

# U.S. Masters Swimming Executive Committee Conference Call minutes

February 22, 2011

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## Action Items:

1. **MSA – The Executive Committee moves forward with the recommendation to the National Board of Review a USMS initiated grievance regarding the potential suspension of a members membership privileges resulting from a criminal conviction.**
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Michael Heather-VP of Administration called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM EDT. Also present were Nadine Day-VP of Community Service, David Diehl-VP of Programs, Ralph Davis-Treasurer, and C.J. Rushman - Secretary, Rob Copeland-Immediate Past President, Doug Church-Legal and Executive Director - Rob Butcher.

Absent: Jeff Moxie-President and Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Local Operations.

EC Agenda topics:

1) President's report (Jeff): No report.

2) Executive Director Report (Rob B): SwimFest information and registration is available on the USMS site. The Open Water Conference is at 46 registered participants. Rob B thanked Ralph for following up on the Swimming Saves Lives over-budget request with the Finance Committee Chair Homer Lane. The National Office had received some complaints that the Rule Book was sent out late and there were some errors in the different appendices. Since the EC is responsible for the Rule Book, Rob B asked if the EC should hire a contractor that can manage the Rule Book process and fulfillment. Dave asked how much does Rule Book costs to produce. Rob B said it is about Ten Thousand dollars to print and mail. The question was raised should we have a contractor be responsible for the Rule Book. The time investment would be from Convention through end of the year when the Rule Books are to be mailed. The Executive Committee thinks it would be a good idea if we examine this option and requested Rob B. recommend a contractor fee. The staff is also responsible for the administrative updates to the policy manual. Rob B requested the EC provide the Policy updates that need to occur.

3) Blog Email (Mike) – On a blog someone indicated they would go through USMSs 990 tax return looking for “dirt” if an appeal to the National Board of Review didn’t go the way they wanted it. Mike asked should the Executive Committee take any action. Doug said our 990 is public record so no need to do anything.

4) Old business

- A. Forum rules (Mike, Rob C) – There is a new account called Forum Moderator that will be policing the discussion forums. There have been many more deletions recently. There are four volunteers monitoring the discussion on the USMS site. Nadine asked should we address the issue of social media in the Code of Contact. Mike asked what this would cover. Rob C said this would cover all USMS members since membership is a privilege not a right. Any additional information could be added to Part four of the Code. Rob C said that we could broadly use the Code as it is currently written.

5) New business

- B. Lynn Hazelwood, OW Chair, is a panelist speaker for the Open Water Safety Conference in San Francisco and would like to use the Open Water Safety Guidelines documents that had been submitted to the board and EC. The EC has no issues and encourages Lynn to use the documents.
- C. Doug shared there is an overbudget request to the USMS Endowment Fund Board of Governors for an Endless Pool to be placed at the Councilman Center for Swimming at Indiana University. The pool will be used in research to study various aspects of swimming on Masters swimmers of all ages/abilities such as cold water, warm water, heart rate, etc.

Michael Heather-VP of Administration moved that the Executive Committee go into Executive Session to discuss USMS initiated grievance at 9:02 pm EDT. **MSA – The Executive Committee moves forward with the recommendation to the National Board of Review a USMS initiated grievance regarding the potential suspending of a members' membership privileges.**

Next meeting of the Executive Committee meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 8:30 PM EDT.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM EDT.

C.J. Rushman,  
Secretary