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BLOCK #1 MEETINGS

Championship, Coaches, International, Officials & Rules

Thursday September 12th, 1:00-3:00 pm

Meeting Room - NOVA

CHAMPIONSHIP

Meeting Room - UNIVERSE

Chair – Barry Fasbender

Vice Chair – Jerry Clark

Committee Members: Donald Baker, Carolyn Boak, Debbie Cavanaugh, Ed Gendreau, Mark Gill, Gordon Gillin, Mel Goldstein, Errol Graham, Sally Maddox, Michael Moore, Barbara Protzman, Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Diane Stowell, Lisa Watson. Ex-Officio - Jim Matysek. Executive Committee Liaison - Doug Church

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The following projects and discussions have take place since the last convention:

1. **2002 SC Nationals in Hawaii:** Sandi Rousseau is the meet liaison for Hawaii. A total of 1103 swimmers entered the meet, including 472 on-line entries. All stands on both sides of the pool were shaded as well as a small set of bleachers by the diving well. The meet was well run and every one has a good time.

We worked out an agreement with the USA Swimming officials committee that resulted in this meet being the first masters meet that is a national certification meet for USA-S officials. This is a big step in guaranteeing quality officiating at our nation meets. Although we had the proper number of officials at the meet, we did not have enough to give the officials the rest periods we would have liked during the meet. As a result, we planned for a few 10-15 minutes breaks in the meet each day. To shorten the day for the officials, we also deck seed the meet instead of pre-seeding all non-distance events as we would have normally done at a SC Nationals with this many swimmers.

2. **2002 LC Nationals in Cleveland:** Mel Goldstein is the liaison to the host for the Cleveland nationals. The meet information is in the May-June issue of SWIM magazine. A great social will take place the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. This meet is also a national certification meet for USA-S officials. On-line entries were 608 out of 1021, which at 59.6% is the biggest portion of swimmers that have ever entered on-line.
3. **2003 SCY Nationals at ASU in Tempe, Arizona:** Carolyn Boak is the meet liaison for the Arizona nationals. The meet director (Mark Gill) has volunteered to try something new to make this a more enjoyable meet to watch. On the non-distance days, the check-in will close the night before and heat sheets will be available to all swimmers before the meet starts each day.
4. **2003 LCM Nationals at Rutgers in Piscataway, New Jersey:** Jerry Clark is the liaison for the Rutgers Nationals. Jerry is working with the meet director (Alex Antoniou) on a five-day meet schedule that will allow distance swimmers to swim both the 800 and the 1500.
5. **2004 National Championship Pool Venues:** Jeff Roddin sent out a letter to major aquatic facilities encouraging them to consider bidding for either of our championship meets. He also sent out letters to the local LMSCs requesting that they encourage potential host to bid.
6. **2004 Bid Packets:** Bid Packets for the 2004 National Championships has been sent to the Nassau Aquatic Center in East Meadow, NY; the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation in LA; the Carrol ISD Aquatics Center in Southlake, TX; the Chatham County Aquatics Center in Savannah, GA; Kansas City, MO; the San Jose Sports Authority in San Jose, CA; San Antonio, TX; and the University of Texas at Austin.

