

# 1999 Officials Committee Minutes

September 16th, 1999

## Action Items

- \*\*\* Dave Diehl will contact the Executive Director of CSOA for approval to use them as a USMS certifying body.
- \*\*\* Bill Tingley will request that the Executive Committee consider adding all certifying bodies rule differences to Appendix B.
- \*\*\* Dave Diehl will follow up with appropriate people to have rule change information be included in MACA Newsletter, SWIM Magazine, and to local LMSC Official's Chairs.
- \*\*\* Motion was passed to recommend to the Rules Committee the revised R1 as emergency rule change. R2 was felt to be housekeeping, R3 and R4 did not relate to officials.
- \*\*\* Dave Diehl will finalize the guidelines for the Officials Committee Liaison to the National Championship meet for next year.
- \*\*\* Eric Nordlund was assigned as the Officials Committee Liaison to the SC Championships (Indianapolis) and David Diehl was assigned to LC (Maryland).

## Attendance

Number of committee members present: 9. Number of committee members absent 3

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 26.

## Minutes

- I. Introductions: Dave Diehl called meeting to order at 3:30 and committee members introduced themselves.
- II. Annual review of certifying organizations: motion was made and passed to add CSOA (Collegiate Swimming Officials Assoc.) to list of approved certifying bodies: Acceptance pending notification and approval of CSOA. **Dave Diehl will contact the Executive Director of CSOA for approval.**
- III. Review of USA, YMCA, CSOA, NFHS rule differences: Committee reviewed rule differences between NFHS, YMCA, CSOA, and USMS. Motion was made and passed to recommend to the Executive Committee that all be included in appendix B of the rule book. **Bill Tingley will request that the Executive Committee consider adding all certifying bodies rule differences to Appendix B.**
- IV. Official's Newsletter: The need for an official's newsletter was discussed and a decision was made to request information regarding rule changes be included in MACA Newsletter as well as articles written for SWIM Magazine. In addition, it was recommended that an Official's page be included in the USMS Website. (similar to USA Swimming.) **Dave Diehl will follow up with appropriate people to have rule change information be included in MACA Newsletter, SWIM Magazine, and to local LMSC Official's Chairs.**
- V. Backstroke Turn Rule Interpretation: The rules were reviewed based on concerns expressed by

the Minnesota LC Championship Meet Manager. Leo Letendre read a letter he sent to Minnesota concerning the Rules Committee interpretations. The turns were officiated correctly at the LC Championship meet.

- VI.* FINA Rule Changes: Discussion of FINA 's rule concerning no False start recall (DQ's after swimming event) and whistle only starts being used at certain USA championship meets. USMS does not have to make any decisions regarding these rules at this time.
- VII.* Review Proposed Rule Changes for 2000: **Motion was passed to recommend to the Rules Committee the revised R1 as emergency rule change. R2 was felt to be housekeeping, and R3 and R4 did not relate to officials.**
- VIII.* Officials Liaisons for 1999 National Championships: Michael Moore (SC), and Ted Haartz (LC) liaisons gave reports. Things went well at both meets, except butterfly DQ at LC due to multiple underwater breaststroke kicks prior to surfacing for first over arm recovery. Discussion followed regarding the interpretation of the rule for underwater kicking at start and turns. Recommendation was made to Rules Committee to clarify the rule at next year's convention.
- IX.* Official's Liaison Guidelines: Eric Nordlund drafted guidelines for the Officials Liaison to National Championship Meets. Draft was discussed and changes made. **Dave Diehl will finalize the guidelines for the Officials Committee Liaison to the National Championship meet for next year.**
- X.* Officials Liaisons for 2000 Championships: **Eric Nordlund was assigned as the Officials Committee Liaison to the SC Championships (Indianapolis) and David Diehl was assigned to LC (Maryland).**
- XI.* Motion was made to adjourn at 4:50.

#### **Tasks for Upcoming Year:**

- \* See above action items.