

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Officials Committee
Houston, Texas September 21, 1995

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM by chairman Hugh Moore with introductions of those present. Attendance sheet is attached.

Gail Dummer and Priscilla Davis from USS addressed the committee regarding USS legislation that would move the adaptive swimming section of the Rule Book to article 105. Walt Eggert pointed out that USS is holding a meeting in October in Colorado Springs to address officials training guidelines.

Hugh summarized the results of a survey of LMSC Officials Committees. Thirty-five LMSCs have responded. Those 35 LMSCs sanction approximately 315 meets per year. Extrapolating for those LMSCs that did not respond, approximately 450 meets are sanctioned each year. About half of the LMSCs admit problems getting competent certified officials. Most LMSCs rely heavily on USS officials for their meets, with a few using Y certified officials. There are only a few non-certified officials working meets. However, most meets have the minimum number of officials on deck. The survey results indicate that we need to educate the LMSCs of the importance of competent & consistent officiating and also to encourage the LMSCs & meet directors to recognize the volunteer work.

Hugh gave a status report on the development of the USMS Certification Manual for use by LMSCs to train and certify officials. Copies of the current draft were distributed. LMSCs who have expressed interest in using the manual will be involved in the final editing. The manual will be available for use by the first of the year.

There have been numerous reports of misinterpretation of section 102.17.2 (minimum officials). A subcommittee of Judy Gillies, Hugh, and Suzanne Rague will draft a proposed rule change for next year to clarify the wording. A rule change to require that the referee be certified will also be included.

Ideas for committee goals for the next ten years were discussed. A subcommittee of Sally Dillon, Al Winslow, Hugh, and Mike Moore will work on establishing long term goals.

Hugh will continue to send quarterly newsletters to the LMSCs. The October newsletter will include a meet evaluation form that can be completed by meet referees. Use of the form will be voluntary.

The following are Action Items from the committee

MSC: Produce and distribute 1500 pocket sized cards that detail the differences between USS and USMS rules.

MSC: Continue to send a free copy of USMS Rule Book to LMSC Officials Chairs.

MSC: Recommend change of committee name to Officiating.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hugh Moore, Chair