

USMS PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, September 18 - 9 a.m. - 12 noon

1. Summary of Planning Committee Annual Report

Refer to copy of Annual Report in delegate packet. Four issues were identified as agenda items: philosophical goals, communication, insurance, and clubs. This is a two-year agenda, therefore discussion will not be completed at this meeting.

2. Discussion of philosophical goals - who are we, who do we serve, what do we want to become? Should USMS growth be encouraged? Do we need sponsors to achieve our goals?

MSC - On the national level, USMS should maintain the philosophy stated in the goals and objectives of the USMS code (with competition defined in the specific sense as the concept of self improvement), and that the specific needs at the local level be controlled by the LMSCs.

MSC - Growth in masters swimming is a goal which is compatible with our overall philosophy and objectives, but should be implemented and controlled at the local level so that it is supportive of local needs, including those of additional pool time for masters programs and the possible construction of new pools to serve masters programs.

MSC - USMS ~~should~~^{need} not actively seek corporate sponsorship of USMS as an organization, but should consider sponsorship proposals initiated by potential sponsors.

MSC - USMS should consider sponsors for specific projects (e.g., calendar, rule book).

MSC-Funds/ resources obtained from sponsors should not be used to support ongoing, basic USMS operations.

3. Discussion of insurance.

Ted Haartz described the three types of coverage which USMS purchases: accident/health for athletes, officers and directors liability, and general liability for the corporation. Committee members expressed the concern that individual registered masters swimmers should assume responsibility for their actions.

4. Adapted Swimming (old business). The Ad Hoc Committee on Adapted Swimming completed the USMS Adapted Swimming Handbook. It will be disseminated (one copy per LMSC) at this convention and later via the USMS National Office.

Kathy Casey represented USMS at a USS Adapted Swimming Workshop. Representatives of USS, USSS, USD, and various disabled sport groups participated in the workshop. Kathy reported a very productive meeting and an enthusiastic reaction to the USMS Adapted Swimming Handbook.

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5. Future Planning Committee Agenda. During the coming year the Planning Committee will consider:
 - a. communication - places to swim, newsletters, publication of Top Ten, national meet entry forms, etc;
 - b. organizational structure of USMS - evaluation of current structure and functions; and
 - c. clubs - clubs will be discussed in terms of how they contribute to USMS goals and objectives.

6. Other actions:
 - a. The motions which carried concerning sponsorship were referred to the Marketing Committee for consideration.
 - b. Insurance was dropped as an agenda item for the Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Dummer (Chair)

Hugh Moore (Recording Secretary)

Committee members present: Kathy Casey, Barr Clayson, Gail Dummer, Dan Gruender, Ted Haartz, Hugh Moore, Peter Mullen, Jennifer Parks, Bill Weir, Lynne Weir, Kris Wingenroth. Not present. June Krauser, Verne Scott.

Ex Officio members present: Tom Boak, Nancy Ridout, Kevin Kelly, Jack Geoghegan, Dore Schwab.

Others in attendance: Ross Lambert, Eric Snyder, Suzanne Rague, Ed Danehy, Janice Krauser, Diane Letendre, Michael Heather, Robert S. Smith, Bert Petersen, Walter Reid, Charlotte Jenkins, Richard Burns, Bill Uhrich, Dotty Whitcomb, Mary Lee Watson, Joe Coplan, Peter Jurczyk, Tom Lyndon, Jo Mav, Dorothy Donnelly, Ceil Blackwell, Jaym Lambke, Nick Fazzano, Judy Meyer, Reg Richardson, Jim Montgomery, Clay Evans, Chris Georges, Larry Kreitzer, Marilyn Fink, Margaret Samson, Sandi Rousseau, Adrienne Pipes, Joan Spangler, Tina Martin, Ken Reardon, Carolyn Cunningham, Jerianne Donnelly, Chris Carey.