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7. **Liaisons in Training:** We started a new program this year to train committee members for the position of liaison to the hosts of National Championships. Jerry Clark will be learning the ropes from Mel for the 2002 LC Nationals. Debbie Cavanaugh will be learning under the direction of Carolyn Boak for the 2003 SC Nationals.
8. **On-Line Entry System:** Jim Matysek, our USMS web master, has created a new on line Entry systems for nationals. All of the data for each meet is now placed in a database. This will speed up the process of getting each new Nationals on-line entry system up and running. It also allow for adding many new features. For example, any one can now sort the list of swimmers alphabetically, by team and by age group. However, getting the new system up and running took longer than planned. As a result, the on-line entry system was only available about 18 days before the entry deadline, resulting in fewer on-line entries (45.3%) than we should have had.
9. **Championship Committee Meeting in Hawaii:** Seven members of the committee held a 3-hour meeting in Hawaii during the SC Nationals. The following topics were discussed: the change in the procedure for awarding of bids at the convention this year, the championship site selection process, rule changes we would like to see this year, the progress of the 2002 LCN, and the progress of the 2003 SCN.
10. **Championship Site Selection Process:** A comparison matrix (similar to the one done last year) based on the bid applications and answers to e-mail/phone questions send to each bidder will be available to everyone attending the Championship Bid meeting. Each attendee will also receive a pro and con list for each site. Each bidder will get a 5minute presentation to state the case for their site. After each bidders presentation, the Championship Committee will ask any questions we have about the site and the host organization. The HOD will have an opportunity to ask any questions not covered by the committee.
11. **Order-Of-Event Schedules:** Lisa Watson and Sally Maddox created eight order-of-event schedules for National Championships. The committee will select the best four of these, which will be presented to the House of Delegates to select the three order-of-event schedules that will be used over the next four years. Tempe and Rutgers will get to choose which schedule they want, and then we will rotate through the schedules over the next four years.
12. **Championship Rule Changes:** The Championship Committee will be proposing four rule changes: Relay entry deadline, heat sheets, rotation of 800/1500 and 1000/1650, and the order-of-events schedules. We may also propose a rule on seed times.
13. **Meet Director's Guide:** Mark Gill is updating the Meet Director's Guide.
14. **Entry Processing Workbook:** Sandi Rousseau is updating the Entry Processing Workbook.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Four proposed Championship rule changes were passed: relay entry deadline, heat sheets, rotation of 800/1500 and 1000/1650, and the order-of-events schedules.
2. The committee selected four order-of-event schedules to present to the HOD for selection of the three schedules that will be used over the next four years.
3. The committee defined the championship selection process that will be used at the convention this year.

AGENDA

1. Discuss all rules proposals submitted that affect National Championships.
2. Review awards and plans for the 2003 National Championships.
3. Discussion new projects and ways of doing things for future National Championships.

House of Delegates/Championship Bids
Friday, September 13th – 10:45-12:45 pm
Meeting Room – ENTERPRISE 7-8

COACHES
Meeting Room – METEOR

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Chair – Michael Collins

Committee Members: Rich Axtell, Bob Bruce, Lee Carlson, Mo Chambers, Harry DeLong, Melanie Dullea, Doug Garcia, Dan Gray, Marty Hamburger, Thomas Huggins, Thomas Mester, Eric Neilson, Ed Nessel, Kerry O'Brien, Julie O'Neil, Janet Renner, Frank "Ship" Thompson, Paul Windrath, Robert Zeitner. Executive Committee Liaison - Scott Rabalais

The Coaches Committee continues to work on projects dealing primarily in the education, identification and recognition of coaches. Here are some brief details to the projects:

Masters National Coaches Conference

Mel Goldstein and Scott Rabalais head the biggest and most important project of the year for the committee. Over 100 Masters coaches are expected to attend the Conference, which will coincide with the ASCA World Clinic in Las Vegas, NV, Sept 4-8, 2002. USMS is sending nine of its top coaches to serve as presenters. The coaches will also assist Sponsor Liaison Mel Goldstein in promoting USMS and its benefits to over 1,000 in attendance.

Online Coaching Program

Headed by Bob Bruce, this is a first-year project that has been very well received.

2002:

- In March, the committee developed a process for coach selection, and the selection subcommittee held an e-mail to review proposals from seven coaches. Three coaches were selected to post online workouts.
- This program seems to be very popular, based on the number of "hits." As of July 15, Mike Collins' workouts had 7586 hits, Mo Chambers' workouts had 4989 hits, and Clay Evans & Bonnie Adair's workouts had 5128 hits (despite ceasing posting in May).
- In July, we selected Mel Goldstein & Kris Houchins (based on our initial selection process) to replace Clay & Bonnie.

Recommendations for next year:

- o Continue this program.
- o Consider increasing the stipend.
- o Refine and adopt the selection process formally.
- o Develop posting guidelines for the coaches who are selected, perhaps including a contract.
- o Align the posting year with the normal swimming year, approximately September through August.

Clinics

Several clinics have been held to educate both coaches and swimmers. Doug Garcia oversees the Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics. Nancy Ridout and Janet Renner continue to organize the USMS/USA Swimming High Altitude Training Camp in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dan Gray coordinates the USMS Open Water Clinics. Scott Rabalais will head a subcommittee to work on a USMS National Clinic Series for 2004.

