

U.S. Masters Swimming Executive Committee Conference Call minutes

March 22nd, 2011

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Action Items:

1. None
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President Jeff Moxie called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM EDT. Also present were Michael Heather-VP of Administration, 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: Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Local Operations.

EC Agenda topics:

1) President's report (Jeff): Jeff did attend the Open Water Safety Conference on Sunday March 20th, and thought the turn out was great. There were approximately 150 attendees, who were very knowledgeable in open water and expressed their desire to continue this event

2) Executive Director Report (Rob B): Club Membership is at 700 clubs, which are 8 more clubs than last year. There are 42,700 USMS registered members as of today, which is ahead of last year. The National Office created a Member Rewards program. The National Office is giving away \$500 in merchandise and prizes over the next 20 weeks, and the program is being promoted on the USMS website.

Anna Lea has been reviewing LMSC and Zone websites for sanction events. Unfortunately, many LMSCs are not submitting events into the USMS Calendar of Events. This process is necessary as it allows USMS to track event results that need to be submitted. Anna Lea has added more than 40 events to the USMS Calendar of Events. USMS leaves it to our LMSCs to sanction events and many events that are sanctioned USMS is not aware of because the event is not on the USMS Calendar of events. This provides a benefit to our members to find events. This evidences for the need for USMS to develop a national sanctioning database. Rob B. is going to have Ed T. come to Sarasota to map out what information we want to capture through an online event sanction process. This ties into the E2EEM and the sanction process.

Rob B said that he had four take ways from the Open Water Safety Conference; (1) the importance of collaboration, (2) safety is much more than the event day (3) the need for Open Water Race Director education, and (4) what Rob shared earlier, the need for a national sanction process so USMS can be aware of the events that are sanctioned. Mike asked if the information from the conference will be posted for education purposes for the meet and race organizers. Rob B said that the conference workshops and breakout sessions will be posted to the USMS website. Nadine did reiterate what Mike said that information is out there, but it needs to be more streamlined for communication purposes. Rob B mention that USA Tri had online information and discovered that education outreach was more appropriate and it ensure that the correct message was being conveyed. Doug agreed with having safety guidelines versus safety standards; events are different and will have unique circumstances.

3) Rule Book Contractor (Rob B) – Rob B sent out an update about the position for review. Mike asked about the table of contents and appendix E generally handled by the Executive Committee, and should Appendix E be handled by the staff. Staff could handle Appendix E since it is updating of contacts and

addresses. Rob B and Ralph spoke about this position and this person would be at convention and cost would be covered by USMS. Rob C. indicated we might need to have a Rules Change as the Rule Book Coordinator is defined in the Rule Book.

4) 2013 UANA Pan American Masters Championships (Rob B) – The YMCA of Sarasota did submit a letter of intent to bid for the 2013 UANA Pan Am Championships. If awarded the event, the Sarasota YMCA would like to host it in June of 2013. The letter was submitted to the Championships Committee by Rick Walker. The date to submit the bid is July of this year. The bid could be submitted to USAS for their Board meeting in May. Rob C asked how the recommendation will be submitted. Rob B said the USMS Board of Directors should make the recommendation with Jeff submitting this to the USAS. Rob B is not on the steering committee however they have offered for him to sit in on meetings with the Sarasota YMCA so he can be kept up to date. They have reached out to the other NGB's-water polo, synchro, and diving. Not other bids have been submitted.

5) Open Water Safety Conference: Protecting the Athlete (Nadine) – Nadine wanted to ensure roles and responsibilities are handled properly when we host these types of events. Secondly we need to collaborate with other NGB so everyone does not reinvent the wheel when it comes to safety.

6) Liaison; Convention Invitations (Nadine) – As a result of the Open Water Safety Conference should we be inviting persons from an example USA Triathlon to help foster collaboration across the NGB's? Rob B. will extend the invitation.

7) Governance: LMSC By-laws, Grievance, National Board of Review clarification (Nadine) – In the minutes for the Governance conference call; they want more clarity on their role as a standing committee, LMSC By-laws and policies and procedures and clarity on conflict of interest direction. Jeff will reach out to Anthony for further clarification.

8) VP's Committee updates-minutes; preparation for convention. (Nadine) – Nadine wanted to remind the different VP's that we encourage our committees post the minutes through the USMS site.

9) EC Position Descriptions (David) – Dave wanted to follow up about the position descriptions and should we share them amongst the other Vice Presidents. Rob C said that we should share across the entire Executive Committee.

10) Old business

A. Discussion Forum rules (Mike, Rob C) – No update.

B. Swim Fest (Nadine) There are 8 coaches that have signed up along with 20 swimmers. Rob C still needs coaches bio's to post on the LMSC website. Rob B will have Mark Gill follow up with Rob C.

11) New business – none

Next meeting of the Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 5th, 2011 at 8:30 PM EDT.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM EDT.

C.J. Rushman,
Secretary