

USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cmte. report #: 4

Minutes recorded by: Sally Ann Dillon, Corporate Secretary

Date/time: Wed. September 10, 2003 5:00 pm

ACTION ITEMS

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

MSA to approve the 2003 over budget request of \$25,000 should the HOD approve USMS going forward with the bid for the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships.

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It was MSA to ratify the actions of the EC during the past year as they have been represented in the minutes from the various meetings.

Number of committee members present: 37

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 15

Committee members present: Jim Miller, Scott Rabalais, Sally Dillon, Doug Church, Lynn Hazlewood, Nancy Ridout, Patty Powis, Marcia Anziano, Tom Lyndon, June Krauser, Mike Lemke, Doug Garcia, Joan Alexander, Marcia Marcantonio, Wayne McCauley, Berry Fasbender, Michael Collins, Hugh Moore, Michael Heather, Pam Himstreet, Carl House, Colleen Driscoll, Phil Whitten, Rob Copeland, Peter Crumbine, Rich Burns, David Diehl, Betsy Durrant, Meg Smath, Pieter Cath, Anna Lea roof, Leo Letendre, Julie Heather, Jessica Seaton, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Ted Haartz, and John Walker.

MINUTES

President Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Secretary Sally Dillon took roll.

1. Welcome: President Jim Miller gave a welcoming address and thanked the BOD for all their hard work since last convention. Members of the EC addressed the Board individually. The committee chairs were reminded of their responsibilities regarding preparation of meeting minutes and reimbursement procedures.

Jim thanked Julie Heather for running a program for the delegates on AED use this afternoon and noted that he hopes that it is a start of many more to come. Jim also noted that a "new delegate" committee has been formed to help our new delegates become more integrated into the convention activities and it is under the leadership of Ginger Pierson and Steve Peterson.

2. Convention Overview: Jim briefly reviewed the Core Objectives that were passed by the BOD earlier this year and stated that they will be discussed a bit more at the Block Party. The objectives are to Service, Educate, and Build the membership. The Block Party has been organized to allow us to continue with the process of "teaming together" as we do our committee business. Jim mentioned the number of instances where task forces have been formed and we've found them to be very successful. An EC liaison will open each meeting with a brief explanation of the core objectives and then turn the meeting over to the committee chairs to discuss issues that they have prepared on their own.

Convention Chair, Michael Heather, distributed an information sheet that covered reimbursements, room set ups, audio/visual, office supplies and general issues. He also noted a schedule change for the Finance Committee – their Saturday meeting will be held at 9:00 am rather than 10:00 am.

3. International Events: A FAQ was distributed to the BOD and will also be distributed to the HOD on Thursday. The FAQ has been prepared to explain the procedures that have taken place since last year's approval to move forward with the bid for a World Championship in 2006.

Jim also noted that the ASUA wants to support masters by producing a Masters Pan American Games. Within the past three weeks a masters subcommittee has been selected including a chair and vice chair. The currently proposed site would be Santo Domingo in 2005 and the one including masters would be in Brazil in 2007. ASUA has asked Jim to appoint two members to their board.

4. Part IV of the USMS Rule Book: Rob Copeland, Chair of Legislation Committee, reviewed the proposal that is in our convention packets. He thanked Patty Powis, Laura Kessler, and John Steiner for the significant amount of work they have contributed to the project. The revision is on the Athletes Rights section and efforts have been made to make it more linear – easier to follow. They have made changes to the ways we look at our athletes and grievance procedures. The Legislation Committee plans to produce model bylaws to help LMSCs as needed.
5. Over budget item: Treasurer Doug Church reported on the over budget item this spring that the BOD approved for the expenditure of funding for commercials for ESPN coverage of the World Swimming Championships. The second over budget item on the agenda was the application fee for the FINA Worlds bid. If we make a bid, we need to have approval for this expense in 2003 since the bid is due to FINA by December 31, 2003. If the bid is not accepted by FINA, the entire deposit is refundable. It was noted that since the NGBs for diving, water polo, and synchro are under the “umbrellas” of their youth programs. The funds that USMS expends should be reimbursed to USMS when the event monies come in. It was MS to approve the over budget request of \$25,000 should the HOD approve our going forward with the bid for the 2006 World Championships. Doug referred to FOG 5g for the procedures for this issue. Significant discussion ensued and it MSA to call the question. The motion passed.
6. Grievance: Legal Counsel Patty Powis advised the BOD that a grievance has been filed under the current Part IV rules against South Texas LMSC. The EC delegated the matter to the LMSC under Part IV. The grievant was not satisfied with the LMSC's decision and filed the matter again with the EC. The grievance is pending.
7. Controller Report: Cathy Pennington reported that the audit passed with flying colors with no adjustments. Some administrative details need to be resolved before it can be distributed. Once that is accomplished, the report will be posted on the web.
8. Executive Committee actions: It was MSA to ratify the actions of the EC during the past year as they have been represented in the minutes from the various meetings.
9. Closing comments: Jim recognized Cathy Pennington for her service to USMS as Controller. Although she has indicated that she will not continue in as controller, she will stay on until the end of the first quarter of 2004. The position opening has been officially announced and will be in SWIM Magazine in the next issue.

It was MSA to recess the meeting at 6:05 pm.