Snooper Loan Program

The Snooper Program, headed for several years by Paul Windrath is a unique program to aid in the education of swimmers. Two color Snoopers (underwater video cameras) are available for rental from the Committee. They are on loan practically every day of the year. Paul Windrath has done a fine job as the coordinator but will be handing the task over to a new monitor for 2003. A new monitor should be named at the convention.

International Coaching Program

Bob Bruce was the Head Coach for USMS team at the World championships in New Zealand, where the USMS athletes performed extremely well. The program received very positive reviews from the athletes who participated. Plans are now being made for the next FINA World Championships in Italy, 2004.

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Coach of the Year

This sub-committee is headed by Skip Thompson and the award will be presented at the USAS Awards Banquet. We have 5 candidates that have been nominated. Below are the candidates that have been nominated this year and the area they come from:

- From Bend, Oregon representing the Oregon LMSC, nominated by George Thayer, and coaching the Central Oregon Masters Aquatic Club: Bob Bruce
- From San Antonio, Texas representing the South Texas LMSC, nominated by Jerry Marchbanks, and coaching the Masters of South Texas: Susan Ingraham
- From San Francisco, California representing the Pacific LMSC, nominated by Doug Huestis, and coaching the Santa Cruz Masters Club: Joel Wilson
- From San Francisco, California representing the Pacific LMSC, nominated by Phyllis Quinn, and coaching The Olympic Club: Scott Williams
- From Dallas, Texas representing the North Texas LMSC, nominated by Bobby Patton and coaching the Dallas Aquatic Masters Club: Jim Montgomery

Coaches Committee Quarterly

Mo Chambers heads this project, which dispenses pages of information from questions posed to Masters coaches around the country.

Book & Video Library

The video and book libraries provide educational items for USMS members to borrow. Melanie Dullea heads the video library while Ed Nessel offers the book library.

On-deck Coaching

This project is headed by Marty Hamburger and continues to be very successful at both Short Course and Long Course Nationals.

Safety Certification For Coaches

The Coaches Committee is working with the Safety Committee, Insurance, and Long Range Planning on this topic.

Masters Aquatic Coaches Association

The Committee also continues to work closely with the Masters Aquatic Coaches Association (MACA) to serve Masters coaches in education, leadership and professionalism.

ACTION ITEMS

Institute a series of USMS Clinics in 2004 aimed at furthering the education of our swimmers in regards to technique and training.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Coaching in our LMSCs
3. Clinics, Camps & Schools
 - Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics
 - Open Water Clinics
 - Olympic Training Center Camps
 - Masters Coaching School
 - 2004 National Clinic Series
4. Education and Information
 - Coaches Committee Quarterly
 - Ask the Coach
 - Video and Book Libraries
 - MACA/ASCA
5. Coaching Programs
 - International Coaching Program

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- On-Line Coaching
 - Snooper Loan Program - New Coordinator
6. Recognition
 - Coach of the Year
 7. Financial
 - Discussion of 2003 Budget
 8. Other Business
 9. New Business
 10. Adjourn
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INTERNATIONAL Meeting Room - MERCURY

Chair – Phil Whitten

Committee Members: Irene David, Sean Fitzgerald, Graham Johnston, June Krauser, Lilly Kron, Joseph Kurtzman, Nancy Miller, Myriam Pero, Walt Reid, Gerry Rodrigues, Manuel Sanguily, Shannon Sullivan. Executive Committee Liaison - Jim Miller, MD

ANNUAL REPORT

At the request of USMS President Jim Miller, the International Committee began a process we hope will lead to USMS hosting the 2006 Masters World Championships and possibly one or two other major international meets in 2003-2005.

PAN-AMS and PAN-PACS

The International Committee is unanimously and enthusiastically in support of having USMS host the 2006 FINA World Championships. There was less enthusiasm for the hosting of a Pan-Pac or Pan-Am meet. This reduced enthusiasm, I believe, is due to the fact that Pan Pacs generally have not been well-attended in the past – particularly by swimmers from outside the host country -- and that there never has been a Masters Pan American meet. In addition, there is another organization (ASUA) that is considering hosting a Pan-Am meet.

