

USMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETINGS
Cincinnati, Ohio
October 1-3, 1998

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1998

President Nancy Ridout called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Secretary Betsy Durrant called the roll of certified delegates. President Ridout asked for a moment of silence for those Masters swimmers who had passed away over the past year. They include: Ann Maguire (Florida Gold Coast), Denise Moran (Pacific), Bill Barnes (AZ), Kathy Wren (CO), and Jean Ditsworth (AZ).

Members of the Executive Committee gave brief reports of their activities. President Nancy Ridout referred to a letter she had written to FINA protesting the exclusion of the Israeli team at the FINA World Championships in Casablanca and the reply she had received. Zone Chairman Hugh Moore called on Richard Smith to report on the election of the Zone Chairman. Richard reported that no nominations had been received other than the nomination of current chairman, Hugh Moore. Additional nominations were called for; there were none. It was MSC (Moved, Seconded and Carried) that Hugh be elected as Zone Chairman by acclamation.

Parliamentarian Jim Wheeler was introduced. Jim gave a brief explanation of how discussions and voting would be conducted.

Chairmen of twenty standing committees (no report from Internal Audit Committee) gave a brief report of their committee's activities, issues, and agenda highlights.

After a short break, delegates selected one of six discussion groups to attend. Delegates reassembled to hear reports from each group.

The House of Delegates recessed at 12:08 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998

The second session of the House of Delegates was called to order at 2:18 p.m. The following reports were given by chairmen of Ad Hoc Committees and Liaisons.

FINA Liaison/ISHOF: June Krauser

Historian: Joan Smith

USAS: Nancy Ridout

USS: Ted Haartz

YMCA: Gene Donner

Controller: Suzanne Rague and Nancy Ridout.

Nancy explained that Controller Roy Abramowitz had resigned due to illness. Suzanne Rague is Acting Controller for the duration of the convention and will be appointed Controller at the conclusion of the convention.

Endowment Fund: Doug Church

ISHOF Nomination: Tom Boak

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the chairman. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed with the exceptions noted below.

Coaches: Scott Rabalais

Scott presented the Coach of the Year Award (sponsored by Speedo) to Ed Nessel.

Manny Sanguily presented the David Yorszyk Memorial Award to Aldo da Rosa.

Convention: Mike Heather

Officials: Bill Tingley

Sports Medicine: Jim Miller

Safety Education: Julie Paque

Records and Tabulation: Pieter Cath

Recognition and Awards: Mary Lee Watson

USMS Service Awards were presented to the following people:

Anneliese and Walt Eggert, Roy Abramowitz, Carolyn Boak, Rich Burns, Carl House, Wayde Mulhern, Julie Paque, Sandi Rousseau, Dore Schwab, Richard and Joan Smith, Joanne Tingley.

Legal Counselors: Jeanne Crouse

President Ridout introduced the USMS Editor for *SWIM* magazine, Susan Ludwig. Susan gave a brief report and presented the Newsletter of the Year Award to the Florida Newsletter edited by James Donnelly.

Ad Hoc Professional Management Committee: Hugh Moore

The House of Delegates was recessed for a dinner break, to reconvene at 6:30 pm to consider bids for 2000 National Championships.

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2, 1998

Short Course. Presentations were given by Phoenix Swim Club and Indianapolis.

Long Course. Presentations were given by Chatham County (Savannah, Georgia) and Maryland Masters.

Voting was by secret ballot. Delegates brought their ballot to the front as their names were called by the Secretary.

Short Course Championship for 2000 will be in Phoenix, AZ (May 11-14).

Long Course Championship for 2000 will be in Baltimore, MD (August 17-20).

The meeting was recessed after a reminder of the Ohio LMSC party in the Hospitality Suite.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1998

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the chairman. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed with the exceptions noted below.

Championship: Sandi Rousseau

A five day order of events was approved for LC Nationals in Minneapolis for August, 1999.

