

L3, 4, 9 Withdrawn

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

9/25/97

8:30-10:30am

The committee members were introduced. Marcia Marcantonio does indeed remain a member of this committee. Todd Samland is no longer able to participate on the committee and his position has been filled by Laura Kessler.

The proposal submitted by USMS Treasurer, Lucy Johnson, to revise the position of Treasurer and eliminate the position of USMS Controller has been withdrawn.

L-1 & 3 Joe Tesmer, chair of the Fitness Committee was present and discussed the issues involved. The Fitness Committee feels that many fitness events are not currently covered under our sanctioning/recognition procedures and regulations. Concerns were expressed about sanctioning any "postal" event when USMS has no control over the conditions of each individual's swim. Members of the Fitness Committee are meeting with the Insurance Committee to clarify these issues. Jerriane Donnelly and Bill Reid volunteered to work with the Fitness Committee and Insurance Committee to work out a proposal to bring back the Legislation Committee for a vote. It was M/S/P to table L-1 until then.

L-2 A discussion entailed re the potential benefits and disadvantages of offering a lifetime USMS membership option. It was M/S/P that L-2 be tabled and that a sub-committee consisting of members of the Legislation, Registration, Finance, and other relevant Committees be appointed to investigate the ramifications of offering a lifetime USMS membership option and report back to the Legislation Committee next year. Bill Reid was appointed chair of such committee. Christine Winn, Jack Buchanan and Rob Copeland will also serve on the committee. Members of PMS, who proposed L-2 concurred.

L-4 It was M/S/P to approve L-4 as submitted by the Legislation Committee.

L-5 Input was obtained from zone representatives that will not be able to attend the afternoon meeting. A straw vote was taken to get a sense of the committee before further discussion this afternoon. The committee was in favor 12-0 (with one abstention) to approve as submitted. However, it was M/S/P to table a formal vote on L-5 until the afternoon meeting as there may be additional delegates who wish to speak to the issue pursuant to the committee agenda.

L-6 Input was solicited by the committee of 2 former USMS Presidents who were present. The question was raised re the impact of this amendment on the appointment of USMS Committee Chairs. We were reminded that the President may change committee chairs at any time, regardless of his/her term of office. It was M/S/P to table L-6 until the pm meeting pursuant to the committee agenda.

L-7 & 8 While recognizing the difficulties in finding enough bodies from each zone to fill the membership of all the standing committees, it was also stressed that the requirement to provide

for a broad membership on our standing committees is very important to USMS and what it hopes to achieve. It was M/S/P to table both L-7 & 8 until the pm meeting pursuant to the committee agenda.

L-9 A straw vote was taken to get the sense of the committee. The committee voted to not approve L-9 as submitted (5 to 8). The committee would like to get feedback from the Insurance and Sports Medicine Committees as to which committee should be responsible for addressing safety issues. Jane Moore was to report our concerns to the Sports Medicine Committee. It was M/S/P to table L-9 until that time.


L-10 M/S/P to approve as submitted

L-11 A delegate from Wisconsin informed the committee that he and other Wisconsin MSC board members were unaware of this proposal. As the committee felt it would be poor policy to change LSMC boundaries without the concurrence of all parties involved, it was M/S/P to disapprove. The committee hopes that the Minnesota and Wisconsin MSC's will find a way to resolve this issue that will be satisfactory to all parties involved and, if necessary, submit a legislation proposal that has the approval of all those parties.

L-12 M/S/P to approve as submitted.

As part of the pm meeting, amendments to the Glossary, submitted by the Legislation Sub-Committee as well as amendments proposed by the Rule Book Committee shall be considered. Copies of the Rule Book Committee proposals will be made available to committee members.

Submitted by



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