In the case of the Pan-Pacs, the 2001 meet, scheduled for Hong Kong, was canceled, so there's been a hiatus in holding the meet that might contribute to it being poorly attended. Finally, the national and international calendars are becoming crowded with major events. One consequence is that *all* of the events are impacted. A good example is the scheduling of this year's USMS SC Nationals in Honolulu and the FINA World Championships in Christchurch, N.Z.

All of these objections and caveats regarding the Pan-Ams and Pan-Pacs should be carefully considered. In the case of the Pan-Ams, two members of our committee – Mani Sanguily and Myriam Pero, both with ties to Latin America, will be exploring cooperation with ASUA, potential dates (probably in 2004), and potential sites. As of now, the site that has expressed the greatest enthusiasm for the meet, which we estimate will draw 1,000 to 1,500 competitors (plus family members) is the new Islamorada facility in the Florida Keys. That state-of-the-art facility offers both LCM and SCM options, though long course would be our preference. The facility is run by John Olsen and Jeremy Linn, 1992 and '96 US Olympians, Masters swimmers and Masters coaches. There is plenty of hotel space, and we are assured a good hotel package can be negotiated.

We envision a Pan-Pac meet, if it is held, taking place in Hawaii or the West Coast, probably in 2005. This meet has been held both in LCM and SCM in the past, and either option would be acceptable. Thus far only one facility – a SCM pool still under construction in Maui – has expressed interest.

One great advantage of our conducting one or both of these meets is that it would give us practice in conducting a major international event. The last time such an event was held in the US was in 1992.

2006 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The committee is unanimously in favor of hosting the 2006 FINA World Championships, which most likely will be the largest swim meet of any kind in history. We should have a geographical advantage since the 2004 meet will be in Europe (Italy), the 2002 meet was in Oceania (NZ), the 2000 meet in Europe (Germany) , the 1998 meet in Africa (Morocco) and the 1996 meet in Europe (Great Britain). The last time the meet was held in North America was in 1994, and that was in Montreal, Canada. It's time to bring the meet back to the USA, the birthplace of Masters swimming.

The facility requirements for a meet that should attract a *minimum* of between 5,000 and 7,000 athletes eliminate all but a handful of pool complexes in the US. These requirements include a world-class 50-meter competition pool, a warm-up/warm-down pool, plus facilities for open water, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo.

The IUPUI complex in Indianapolis was mentioned most often by committee members as a potential site, and it will be available as its current renovations will long be completed by 2006. However, the '92 meet was held in Indy and we doubt that Indianapolis would be a major draw for foreign swimmers/tourists.

However, there are other major facilities being built. Among the most promising appears to be the new \$20-million complex being built in Mesa, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. It will consist of two 50-meter pools, plus a diving and water polo pool. It is also indoors. There are other potential sites under construction or in the planning stages in Tampa and Miami, Florida.

The greater Fort Lauderdale area has many 50 meter facilities. Fort Lauderdale and Plantation both have two 50 meter pools in complexes. However, they are outdoor and indoor would be preferable.

Recently I spoke with Chuck Wielgus, Executive Director of USA Swimming, about a new National Aquatic complex he will be proposing at this convention. There is, of course, no guarantee that a facility such as the one Chuck envisions, will be built. Or that it will be built on time to host the 2006 meet. We may well have a better reading on that by the end of this convention. However, if it is built, and if it is ready by 2006, it likely will be among the very best, state-of-the-art facilities in the world. Chuck also envisions the facility being built in "a city with a warm climate," another plus for us old folks. We need to monitor the reception Chuck's proposal receives and any action that is taken.

On a sad note, the International Committee mourns the loss of one of our members, Bill Earley, who died on July 4 while competing in the annual July 4 Coronado Rough water Swim. Bill was a personal friend and a great contributor to Masters swimming. We will miss him.

