

Ad Hoc Safety Committee
September 29, 1994

All Committee members were present: Forrest Sullivan, Chair; Don Mehl; Andy Kramer; Pat Wilson; Edith Jacobson; and Nancy Miller.

Item 1: A motion was made and seconded to rename this body. It will now be known as the Ad Hoc Safety Education Committee to underline its educational role.

Item 2: It was felt that the future of this committee lies in the publication and dissemination of as much material on safety as possible.

Item 3: Re. our goals and policy for safety: A recommendation was made that USMS coaches receive training in the treatment of emergencies, including basic first aid and CPR, as well as what precautions should be taken with regard to blood-borne diseases. It was felt that greater safety precautions should be taken with regard to workouts (i.e. similar to those precautions which are currently being taken for our meets). Sandy Blumit, of the Jardine Insurance Brokers, pledged to serve as a clearinghouse for articles on safety. It was also noted that we should redisseminate all current safety guidelines to the 39 Safety Coordinators now in the USMS data bank. Pat suggested that we dovetail with the Marketing Committee publication in printing suggested safety guidelines; Krista Phillips thought we should also have a blurb in the Coaches' Committee drill booklet. In addition, the importance of publishing suggested safety guidelines for open water swims was stressed, as well as suggested guidelines for coaches who train athletes for triathlons and open water swimming, as fully one-half of the secondary insurance claims which have been made over the past five years have occurred in connection with open water swimming.

Item 4: The committee supported the Insurance Committee's motion to support R12A.

Forrest asked for anyone interested in serving on this committee to contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy R. Miller