible to cover an extra night at the hotel if necessary for West Coast Board members to attend the Open House.
5. Action/Discussion Items:
 - a. Signing authorization for new CEO, Dawson Hughes (Patty/Ralph): Dawson will be starting on March 28. He has met with the staff, and has started working on logistics. Bill is working on transition items. Ed will be meeting with Dawson at Y Nationals. **MSA for a Board resolution to approve Dawson Hughes, Chief Executive Officer, as the fully authorized signer on USMS bank accounts with an effective date of March 28th, 2016.**

- b. Proposed Water Temperature Legislation (Chris McGiffin): The Long Distance Committee asked the Board to put together some legislation based on the Board's recommendation related to cold water standards. MS to accept the proposed rule changes. Rob Copeland asked for an amendment for the temperature range references with parentheticals for the appropriate Fahrenheit temperatures. **MSA to accept the amendment. MSA to accept the amended proposed rule changes.** The amended rule proposal is as follows:
 - 302.2.2 Water Conditions
 - A Water Temperature
 - (1) A swim shall not begin if the water temperature is less than 16 degrees Celsius (60.8 degrees Fahrenheit).
 - (2) A swim shall not begin if the water temperature is between 16 degrees and 18 degrees Celsius (60.9 and 64.4 degrees Fahrenheit), unless heat-retaining swimwear and bathing cap are worn by all swimmers.
 - (3) For a swim with the water temperature between 18 and 20 degrees Celsius (64.5 and 68 degrees Fahrenheit), heat-retaining swimwear is optional.
 - (4) For a swim with the water temperature above 20 degrees Celsius (68 degrees Fahrenheit), heat-retaining swimwear is prohibited.
 - (5) A swim shall not begin if the water temperature exceeds 29.4 degrees Celsius (85 degrees Fahrenheit).
 - B Water Quality
 - If water quality meets the standards of the local testing authority, the water quality will be deemed acceptable.
- c. Futures Task Force (Dan): First meeting the Sunday before last. The group is very interested in helping. We want to find out why some clubs have a younger membership. Dan has worked with Anna Lea Matysek to find clubs that have younger members and survey them and find out what attracts them to that particular club. We also want to survey 35U members who have left and survey them as to why they've left. Our next meeting is on April 24. Dan explained that the group is using Slack for group collaboration and communication. Patty thanked Dan and Chris Colburn for their participation. Dan told the group that Dawson asked to be on the next call.
 - d. May 14 USAS Meeting in Chicago (Patty):
 - i. FINA Masters Legislation Proposals: Any Masters rules from FINA that we have need to be proposed to the USAS Board for that meeting. Leg, Rules, and LD are aware of that. Rules will bring a proposal to the 4/18 BOD meeting related to bringing the younger age groups to FINA.
 - ii. USAS support for Masters at 2017 FINA World Championships: Now that FINA Masters World Championships are conducted with the other aquatic disciplines' World Championships, there is an opportunity for USAS to provide support for USMS athletes at Worlds, including arrangements for hotels and village accommodations.
 - e. Recognized Meets – Proposal for Task Force to address (Patty): There is a concern that because of the new sanction fee, there will be a proliferation of recognized meets. Rob Copeland sent the summary of the 2014 Sanction and Recognition Task Force, that voiced concern on what would happen once sanction fees were set, as they are now. Skip provided some background on issues that have arisen at the local level. Discussion continued on the potential risks and the issues related to recognizing vs. sanctioning meets. Discussion included the possibility of forming a new Task Force to look at the current state of recognized events and the necessity of any changes. Patty will contact Anna Lea to gather some data on recognized events. If we see that there is an issue, Patty will appoint a small task force to address the issue.
6. Reports (Consent Agenda for reports submitted in writing):
- a. President (Patty): Patty has nothing to add over and above her written report. Patty asked the Officers to provide a summary report with some bullet points on key items their committees are working on. This is so the Board has some information, and so our calls don't go too long. During the next EC meeting, we'll talk about a better way to disseminate the information.
 - b. Treasurer (Ralph): Nothing to report.
 - c. Secretary (Chris Colburn): Nothing to report over and above the minutes presented.
 - d. Vice Presidents:
 - i. VP Community Services (Skip): Nothing to add.
 - ii. VP of Administration (Ed): Nothing to add.
 - iii. VP Local Operations (Chris Stevenson): Nothing to add.
 - iv. VP Programs (Chris McGiffin): target date for public availability of ISM training is 3/31. Chris has no further info about the Oregon swim since the Winter Board Meeting.
 - e. Legal Counsel (Maria): Nothing of importance to the Board to report.
 - f. Immediate Past President (Nadine): Nothing to report.

7. Next meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 8:30pm EDT.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Colburn, Secretary