

U.S. Masters Swimming Executive Committee Conference Call minutes

March 13th, 2012

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Action Items:

MSA – approve the Executive Committee minutes from the February 7th conference call.

Michael Heather-VP of Administration, called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM EDT. Also present were Nadine Day-President, David Diehl-VP of Programs, Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Local Operations, C.J. Rushman - Secretary, Patty Miller – Legal Counsel and Executive Director - Rob Butcher.

Absent: Jeff Moxie -Immediate Past President, Jody Smith-VP of Community Service and Ralph Davis - Treasurer

EC Agenda topics:

CJ made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7th conference call. Mike Heather seconded. **MSA to approve the Executive Committee minutes.**

1. 2012 Convention Theme – Nadine said the deadline for a theme is July 15th but we'd like to have one in place sooner. Patty suggested that we not necessarily identify the theme this early, but see what strategic focus areas come to the fore over the next few months. This will allow us to ensure that we have solid, relevant content at convention aligned with the selected theme. Nadine also requested the Executive Committee to consider a midday swim practice on Saturday at convention.
2. All Executive Committee members have access to the all the forums on the USMS website.
3. All committee meeting minutes should have a template for compiling their minutes. CJ will send EC members the template to be distributed to the different committee chairs. The template will be made available on the website.
4. Nadine gave a reminder that the submission of committee's policies need to be sent to Betsy Durrant., who is the chair of the Policy committee
5. Open Water concerns on sanctions and E2EEM. While Open Water chairpersons have been established in 38 different LMSCs, there specific responsibilities regarding Open Water sanction requests is not consistent from LMSC to LMSC. All of the LMSCs were surveyed and of the 47 who responded, there are only 4 who have separate Open Water sanction approvers. In the remaining LMSCs, the "LMSC Sanctions Chair" approves all pool and open water sanction requests. Dave indicated that he will find out more information from the Open Water Committee and provide the EC with an update.
6. A house keeping item in the Rule Book - Appendix F, page 175. There are two titles that are incorrect (at least for 2010 and 2011): The "VPMS" (VP Member Services) and "VPNO" (VP National Operations) titles were replaced with "VPP" (VP Programs) and "VPA" (VP Administration) respectively. This must be updated.
7. Bob Beach and John Spannuth will be presenting the history of Masters swimming at the ISHOF International Aquatic History Symposium & Film Festival (<http://iahsff.com/>) on May 10th
8. Pat Baker was selected to be a starter at FINA World Master's Championships in Riccione Italy

Next meeting of the Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday April 5th, 2012 at 8:30 PM EDT.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM EDT.

C.J. Rushman,
Secretary