# USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

Committee Name: Rules Session #: 1

Committee Chair: Charles Cockrell Vice Chair: Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre Minutes recorded by: Christina Fox Date/time of meeting: 9/27/2018; 11:30 am

### **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. None

#### **Motions Passed:**

- 1. MSA to authorize the chair to interpret Part 1 rules in between meetings of the Rules committee
- 2. MSA to reconsider U-6
- 3. MSA to table U-6

4. MSA to recommend U-7 to the HOD

Number of committee members present: 15 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates present: 37

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Julie Dussliere, Christina Fox, Laura Groselle, Judy Gillies, Karen Harris, Matt Hooper, Barb Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Steve Unruh, Rand Vaillancourt, Pete Guadagni (ex-officio), Teri White (ex-officio)

Committee Members Absent: Marilyn Fink, Claire Letendre, Bob Seagraves

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at .11:30 am

- 1. Charles asked for introductions from the committee.
- 2. Charles reviewed the process for convention meetings. He noted that all proposals had been considered by the committee prior to convention and the committee decision is provided in the packet. If the committee feels that other action is needed, then a motion to reconsider would be required by a committee member who voted in the majority.
- 3. Charles introduced the following proposals to be covered in this meeting:
  - a. R-4 (Relay age groups)
    - i. This proposal changes the method for determining SCY relay age groups. Kathy noted that the proposed change had been tried for a trial period and the current system was a compromise.
    - ii. Dave Robinson (PV) asked if there was any data available from the trial period. Meg Smath noted that this was tried and changed back after minimum time (2 years). Rand asked if this change would be proposed periodically based on changing demographics. Barbara Dunbar (SI) noted that there were considerations for the impact on records.
    - iii. Dave Robinson (PV) noted that there is a way to handle records and that a statistical analysis of the data is planned by PV.
    - iv. Charles asked the committee if any other action/motion was required. No further committee action required.
  - b. R-6 (Competition category and gender)
    - i. This proposal covers the eligibility of transgender athletes and gender category for official recognition.
    - ii. Charles asked for any additional information from the committee none. Sarah Welch (PNA) noted that she would like to work with Rules committee to integrate the Diversity task force findings. There was discussion on the Transgender policy on the website. Jessica noted that this was the current policy and suggested that a link also be added to the registration page.
    - iii. No further committee action required.
  - c. R-8 (Use of camera, video equipment and drones)

- i. Charles indicated that USA-S has a proposal that covers use of drones in open water events and noted that there is not included in the packet as this is in Part 2 for USA Swimming as an exception. Kathy indicated that this should be dealt with by Open Water and/or Long Distance committees.
- ii. There was discussion on whether proposed 102.16.E would cover drones at open water events. It was noted that there is no provision for the USA Swimming exception in USMS Part 2. The committee felt that the no change was required for current proposal as this covers Part 1 only.
- iii. No further committee action required.
- d. U-1 (Competition category)
  - i. Charles noted a wording change. No discussion and no further committee action required.
- e. U-6 (Lane markers)
  - i. Following initial comments, MS (Kathy/Mollie) to reconsider.
  - ii. MS (Teri/Carolyn) to remove "default". There was discussion on the FINA rule and implementation (Peter, Teri) and on FINA and proposal language (Teri, Leo Letendre (NE)).
  - iii. Julie suggested alternative language from NFHS (high school) rules for consideration. Amendment withdrawn.
  - iv. MS (Kathy/Julie) to table U-6 for further work. Motion passed.
- f. U-7 (Backstroke ledges)
  - i. MS (Mollie/Kathy) to recommend U-7 to the HOD.
  - ii. Discussion: Teri noted that this covers equipment failure and the requirement for "all or nothing" in this case.
  - iii. Motion to recommend U-7 to the HOD passed.

## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. NA

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm