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Committee Name:RulesSession #: 1Report #: 20Committee Chair:Kathy CaseyVice Chair:Leianne CrittendenMinutes recorded by:Kris WingenrothDate/time of meeting: 9/25/08 10:30 A.M.

Action Items:

1.

Number of committee members present: 20 Absent: 2 Number of other delegates present: 30

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathrine Casey, Chair, Leianne Crittenden, V. Chair, Carolyn Boak, Peggy Buchannan, David Diehl, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Judy Gillies, Laura Kessler, Cathy Kohn, June Krauser, Cody Rasmussen, Sandi Rousseau, Jessica Seaton, Skip Thompson, William Tingley, Kris Wingenroth.

Ex Officio: Charlie Cockrell, Susan Ehringer, Sean Fitzgerald

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

- 1. Kathy Casey, Chair, introduced the committee members and the new delegates in the audience.
- 2. The procedures that will be followed during the meeting were reviewed by the Chair. All motions to approve proposed rule changes for recommendation to the House of Delegates will be made by Leianne Crittenden.
- 3. Kathy Casey stated that she has requested a committee budget of \$950 for the upcoming year. This year's committee expenditures up to this point in time have been approximately \$400.
- 4. Kathy Casey distributed a written statement of the dual sanctioning agreement with USA Swimming. Guidelines are given for three methods of holding joint meets: combined meets, parallel meets, and interwoven meets. Credit and a big "thanks" were extended to Leo Letendre, past Rules Chair, for initiating this agreement.
- 5. The following resolution was passed by unanimous vote: "The Rules Committee is responsible for clarifying language of rules, even if the verbiage differs from that of the USA Swimming Rule Book, so long as the intent of the rule is not changed."
- 6. Kathy Casey reported that the Rules Committee approved for recommendation to the House of Delegates the following rules proposals during a teleconference meeting on 9/14/08: R 1, R 2, R 3, R 5, R 6, R 7, R 9, R 14, R 15, R 17, R 19, R 23, R 24, R 25, R 26, R 27, R 28, R 29, R 32, R 33, R 38, R 40, R 41, R 43, R 44, R 45, R 46, R 50, and HK 1, HK 2, HK 4, and HK 5.
- 7. The following were approved, as amended, for recommendation to the House of Delegates: R 39, R 4, R 8, and R 11. R 12 was tabled.

R 39 – Motion to make the following amendment was made by Charlie Cockrell: to replace "pool length" with "length of course." MSA

R 39, MSA, as amended

R 4 – Motion to make the following amendment was made by Carolyn Boak: Change the title "Recognition" back to "Recognized Events" and change the words "authorization of" to "acknowledgement by." MSA R 4, MSA, as amended

R 8 – Motion to make the following amendment was made by Bill Tingley: Replace the period after the word "pull" with a comma (first sentence), change the word "Following" to "following" (remove capitalization) and to delete the phrase "After the completion of the first arm pull,". MSA

R 11 – Motion to make the following amendment was made by Sandi Rousseau: place a period after the word "stroke" and delete the phrase "provided there is at least one empty lane between such combined events." MSA R 11, MSA, as amended