

Minutes of the USMS House of Delegates  
November 16 -18, 2001  
Louisville, Kentucky

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2001

The meeting was called to order by the President, Nancy Ridout.

Betsy Durrant, Secretary, called the roll and had delegates stand as their name was called. New delegates were recognized at this time.

President Ridout recognized USMS members who had died over the last year. Delegates were given an opportunity to add to the list. Bob Kolonkowski, Metropolitan LMSC, paid tribute to two members who had died in the tragedies of September 11.

Nancy spoke about her tenure as President. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Jack Geoghegan presented Nancy Ridout with a gift in appreciation of her leadership. Betsy Durrant gave a brief summary of the Executive Committee meetings and Board of Directors meeting on Thursday.

Because Legal Counsel, Jeanne Crouse, was unable to attend the convention, the President announced that Jack Geoghegan, Vice President and former Legal Counsel, will serve as the Legal Counsel for this convention.

Jim Wheeler, Parliamentarian, conducted a brief review of Roberts Rules of Order (RRO), emphasizing that committee meetings should follow the same procedures as the House of Delegates (HOD). A motion should be made and seconded before discussion takes place; committee chairs should solicit comments from observers, then from the committee members. Jim also stressed the need for accurate minutes of the committee meetings.

Nancy Ridout introduced Geoff Camp, President of Masters Swimming Canada.

Lynn Hazlewood, Zone Chairman, explained the nomination and election procedures. She presented the slate: President - Betsy Durrant, Jim Miller, Sandi Rousseau. Vice President - Hugh Moore, Scott Rabalais. Secretary - Joan Alexander, Sally Dillon, Skip Thompson. Treasurer - Doug Church. Lynn called for nominations from the floor. There were none. A nominator spoke behalf of each candidate, followed by a seconder, followed then by the candidate's speech.

The House of Delegates was recessed until 1:30 pm Saturday, November 17.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2001

The second session of the House of Delegates was called to order by the President.

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the Committee Chairs. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed in the their report with exceptions and additions noted below.

**Coaches - Scott Rabalais**

The following Action Items were added to the report:

Budget \$10,000 for expenses and stipends for a staff of Masters Coaches to serve as presenters at the 2002 ASCA World Clinic and to provide scholarships for coaches to stimulate participation in the clinic.

Budget \$3000 for International Coaching Program in Christchurch, New Zealand, at Masters World Championships for a staff of coaches to provide assistance to USMS swimmers who desire coaching at the meet.

Budget \$3000 for three coaches to provide daily training workouts for the Membership Section of the USMS website. (Note: a Membership Section is being created.)

**Convention - Mike Heather**

**Registration - Sarah Hromada**

**Ad Hoc Legal Counselors - Jack Geoghegan (for Jeanne Crouse)**

**Rule Book - Meg Smath**

**Officials - Judy Gillies (for David Diehl)**

**Ad Hoc ISHOF Nomination Committee - Ginger Pierson**

**Newsletter of the Year Award - Bill Volckening**

Bill noted that his report would be part of the Communications Committee report. He presented the Newsletter of the Year award to West Hollywood Aquatics.

**Recognition and Awards - Nancy Ridout and Jack Geoghegan (for Mary Lee Watson)**

Nancy presented the Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards to: Richard Brewer, Leslie Cooper, George and Tillie Cunningham, Sarah Hromada, Charlie Moss, Ed Saltzman, Frank Tillotson, Rich Windes, Marcia Cleveland, and Bill Volckening.

**Safety Education - Carol Berendsen (for Julie Paque Heather)**

**Long Distance - Sally Dillon**

One correction to the Action Items was made. In the third item listed, the amount of \$2885 was changed to be \$3257 (for medals).

**Sports Medicine - Jim Miller**

**Insurance - Colleen Driscoll**

Colleen presented an award of appreciation to Sandi Blumit.

**Records and Tabulation - Pieter Cath**

**Ad Hoc History and Archives - Carl House**

The first Action Item was reworded to read: "Letter of intent from USMS to the Henning Library confirming our intent to have them conserve and store USMS archives commensurate with their proposal as approved at our last convention."

**Planning - Nancy Miller**

**Zone - Lynn Hazlewod**

Lynn pointed out that the minutes include revisions to the voting process and Election Guidelines.

**Rules - Leo Letendre**

R-3 was amended. In the last line, the word "immediately" was replaced with "promptly". The last sentence is R-3 now reads "Upon verification, the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee shall promptly publish the new record on the USMS website." This process will be implemented when the software is available.

USA-1, USA-2, USA-3, and USA-4 were passed.

Housekeeping changes to 101.1.5 and 103.8.5A were accepted.

R-1, R-2 were not recommended by the committee.

R-4 was submitted by the Legislation Committee and deemed not an emergency. It was not considered.

R-5 was submitted by the Championship Committee. It was tabled, amended, recommended for adoption and accepted by the HOD with a 90% vote. R-5 reads:

**Glossary**

**Seeding - ...**

**Deck-seeding** - with or without check-in, events are seeded at the time of the event using entries received prior to or at the meet.

