

International Committee
Thursday, Sept. 21, 1989

The International Committee of USMS met on Thursday, Sept. 21, 1989. Chairman Carolyn Boak called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Committee members in attendance included the Chairman, Joan Smith, Dorothy Donnelly, Walt Reid, Frank Tillotson, June Krauser, Judy Meyer, Margaret Samson, Kevin Kelly and Tom Boak. Others in attendance attached.

Minutes of the 1988 meeting were approved as circulated to the Committee. The Chairman stated that, due to time constraints, comments and debate on the agenda items would be strictly controlled.

Carolyn reviewed the process whereby three Official Travel Agents were selected for the 1991 World Championships in Brazil. Each Agency offered two free trips in return for participants booked. These complimentary trips are reserved for the USMS Official representatives to FINA and MSI, including, in order, the USMS President, Fina delegate, two officers in MSI, plus the Chairman of the International Committee. Because of difficulties encountered in prior World Championships, it was felt that the USMS Top Ten Recorder should be added to this official list. So moved by Kevin Kelly, seconded by Dot Donnelly, and unanimously approved. After much discussion of possible alternate financing, it was moved by Judy Meyer, seconded by Joan Smith, and unanimously approved that USMS would use whatever complimentary trips were available to financially support the designated six persons on an equal basis.

Carolyn reported on the extreme difficulties encountered by two of the selected Agents - VIP Supertravel and Away to Travel in getting responses and/or competitive housing rates from the designated Official Travel Agent in Brazil, despite their promise that each of our Official Travel Agents would receive the same treatment as Ponte Vedra Travel. All participants are urged to shop all three Agents to get the best deal available.

Margaret Samson reported that she was now publishing World Aquatic News and Travel on an independent basis, rather than the official MSI News. It was moved by Joan Smith, seconded by Frank Tillotson and unanimously approved that the International Committee fund subscriptions to the new publication (\$6 per year) for each member of the International and Executive Committees.

Margaret announced the 1988 World Top Ten was now available at \$10 each; one copy has already been mailed to the USMS National Office.

Upon question by Carolyn, Margaret agreed that when she received queries for information on the World Championships, she would forward the information sheet listing all three of the Official USMS Travel Agents.

Mel Goldstein reported on the upcoming Pan Pacific Championships at Indianapolis, with a total entry of about 1,600, including 1100 swimmers, about 250 foreign. He explained the economic reasons why the official deadline was extended from the original July 7th date. There was extensive discussion about the "surcharge" problem. In the original bid by USMS to MSI, a surcharge of \$1 per competitor was pledged to MSI. When FINA entered and sanctioned the event, one of their stipulations was no surcharge could be paid to a third party. Because of the moral obligation involved, and the possible ramifications to others, the following was moved by Joan Smith, seconded by Kevin Kelly, and approved: The International Committee of USMS takes the position that the organizer of the Pan Pacific must be required to present \$1.00 per entrant to USMS, to be paid to MSI - call it a donation. Noted for the record that June Krauser abstained from voting.

Mel Goldstein then presented an enthusiastic report on the World Masters Championships which will be held in Indianapolis June 27 to July 5, 1992. The dates fall just before the Olympics in Barcelona, which presents the opportunity of quick ratification on whatever rule changes may be voted in the MSI or FINA meetings in connection with the World Championships.

Two items were then put forth with the idea that each delegate would solicit input from their home associations so an informed decision could be made next year. First, possibly not holding a USMS Long Course Championships in 1992 (scheduled for west coast); pro - proliferation of national/international meets may have deleterious effect on both meets; holding a combined meet - World Championship and USMS Long Course Nationals, with USMS medals provided as appropriate. Several expressed the opinion that the USMS traditional meets should take priority over all others. Feedback thru the year encouraged. Next was a recommendation to FINA/MSI to consider holding the world championships every three, rather than two years. No action on either subject.

Walt Reid, USMS Top Ten Recorder, reported on the lack of any authentic documentation from relays events at Brisbane. Records accepted by Peter Gillette, World Top Ten Recorder, were not acceptable for USMS National records. Tom Boak had sent a formal protest to Gary Steutzel of MSI. It was moved by June Krauser, seconded by Judy Meyer, and unanimously approved that the International Committee protests any world records made in Brisbane that were accepted without proper documentation.

Carolyn reported on the 1987 minutes where Tina Martin stated that the USMS short course start for backstroke would be acceptable to FINA and MSI for record and top ten purposes. June Krauser, present FINA rep, finds that the only exceptions are the breaststroke kick in the fly, and the short course forward start. After considerable discussion it was moved by Judy Meyer, seconded by Tom Boak and passed on a voice vote that USMS requires the FINA backstroke start

and underwater restrictions for metric meets, and supports the rule change under consideration to implement that position. June Krauser was urged to work toward a Masters FINA exception to allow our short course backstroke start to be used for world records and top ten purposes.

To enable USMS swimmers traveling or living in foreign countries to have times in approved local meets considered for top ten times, the Chairman was authorized to request Legislation to clarify language in our present code book, so that meets conducted abroad that do not follow our accepted age determining dates may be eligible for top tne consideration. The Rule Book already provides for prior approval requested from the National Registration Chairman, with a summary to be submitted by the requesting individual.

Relations between USMS, MSI and FINA were discussed at length. The Chairman read her position statement letter, and Kevin Kelly also read his letter stating some of the problems being encountered with the FINA bureaucracy. Spirited input from both committee members and observers, including possible ramifications for USAS, and the fact that less than 2% of our total membership would be involved. Eventually, the following was moved by Kevin Kelly, seconded by Tom Boak, passed with one nay and one abstention. The International Committee recommends that the House of Delegates empower the Executive Committee to authorize USMS to affiliate with MSI and/or withdraw from FINA, if it appears in the best interest of US Swimmers and swimmers world wide. Caution to be used, and support and/or agreement from other countries evaluated. Margaret Samson pointed out that FINA controls the word "WORLD" as it applies to championships.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Carolyn Boak, Chairman

Dorothy Donnelly, Acting Recorder

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Committee members

Carolyn Boak
 Dorothy Donnelly
 Walt Reid
~~Frank Johnson~~
 June Krauser
 Judy Mayr
 Margaret Samson
~~Michael Collins~~
~~Marionne Bryan~~ & Kevin Kelly
~~MICHAEL COLLINS~~
 Tom Boak

Other art:

MICHAEL COLLINS PACIFIC
 SHANNON C. SULLIVAN Southern Pacific
 Nancy Miller Virginia
 Mel Boddelan Indiana
 Marionne Bryan
 Michael Collins

other Attendance
 Jeff Priscoaux Gulf
 Jim Miller - Va.
 Dick Monahan
 Ted Haatz NE
 Nick Fazzano
 Bill Ulrich
 DAVID LEVINSON PACIFIC
 Arthur Smith
 Steve Hogan
 BILL FARLEY SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL
 Bobbi Turcotte
 Louise Donovan
 Cathy Schulbach
 Julie Pague (Pacific)
 Sandi Rousseau - Oregon
 Rocky Hottel
 JACK BUCHANNAN
 FRED TAN OHIO LHSC
 LYNN HAZLWOOD POTOMAC VALLEY
 Rick Windey (Pacific)
 Dick Smith Sacramento/Pacific
 BROOKE DICK PACIFIC/Oreana
 Pat Moley Ohio
 Nancy Casey
 Kenel + Alexander
 Dale Stuckelant - Metropolitan
 Marionne Bryan
 Mark Lambert GIMSA
 Joan Bircks GIMSA

James Donnelly
 Ann Masters