

Minutes of Meeting USMS International Committee September 24, 1992

Committee Members attending - Barr Clayson (Chair), Tom Boak, Peggy Buchanan, Dorothy Donnelly, Joe Kurtzman, Pat Maley, Walt Reid, Shannon Sullivan, June Krauser, Ted Haartz, Sandi Rousseau

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

Barr Clayson reviewed the agenda and meeting objectives.

The role of the International Committee was discussed:

1. Disseminate information about international events;
2. Deal with issues relating to international governing bodies;
3. Review FINA Handbook;
4. Look at international subscriptions for what's happening worldwide;
5. Promote USMS on an international basis;
6. Communicate differences in culture, society to help competitors understand how others function;
7. Act as a link between our constituency and the international community - communication;
8. Support the development of an international "Places to Swim";
9. Support bids for International Meets in the United States;
10. Be openminded about worldwide issues;
11. Stay up to date on rules;
12. Finish and promote video promoting masters swimming, and distribute to FINA and MSI for use;
13. Develop an international mailing list;
14. Take an active role in international politics.
15. Continue active involvement in MSI, choose representative to FINA Masters Technical Committee (in 1995 for meeting 1996), choose representatives to FINA Technical Congress (in 1993 for meeting in 1994).

MSP Continue support of the video, and promote it internationally as a product of the USMS International Committee. Shannon Sullivan and June Krauser assigned as Subcommittee to work with Bill Tingley.

Report by Mel Goldstein on 1992 World Championships

He received lots of help from the FINA Masters Technical Committee. However, the FINA Bureau Liaison made decisions without regard to rules and procedures which caused a number of problems for the Meet Director. It was resolved that Dan Gruender should approach Ross Wales informally to request suggestions on how to pursue our complaints with FINA without doing political damage to USMS.

FINA/MSI Structure

International competition is not something that most masters swimmers worry about. However, it is important because we are ultimately controlled by FINA through our association with US Aquatic Sports, Inc. FINA is an old boy network that is self-perpetuating. FINA holds a Masters Congress to which we send two individuals to represent all four disciplines. MSI is a rival of FINA. FINA will not deal with MSI, and in fact wants them to go away. Dan Gruender believes that MSI will continue in existence as a means for communication between countries who have no other international vehicle. Our future depends on strong ties with FINA by infiltrating their organization and then, by our involvement, trying to encourage them to do what is right. We should also continue to support MSI to foster communication. We do this by:

1. Join USAS and work within that organization;
2. Formulate a plan to increase involvement in FINA;
3. Remain in an active supporting role in MSI;
4. Negotiate representatives to FINA Congress - one from USMS, one from other disciplines.

There is a meeting in Montreal in October 1992. June has already included concerns from Indianapolis in her report and will discuss them at the meeting. Prior to that, Dan will speak with Ross and develop a plan to voice our concerns about Indianapolis to FINA.

MSP that Dan and June express our concerns about Meet Management at Indianapolis.

In addition, it was agreed that we support Dan Gruender as liaison to MSI, June Krauser as Representative to the FINA Masters Technical Committee, Walt Reid in his role as Records/Top Ten Recorder for FINA.

MSP that we continue to support MSI, approve the annual dues of \$1250, and approve travel and lodging for the MSI Liaison for meeting at 1993 Pan Pacific Championships.

MSP to join USAS (estimate \$250) become affiliate member of USS (estimate \$100).

MSP to support budget of \$2000 for FINA Masters Technical Committee representative.

MSP to support funding of subscriptions to MSI News, FINA Newsletter, and FINA Handbook for all members of the International Committee (estimate \$470).

MSP to approve MSI Financial Report.

Additional Discussion

1. It is our role to disseminate meet information for international competition;
2. It is not the role of USMS to financially support groups from outside the United States. It is a local option to assist if they so choose. Competitors from outside the US must follow the same rules and procedures as everyone else.

MSP that the International Committee develop a written statement with information, policies, and procedures with regard to entries for non USMS-registered masters swimmers. Barr Clayson appointed a Subcommittee of Shannon Sullivan (Chair), Pat Maley, Hugh Moore, Julie Paque, and Tom Boak to develop this.

3. With regard to Doping Control, the FINA Masters Technical Committee voted unanimously to oppose for Masters Swimming.

MSP that the International Committee is opposed to doping control.

4. Focus on proactive issues.
5. Work with Swim magazine to encourage promotion of international meets;
6. A brochure is now available for 1994 World Championships in Montreal from the national Office;
7. Information about the 1993 Pan Pacific Championships in New Zealand is available from Shannon Sullivan.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE (VOTING) MEMBER

	<u>LMSC</u>
Ban Clayton	New England
JOE KURTSMAD	SC
Ted Hauffz	New Eng
Sandi Rousseau	Oregon
Pat Maley	OHIO
Walt Reid	PNA
Peggy Buchannan	Colo.
Dorothy Donnelly	Conn.
Jane Krause (ex officio)	FOC
TOM BOOK	Pacific

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

FRED TILGISON FERRIS

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