**Championship - Sandi Rousseau**

Sandi explained Action Item #3 (listed first on the minutes from Session #2). The sanction will prohibit the swimmer from participating in both national championship meets in 2003.

Action Item #4 (listed second on minutes from Session #2) refers to the entries of 19 year olds at championship meets. Adoption of Legislation (L-16) allowing 18 year olds to register with USMS makes this action unnecessary. An explanation about competition for 19 year olds is at the end of the Legislation report.

Action Item #2 (Session #1 of Championship meetings) was discussed, tabled, untabled, and passed with a 2/3 vote.

Sandi commented that there were more bidders for 2003 due to the dropping of the area requirement.

Janet Renner reported that the cheaper airfares to Hawaii would be available after January 1. Hotels may be booked now. Dorms may be booked after January 1.

**Ad Hoc USMS Endowment Fund Board of Governors - Doug Church**

A half hour recess was called.

Hill Carrow presented the N.C. Championship Meet Award to Jane and Hugh Moore. Zone Chair Lynn Hazlewood explained the election process. Nancy Ridout conducted the roll call vote.

After Championship bids for SC were presented, Lynn Hazlewood announced that there would be a runoff vote for President between Betsy Durrant and Jim Miller. Another roll call vote was conducted by Nancy Ridout.

After the Championship bids for LC were presented, Lynn announced the results of the election:

President - Jim Miller  
Vice President - Scott Rabalais  
Secretary - Sally Dillon  
Treasurer - Doug Church.

The HOD was recessed until 8:30 am, Sunday, November 18.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2001

The Board of Directors met at 8:00 am and voted to approve the Corporate Banking Resolution and Certification of Officers.

Nancy Ridout called the HOD to order at 8:30 am.

Sandi Rousseau, Championship Chair, explained the voting process for the national championships. Betsy Durrant, Secretary, conducted a roll call vote. A runoff between Tempe and San Antonio was necessary for the SC Championship. Tempe, Arizona, was the winner for the 2003 SC Championship Meet, to be held May 15-18, 2003. Rutgers, NJ, was the winner for the 2003 LC Championship Meet, to be held August 14-17, 2003.

Lynn Hazlewood announced the Zone Representatives who were elected Saturday at the Zone meetings:

Breadbasket - Marcia Anziano  
Colonies - Barbara Protzman  
Dixie - June Krauser  
Great Lakes - Melissa Rinker  
Northwest - Dan Frost  
Oceana - Joan Alexander  
South Central - Larry Wood  
Southwest - Wayne McCauley

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**Finance I - Doug Church**

Doug went over the report from the first and second sessions of the Finance Committee, which included the reports from the Controller and the Internal Auditor. This report will be approved with the rest of the Finance Report at the end of this session of the HOD.

**Fitness - David Grilli**

**International - June Krauser**

**Communications - Hugh Moore**

**Marketing - Rich Burns (for Mary Lee Watson)**

Two changes were made in the Marketing report. In Action Item #2, the word "client" was replaced with the word "agency". In Action Item #4, the amount of \$7000 should be \$4000.

**Legislation - Elin Zander**

Corrections to the report from Session 1: Add L-2 to the list of Disapproved proposals. In L-34 strike through "Monmouth". In L-11, add "the BOD and the HOD" after the words "in article 507 ..."

Refer to the summary of all Legislative Proposals.

Approved by the Legislation Committee: L-1, L-3, L-18, L-33, L-34.

Approved by the Legislation as amended: L-6, L-7, L-10, L-12, L-15, L-16, L-20, L-22, L-32.

L-11 approved by the Legislation Committee, amended, and defeated by the HOD.

The following proposals were not recommended by the Legislation Committee. The HOD confirmed the recommendations of the committee, therefore all were defeated: L-2, L-4, L-5, L-8, L-9, L-13, L-14, L-17, L-21, L-23, L-24, L-26, L-27, L-28, L-29, L-30, L-31.

Leo Letendre proposed the following resolution, which was approved by the HOD: "The Executive Committee shall investigate the open meeting policy to determine whether or not it is adequate and to come back to the HOD with a recommendation."

Tom Boak expressed his appreciation for the work and conduct of the HOD and for the work of the Executive Committee.

Carolyn Boak spoke to emphasize that 18 year old swimmers may register but competition is still for swimmers 19 years old and older. Leo Letendre summarized the changes for 18 year olds:

1. 18 year old swimmers may register with USMS.
2. They cannot sign the registration form until they turn 18.
3. In yards, swimmers may compete if they turn 19 on the last day of the meet.
4. In meters, swimmers may compete if they turn 19 in the same year as the meet.
5. In Long Distance events, swimmers may compete if they are 19 on the day of the event.

Sarah Hromada asked that the change in registration for 18 year olds go into effect immediately, rather than on January 1. This was approved by the HOD.

**Finance II - Doug Church**

Doug went through the FOG amendments listed in the report from the third session of the Finance Committee. A copy of FOG was also included in the minutes. Changes could be seen with underlines and strikeouts. FOG was accepted as presented.

Budget item 4431 was changed from \$42,400 to \$47,200. The Budget was approved as amended. Final copies of the Budget and FOG are attached.

The House of Delegates was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Durrant, USMS Secretary