

USMS INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes - Sept. 23, 1993

Committee members present: Barr Clayson ( Chair ), Tom Boak, Peggy Buchanan, Dorothy Donnelly, Ted Haartz, Joe Kurtzman, Pat Maley, Walt Reid, Shannon Sullivan, Phil Whitten, June Krauser ( Ex-Officio )

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. Barr Clayson reviewed the agenda and discussed meeting objectives.

June Krauser reported on FINA activities:

- \* Following confusion relating to starting procedures at a meet in Puerto Rico, June has drafted a proposed amendment to FINA starting instructions which was discussed, amended and will be submitted to USAS. No action required by USMS.
- \* Various FINA materials relating to masters swimming were shown to the Committee. A process of distribution of such materials to USMS was discussed and approved ( i.e. via Dorothy Donnelly to Committee members and Exec. Comm. ).
- \* Organization of the World Championship meet at Montreal was discussed. They are slow!
- \* " Unattached " swimmers will not be permitted in World Championship meets.
- \* The proposed Pan American Masters Championships were discussed. The preliminary dates which Ft. Lauderdale is suggesting are in late July 1995. These will conflict with USMS L.C. Championships.

VOTED: International Committee recommends that a Pan American Masters Championship Meet NOT be held after July 15 or before June 20 in 1995 as it would conflict with USMS Championships.

- \* A discussion ensued of methods via which USMS might expand its influence with FINA regarding master's activities.

VOTED: The International Committee recommends that the USMS Executive Committee host a social function or gathering in Montreal at the time of the World Championships in order to entertain and meet the 12 members of the FINA Masters Technical Committee. The International Committee will request a budget of \$ 2,500. for this purpose.

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Joe Kurtzman reported on MSI activities:

- \* MSI is alive and well, taking a cooperative posture re FINA and concentrating on areas in which it is most exper-

ienced. Joe reports that MSI believes they are closer to the swimmer and best able to respond to his/her needs. A MSI "Festival" is being planned for Hawaii in 1995.

- \* Discussion was held regarding swimmers who represent more than one team (different countries). A point of education only and cautionary note for registrars.
- \* The Committee was advised by Gary Stutsel (MSI Pres.) that the European Federation will propose (to FINA) " to have swimming for world records and world championships subject to the AGE AT 31 DECEMBER as being the age for the whole of that year ".

VOTED: The International Committee voted to oppose adoption of the "Age at 31 December" proposal.

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Regarding international governance and influence issues, Tom Boak reported that USMS will request that one of the two USAS delegates to the FINA Technical Congress be appointed by USMS (i.e. the USMS President or his/her designee).

#### DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

A discussion was held as to how to best distribute information to all USMS swimmers regarding international activities. Scott Rabalais advised the Committee how he is promoting the "February Fitness Challenge" on a global basis as an example of activity with international possibilities.

SWIM Magazine, as a conduit was reviewed...as were the matters of consistency and format.

It was agreed that the appropriate conduit is SWIM Magazine and that it will be suggested to the incoming Int'l Comm that they prepare a form to send to non-U.S. organizations interested in disseminating meet information in the U.S. Such form will allow for the screening of events and control of information to be considered for publication.

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A discussion of foreign participants in U.S. meets indicated that our LMSC'S, Clubs and meet organizers are becoming increasingly familiar with the issues relating to foreign visitors. The best approach is to be helpful, courteous, sensitive to cultural differences and firm when it comes to expenses.

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Carolyn Boak advised the Committee of the newly organized Santa Clara Int'l Masters (L.C.) Meet which will be held the weekend of

May 21 ...after USMS Short Course Championships and each year thereafter. Int'l teams will be invited

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The Committee viewed the new USMS promotional video ( which is excellent ). This is a product which originated in the Int'l Comm. but further plans as to its use are unclear.

VOTED: The Int'l Committee voted to recommend that USMS copyright this video and that the Marketing Committee take responsibility for broad distribution and/or sale of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted  
D. Barr Clayson



UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING CONVENTION  
 COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE  
 September 22- 26 1993

COMMITTEE INTERNATIONAL CHAIRMAN D. BARR CLAYSON

MEMBERS

NAME	LMSC	VOTING
D. Barr Clayson	New England	✓
JOE KURTZMAN	South Carolina	✓
WALT REID	PNA	✓
SHANNON Sullivan	SPMA	✓
Ted Hartz	New England	✓
Peg Buchannan	Colorado	✓
Pat Maley	Ohio	✓
Dorothy Donnelly	Connecticut	✓
Tom Boak	Pacific	✓
Phil Whitten	N-England	✓
JUNE KRAUSER	FLORIDA GOLD COAST	EX-OFF
<del>George Erickson</del>	<del>Oregon</del>	
Nick Fazzano	New England	
Carolyn Ferris Boak	Pacific	
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Bobbie Mercotte	SDIM	
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