Computer On Line: Jim Matysek

Fitness: Mo Chambers

International: June Krauser

Legislation: Elin Zander

Marketing: Hill Carrow

Prior to the approval of the committee's minutes, the annual Fashion Show was presented by members of the Marketing Committee. A tape of the Public Service Announcement was shown to the delegates.

Planning: Nancy Miller

Registration: Sarah Hromada

Rule Book: Meg Smath

Executive Committee: Nancy Ridout

Long Distance: Sally Dillon

The minutes of the Long Distance Committee were approved as written with the following changes:

* The second action item in Long Distance Committee Minutes was withdrawn by committee vote on October 3.

*LD-23 was amended to delete the word "chairman" at the end of the sentence.

*LD-35. It came to the attention of the LD committee that no appropriate language for determination of age could be found in the LD pages of the Rule Book. The following was proposed and passed by the House:

New 301.4 AGE DETERMINING DATE

The eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by the age as of the day of the swim.

SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS WILL BE RE-NUMBERED.

Rules: Leo Letendre

The following proposal were approved by the House of Delegates as written in the minutes of the Rules Committee or as shown below.

*R1, R4, R6, R8, R10, R11, R12, R13

*R14 102.10.1A p. 20 Championship

A All short course meters events, long course meters events and national Championships shall be conducted on a timed final basis. Other short course yards events may be conducted on a timed final basis. In a trials/finals format, competitors shall be limited to three individual events per day.

*R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R25, R26

*R27 104.3.2B p. 36 Championship

B. Eligible bidders - Any club, LMSC, or organization may bid. The facility to be used must be in accordance with the facility standards which have been adopted by

USMS, Inc. The Championship Committee shall strongly consider LMSC endorsement as a selection criteria.

*R28, R30a

*R30 p. 39 Championship

Schedule 1, Schedule 2a, and Schedule 3 were adopted.

*R31, R32, R33, R34

*R35 104.5.3 (C2) p. 40 Colorado

2. Altitude adjustment - Times achieved at an altitude of 3,000 feet or higher may be

adjusted for NQT purposes by subtracting the adjustment times (in seconds) from the actual time achieved. The specific adjustments for each age group and sex are found in Appendix B. The adjustments shall be determined every four years starting in 1998. The adjustment times for men and women competitors shall be calculated by multiplying the time adjustment in the following table by the ratio of the 200-yard freestyle national record for the age group to that of the 25-29 200-yard freestyle for men and women respectively. The values in the following table shall be those determined and used for the same purpose by USS.

Note: Records and Top Ten, etc., are to be actual times swum, not adjusted for altitude.

*R36, R37, R38, R39, R40, R41, R43, R44, R45, R46, R47, R48, R48a, R48b

*R51 107.16 p. 50 Championship

107.16 Pace Clocks - There shall be at least two large, accurate timing devices or clocks for each warm-up course, preferably located on opposite sides of the course, clearly visible to all swimmers.

*R52, *R53, R54, R55, R56, R58, R59, R60.

*U1, U3, U4, U5, U6, U7

*U2 102.9.5 p. 20

.5 First and last names of eligible relay swimmers, their ages, and order of swimming shall be submitted on a relay entry form or card to the clerk of course (if used) or to the head lane timer. Any changes in names of the competing swimmers or their order of swimming must be declared to the head lane timer prior to the start of the relay heat in which such team is entered. No changes will be permitted thereafter.

*Revisions for conformance with FINA rules:

101.1.5 Finish

101.2.5 Finish

101.4.2 Stroke

Internal Audit: Nancy Ridout introduced the new Chairman, Danielle Ogier.

Finance: Suzanne Rague.

Balance Sheet will be included in minutes mailed out by the Secretary. The budget is based on 37,000 members, an increase of 3% (that is 1% under the actual increase for the last 3 years).

The House of Delegates was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Betsy Durrant, USMS Secretary