

USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

Committee Name: Rules	Session #: 1	Report #: 15
Committee Chair: Kathy Casey	Vice Chair: Kris Wingenroth	
Minutes recorded by: Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting: 9/16/10 1:30 PM	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- R1 Recommended for approval, as Amended
- R2 Recommended for approval, as Amended
- R 3 Recommended for approval, as Amended
- R 4 Recommended for approval
- R 5 Recommended for approval

Motions Passed:

- R1 Recommended for approval, as Amended
- R2 Recommended for approval, as Amended
- R 3 Recommended for approval, as Amended
- R 4 Recommended for approval
- R 5 Recommended for approval

Motions Failed:

- R 10 Motion Failed . Committee does not recommend
- R 11 Motion Failed. Committee does not recommend

Number of committee members present: 19	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 24
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathy Casey, Chair, Kris Wingenroth, Vice Chair, Carolyn Boak, Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Maria Elias-Williams, Barry Fasbender, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Leon Kief, Cathy Kohn, Leo Letendre, Jessica Seaton, Kelly Sharitt, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble, Charles Cockrell (ex-officio), Susan Ehringer (ex-officio),		
Not present: none		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

1. New delegates were introduced and welcomed.
2. The budget was presented and approved.

3. There will be a standing procedure for all proposals to be moved to be approved by Letendre and seconded by Tingley.

R1 Motion to amend R1 by Dillon: to read: “from one end of the course to the other” MSA, as amended

R 2 MSA Boak Motion to limit debate to 2 minutes, second Cockrell MSA

Motion to amend R 2 by Dillon: to read: “from one end of the course to the other” MSA, as amended

R 3 Boak Motion to limit debate to 2 minutes, second Cockrell MSA

Motion to amend by Dillon: insert “pool” and “the” - any portion of a “**pool**” meet...other portions of “**the**” meet MSA, as amended

R4 Boak Motion to limit debate to 2 minutes, second Cockrell MSA

Casey: add an “s” to seed times. MSA

R 5 Boak Motion to limit debate to 2 minutes, second Cockrell MSA

R 5 MSA

R 6 Boak Motion to limit debate to 1 minute, second MSA

Discussion with Ehrington concerning the difficulties caused by specific rule references within the rule book when the book is updated yearly. Cockrell Moved to Table MSA

R 6 Tabled

R 7 LeTendre: Motion to Table for same reason as above, Boak second. MSA

R 7 Tabled

R 8 LeTendre: Motion to Table for same reason as above. , Boak second. MSA

R 8 Tabled

R 9 Boak Move to limit debate to 5 minutes, Cockrell second MSA

Casey steps out of the chair position. Letendre assumes the chair. Cockrell leads discussion. Front and front edge of the block are not the same thing. Official has leeway is handling when a swimmer does not have feet on the front edge. Masters has some swimmers that are unstable. Front edge was proposed to allow a swimmer to correct their foot position after “take your mark” is said. Swimmer cannot try to step forward after “take your mark” with our current rules. Must step them down and start again. Our interpretation is different from USA. Officials and swimmers need education.. Casey explains she has seen swimmers who are unstable and put their foot toward the front of the block, not the edge and moving them will delay the meet.

Kohn: Motion to extend debate 5 minutes, second LeTendre MSA

Discussion about types of starts and relay starts, FINA uses : front of the block, front of the pool

Cockrell: Move to Table Boak second MSA

R 9 Tabled

R 10 Boak to limit debate to 10 minutes MSA

Gillies: on a backstroke turn, it is not an advantage to kick and glide after starting the turning action, so it should be allowed. Fasbender: this would be different from FINA rules and would cause us to have different rules. Seaton: this would be good for beginner swimmers. Tingley: we would have to have observers for meters meets. Dillon we need to conform to USA and FINA rules.

R 10 Motion Failed . Committee does not recommend

R 11 Boak Move to limit debate to 12 minutes MSA

Dillon: we should be more conformed to other governing bodies, most of which use calendar ages. It may be confusing to swimmers to have “different” ages for different times of year. People born in May never age up for a short course meet. Trimble: would there be a problem for the 18 year olds? (No) Boak : some swimmers already have an advantage of aging up at good times. Our age determining date is still the fairest way. Fasbender: those born late in the year would be given nearly a full year to swim with a newer age group. Thompson: the House did not approve this previously and USA has never had a rule allowing kids to age up early. It is not confusing to be listed as your actual age. Trimble: we swim age

group our entire lives, USA does not. Tingley: Senior Games has moved the age determination date to December 31st starting this year (for all sports).

R 11 Motion Failed. Committee does not recommend

Vote: Approval: 7 Opposed: 8

R12 Boak move to limit debate to 12 minutes Cockrell second MSA

Tingley: we may wish to look at R 12 and R 13 together since they are similar and cover the same concept. Dillon: does not want to see records disappear. Fasbender recommends we defeat R 12 and discuss R 13.

R 12 Motion Failed. Committee does not recommend

Vote: Approve 7 Opposed 9

R 13 Boak motion to limit debate to 1 minute MSA

R 13 Failed. Committee does not recommend

Vote: Approval: 6 Opposed 10

Discussion concerning moving the meeting time of the evening meeting. Committee approves moving the next session to 5 PM to 6:15 PM to discuss non-controversial rules.

The meeting was recessed at 3:00 PM
