

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Kathrine Casey	Vice Chair:	Leianne Crittenden, Matt Hooper
Minutes recorded by:	Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting:	March 24, 2013; 4:00 pm PDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the minutes of the July meeting as corrected.
2. MSA to accept times from lanes 1-5 and 7-8 for official purposes but not from lane 6 at a dual-sanctioned Los Alamos meet, January 26 & 27, 2013 and authorize the chair to write an interpretation.

Number of committee members present: 13

Absent: 4

Number of other guests present: 3

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathy Casey (Chair), Leianne Crittenden (Vice Chair), Kris Wingenroth (Secretary), Carolyn Boak, Charlie Cockrell, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Marilyn Fink, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Jessica Seaton, Ginny Trimble, Steve Unruh; Mike Heather (Vice President of Administration), Nadine Day (USMS President), Anna Lea Matysek (National Office)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm PDT.

1. **Minutes:** It was moved by Sally Dillon and seconded by Barry Fasbender to approve the minutes of the July meeting as corrected. MSA to approve the minutes of the last meeting as corrected.
2. **Communications Instructions:** The chair reviewed speaking instructions for the teleconference and reviewed general communication instructions for the committee. Sally Dillon suggested adding the language of B iii and iv below.
General Communication Instructions:
 - A. For Rules Committee email communication:
 - i. Refrain from forwarding to anyone else the information from our email communication without permission.
 - ii. Refrain from adding others to the address list on our email conversations.
 - B. For Rules Committee Discussion Forum:
 - i. Refrain from forwarding to anyone else the information from Rules Committee Forum communications without permission.
 - ii. Rules Discussion Forum threads will be started by the chair or designee.
 - iii. Keep discussion to the topic.
 - iv. Introduce new topics only with the permission of the chair.
 - C. When writing email or discussion forum messages:
 - i. Consider carefully every word written because:
 - a. A board member is included in our email address list as well as the president and ex officio members who include the Rule Book Coordinator, the Legislation chair, the Officials Chair, the USA-S Rules & Regulations chair, and a national office representative, and
 - b. Every board member, executive committee member, and the national office have access to our discussion forum and can read it at any time. Do not consider any of the Rules Committee Discussion Forum to be truly private.
 - c. Therefore, avoid writing derogatory comments.
3. **Rules Liaisons to National Championship Meets:** Laura Groselle volunteered to be a Rules Liaison at nationals in Indianapolis with Kathy, and Judy Gillies volunteered to be a Rules Liaison at nationals in Mission Viejo with Kathy. There will not be a Rules Liaison assigned to the Pan American Masters Championship meet because it is a FINA meet.
4. **USMS-Proposed FINA Rule Changes:** None of the USMS-proposed changes to FINA Masters rules were recommended by the FINA Masters Committee.
5. **Interpretation of pool measurement as applied to a specific dual-sanctioned meet:** The committee was asked to issue an interpretation for a pool measurement issue at a dual-sanctioned meet. Charlie Cockrell moved and Sally Dillon seconded the following: MSA to accept times from lanes 1-5 and 7-8 for official purposes but not from lane 6 at a dual-sanctioned Los Alamos meet, January 26 & 27, 2013 and authorize the chair to write an interpretation. The language of the interpretation is: "As lanes 1-5 and 7-8 of the Larry R. Walkup Aquatic Center were in conformance with USMS article 107.2.1, times achieved in lanes 1-5 and 7-8 for USMS swimmers from the dual-sanctioned Los Alamos

Aquatics meet, January 26 & 27, 2013 will be considered for USMS record applications and Top 10 submissions. Times achieved by USMS swimmers in lane 6 at said meet will not be considered for USMS record applications and Top 10 submissions as lane 6 did not conform to USMS article 107.2.1.” USMS members are cautioned that the following statement on USA-S or dual-sanctioned meet information, “The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4),” means that the pool has not been certified for length by USA-S, as 104.2.2C(4) is USA-S’s pool measurement rule.

6. **Long Distance Rules:** The committee was asked its opinion of moving long distance rules to the Rules Committee due to the heavy work load of the Long Distance Committee. Committee members felt that long distance rules should stay with the Long Distance Rules Committee because that is their area of expertise. The Rules Committee can provide a liaison to the Long Distance Rules Committee for assistance with drafting and presenting rules if needed. Possible volunteers are Sally Dillon, Leianne Crittenden, and Matt Hooper.
7. **First Projects of the Year:** The chair gave instructions and requested volunteers for this year’s projects which include: reporting errors found in the 2013 rule book (all); suggesting entries for the index (all); suggesting topics for rules articles (all); alerting the chair to issues on the Discussion Forum that need responses based on the rules (all); reviewing legislation for needed updates to the Code of Regulations that impact Rules Committee work including the Rules Committee description (all); comparing USMS articles 101 (Steve, Barry, and Judy), 102 (Carolyn and Kris), 103 (Leianne, Charlie, and Ginny), and 108 (Marilyn) to USA-S articles 101, 102, and 105 to ensure automatic changes were not missed; reviewing and updating Differences documents in Appendix B ; updating older rules articles with current interpretations and reference numbers and organizing them into a repository of information/situations and resolutions (Carolyn, Charlie, Judy, and Kris); preparing a list of current and historical interpretations (Marilyn, Charlie, and Judy); updating Rules Committee policies (all); working on rules archives; and preparing USA-S proposed rule changes that impact USMS rules for the HOD (all). Volunteers for reviewing the Code were: Glossary (Carolyn and Marilyn), Part 2 (Judy, Charlie, and Kris), Part 4 (Laura and Leianne), Part 5 (Ginny and Jessica), and Part 6 (Barry).
8. **New Business:** Questions were asked about potential FINA rule changes for breaststroke and the use of cameras for officiating (no information).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm PDT (moved by Michael Heather, seconded by Anna Lea Matysek, MSA)