AGENDA

1. Introduction of Members
 2. World Championships
 3. Pan Pacs
 4. Pan Ams
 5. Old Business
 6. New Business
 7. Adjourn
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OFFICIALS Meeting Room - ORBIT

Chair – David Diehl

Vice Chair: Judy Gillies

Committee members: Carol Berendsen, Katherine Branch, Charlie Cockrell, Michael Collins, David Diehl, Judy Gillies, Ted Haartz, Barney Hungerford, Jan Kavadas, Mike Lemke, Leo Letendre, Rick Meier-Windes, Eric Nordlund, Adrienne Pipes, Edward Saltzman, Steve Schofield, Joan Smith, Dennis Wilson. Ex-Officio – Michael Collins, Pat Lunsford. Executive Committee Liaison - Jim Miller, MD

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The Officials Committee goal is to ensure that all Masters swimmers have the opportunity for equal and fair competition and to assist the LMSC Official Chairs by keeping them informed of changes to and the interpretation of the rules. This past year I was unable to attend the re-scheduled Convention in November due to my recovery from eye surgery.

1. The USA-S National Officials Committee approved the national certification/re-certification of USA-S officials by working the USMS SC and LC National Championship meets and the procedures were in place and utilized for the SC Championship in Hawaii and are planned for Cleveland.
2. The USA-S Officials Committee approved the inclusion of USMS rule differences in their testing for USA-S officials. The updated USA-S officials tests now include questions pertaining to USMS rules.
3. The assignment of USMS Officials Committee liaisons to the SC and LC national Championship meet were made (Joan Alexander for SC Nationals and Dave Diehl for LC Nationals). Joan Smith submitted the report for the SC Nationals in Hawaii.
4. Continued work to develop the draft proposal which would allow for USMS to certify their own officials, utilizing USA-S procedures (clinics and testing), where appropriate, but with the working at USMS meets and actual certification through the LMSC's. The draft procedures will be distributed to the Committee members prior to the Convention.
5. The FINA and/or USA-S rule changes that were proposed/adopted during the year were distributed to the LMSC Officials Chairs
6. The Chair of the Officials Committee was involved in the discussions regarding the pool length certification issue for World record certification and the acceptance of times for top ten consideration when the pools were found to be too short.

ACTION ITEMS

Because of the re-scheduled Convention last year and my inability to attend, there were no specific action items identified other than the work with USA-S for the certification of national officials, the assignment of the USMS liaisons and work on other unfinished business such as the certification of officials through USMS.

AGENDA

1. Introductions and brief review of Committee activities this past year.
2. Review/evaluate the process for national certification of USA-S officials at USMS national championship meets
3. Review/discuss the draft proposal for the certification of USMA officials through the LMSC's.
4. Review the proposed rule changes and give the Officials Committee recommendation as appropriate
5. Assign the liaisons for the 2003 SC and LC National Championship meets

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RULES Meeting Room - NOVA

Chair - Leo Letendre

Committee Members: Tom Boak, Peggy Buchannan, Katherine Casey, Charlie Cockrell, Catherine Cooper, David Diehl, Judy Gillies, Graham Johnston, Janet Kavadas, June Krauser, Joseph Kurtzman, Dennis McManus, Michael Moore, Jessica Seaton, William Tingley, Kris Wingenroth. Ex-Officio - Michael Collins, Rob Copeland, Meg Smath. Executive Committee Liaison - Jack Geoghegan

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The Rules Committee dealt with one extraordinary issue during the year along with the normal requests for interpretations of the Rules of Competition. During the year, the Rules Committee issued an official interpretation of section 107.2.1 which deals with the length of the racing course. The committee determined that the distances in 107.2.1 represent the minimum distances each pools must be in order for results to count for official purposes. The committee, along with the Records and Tabulations Committee has submitted proposals that codify this interpretation. They differ in the degree to which we continue to measure and the extent of measurement and documentation. These two sets of proposals are presented in order to foster debate on this important issue. During the course of the deliberations mentioned above, a document that attempts to examine the issues surrounding timing and the comparison of results was prepared. This report is available on line at www.usms.org/admin/conv02/times.pdf.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Review Procedures
3. Action on proposed amendments (Initial discussion during Block #1 meeting)

RULES – OPEN FORUM Thursday, September 12th – 3:15-4:15 pm Meeting Room – NOVA

AGENDA

1. Review of Procedures
2. Discussion of proposed amendments with particular emphasis on pool length issues.

Friday, September 13th – 8:30-10:30 am Meeting Room – ENTERPRISE 3

AGENDA

Continuation of above agenda that is posted for Thursday, September 12th, 1:00-3:00 meeting.
