

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	Summer Meeting #4
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Date/time of meeting:	23 July 2020 / 8:00 PM EDT
Minutes recorded by:	Julie Dussliere		

Actions Taken:

1. Approved minutes from Rules Committee meeting on 16-July-2020.
2. MSA to recommend R-7 as amended to the HOD.
3. MSA to recommend the Part Two Omnibus Reorganization package to the HOD.
4. MSA to recommend R-11 to the HOD.
5. MSA to recommend R-6 as amended to the HOD.
6. MSA to propose item L- 201.3 Rules Committee to Legislation Committee.

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 2	Guests: 1
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell (Chair), Mollie Grover (Vice Chair), Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Carolyn Boak, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dussliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Mark Marshfield, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
Not present: Ian King, Barbara Protzman		
Ex-officio: Chris Colburn (VP Administration)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm ET.

Approval of Minutes

1. M/S (Claire/Mollie) to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting. Minutes approved: 12 yes, 0 no.

2020 Proposals

1. R-7 Meet Committee/Meet Operations Language
 - a) M/S (Mollie/Claire) to reconsider R-7. Passed unanimously.
 - b) After the committee recommended this motion last week, Charles reviewed the language based upon a question raised regarding protests. Prior language updates included a meet committee, meet director, and a sufficient number of other individuals to facilitate meet conduct. Upon review of section 102.14.4, the meet referee has been removed and that was not the intent within the prior edits.
 - c) M/S (Mollie/Claire) to amend R-7 with updated language in 102.14.2 to clearly included other individuals for consultation on meet cancellation including the meet referee, LMSC leadership, host organization, and facility management. Passed unanimously.
 - d) Several committee members commented in favor of the amended language. Mollie mentioned that the additional detail clarifies that major meet decisions include a broader group than simply the meet director.
 - e) Motion to recommend R-7 to the HOD as amended passed unanimously.

2. Part Two Omnibus Reorganization
 - a) Charles provided a recap of the history of this project. The conversation was initiated last December based upon a recommendation from the volunteer task force. In order to streamline and provide clarity, it was suggested that all pool-related matters in part two be moved to part one, and all open water matters in part two be moved to part three. The three committees with respective jurisdiction, Rules, Long Distance, and Legislation, formed a small working group to review and work on the details. The work of this group resulted in the current omnibus package which eliminates article 202 and moves the content to 108, eliminates article 203 and moves the content to Part 3, and moves other sections from part two elsewhere in the rulebook.
 - b) All three committees voted and approved for this item to be an indivisible package and it was submitted by the June 10 deadline.
 - c) M/S (Carolyn/Claire) to recommend the Part Two Omnibus Reorganization to the HOD.

- d) Kathy commented that in all her years in USMS that she has never see a group from multiple committees work so well together and so diligently to pull something this complex together. Carolyn asked for information on how many were involved from the respective committees. Charles shared that 2-3 people participated from Rules, Long Distance and Legislation. Marilyn noted that the working group discussions did raise the point that there is desire at a future time to undertake more significant rulebook reorganization.
 - e) The committee discussed the philosophical approaches of undertaking a major rulebook reorganization, doing it all at once versus undertaking a bit at a time. Carolyn felt that it is important to do pieces of the rulebook one at a time instead of all at once due to the difficulty of a major overhaul. It is important to undertake small changes and get them right. Kathy agreed with this and mentioned that historically this was done early on and it took several years. Claire recommended that sharing background on how this proposal arose and educating members on it would be helpful.
 - f) Charles thanked Kathy, Marilyn, Barb and Christine for the volume of work they took on for this project on behalf of the committee.
 - g) Motion to recommend the Part Two Omnibus Reorganization package to the HOD passed unanimously.
3. R-11 / New Proposal from Legislation Committee
- a) Charles shared background details on this item. There is a proposed updated to the language in article 202 regarding timing systems. The same language is also included in article 103, thus these changes are being brought forward to ensure consistency. Charles reminded the committee that procedurally all proposals received after the deadline required a 2/3 vote from the committee of jurisdiction in order to recommend to the HOD.
 - b) M/S (Mollie/Claire) to recommend R-11 to the HOD.
 - c) The committee reviewed sections a, b, and c and held a brief discussion to ensure that all scenarios with a primary timing system were identified.
 - d) Motion to recommend R-11 to the HOD passed unanimously (meeting 2/3 requirement).
4. Dual Sanction Updates
- a) Charles shared information with the committee on language being added to Appendix B. These changes are being made to clarify application on combined meets and the language has been approved by USA Swimming. Charles is currently working with USMS legal counsel to review and then will take to the BOD for concurrence.
 - b) Appendix B is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and is not voted upon by the HOD. No further action from the committee is required at this time.
5. R-6 Cub Affiliation Requirements
- a) M/S (Kathy/Claire) to reconsider R-6. Passed unanimously.
 - b) Kathy noted that prior edits to R-6 have created a wording issue. Style guidelines regarding title require consistency within each section. At the time of initial review, the committee only looked at 102.7.3 and didn't see all of the section. To comply with style guidelines sections 102.7.1 and 102.7.2 need titles added. Carolyn suggested "entry name" for .1 and "entry fees" for .2.
 - c) M/S (Mollie/Claire) to amend R-6 with included titles in sections 102.7.1 and 102.7.2. Passed unanimously.
 - d) Motion to recommend R-6 to the HOD as amended passed unanimously.
6. L- 201.3 Rules Committee
- a) M/S (Kathy/Claire) to send additional proposal to the Legislation Committee after the deadline, L- 201.3 Rules Committee.
 - b) This proposal is for consistency, to add "club affiliation" to 201.3. The committee briefly discussed the word "representation" and consensus was to retain within the current context.
 - c) Motion to propose item L- 201.3 Rules Committee to Legislation passed unanimously.

Wrap-up Discussion and Planning

- 1. Charles shared with the committee that the convention schedule information was sent out earlier in the week and meetings will be held using Zoom. Charles recommended that the committee hold a short meeting in late August (30 minutes) for everyone to use the platform and test the functionality.

2. The convention schedule this year spans several weeks in order to accommodate meetings in the evenings outside of regular business hours.
 - a. Rules 1 is scheduled for Monday, August 31.
 - b. Rules 2 is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15.
 - c. HOD is scheduled from evening of Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27.
 - d. Full convention schedule online at: <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2020-annual-meeting/schedule>
3. The committee briefly discussed the traditional “Rules 4” meeting at convention, which takes place following the USA Swimming House of Delegates. Charles will coordinate with USA Swimming and confirm their meeting times in order to provide a timeframe to the committee. If a meeting is needed, committee members will be notified by email.
4. Charles thanked the committee for all of the work that has been done to prepare for convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm ET.