

**Committee Name:** Executive Committee

**Committee Chair:** Patty Miller

**Minutes recorded by:** Chris Colburn

**Date/time of meeting:** 2/1/2016 7:30pm EST

## Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the minutes of the 1/4/2016 Conference Call as amended.

**Number of committee members present: 10**

**Absent:**

**Number of other delegates present:**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Patty Miller - President; Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Administration; Chris McGiffin - VP of Programs; Chris Stevenson - VP of Local Operations; Frank (Skip) Thompson -VP of Community Services; Chris Colburn – Secretary; Ralph Davis – Treasurer; Maria Elias-Williams - Legal Counsel; Nadine Day – Immediate Past President; Bill Brenner – Interim CEO.

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm EST.

1. **MSA to approve the minutes of the 1/4/2016 Conference Call as amended.**

2. Interim CEO's Report (Bill Brenner):

- a. We have filled the staff accountant position. Bill gave an overview of Lynn Watson's skills and experience.
- b. The College Club Summit is this weekend in Tampa. They're looking forward to a full weekend with some good thinkers in the space. Tracy Grilli, Anna Lea Matysek, Rob Copeland, and Dan Cox will be there to moderate. They will tell us what they need before we tell them how we'd like to help. Patty liked the format, and how it addresses the different aspects of college club swimming. Bill will report on the Summit at the Winter Board Meeting.
- c. The Staff will participate in the hour swim at lunch tomorrow.
- d. Next week is the staff retreat (3 days). The contractors are coming in for the retreat. Membership cultivation, customer service, and communications will be topics for discussion.
- e. High Performance Camp (HPC): Last Monday Bill spoke with Nancy Ridout and Sarah Welch on the history of the HPC, as well as how they'd like for it to eventually proceed again. Bill talked to Hill about why he took this on as a project and what he's looking for. There will be a full report at the Winter BOD Meeting. Skip asked about the currently published dates Hill has advertised, and Bill confirmed that they will remain the same.

3. Officers' Reports:

- a. President (Patty):

- i. Patty and the EC had a discussion about USMS lobbying efforts, as well as what we and our members can and cannot do with respect to lobbying as a nonprofit. We will be working on some guidelines to assist with this.
- ii. Sanctions Rebate task force is not up and running yet, as Patty is still looking for a chair.
- iii. Patty has asked Dan Cox to chair and CMC to participate in the Futures Task Force. They should have some names of members by Dallas.
- iv. Patty has some FINA requirements for suits in cold water that are to take effect in September after the Rio Olympics. Patty can find some time for Jim to present the FINA research behind this standard in Dallas.
- v. Patty recounted the email traffic on the USMS Transsexual Policy, implemented by USMS in 2012 and based on the then-current IOC Consensus Statement. There has been a task force in the past to handle challenges to the policy. There has been a discussion about what to do next, and the Board will try to cut back to a smaller group of people to weigh in on proposed changes related to the FINA policy.

- b. Vice Presidents' Reports:

- i. VP of Administration (Ed): Nothing to add from last formal report. Registration met last night. Next update will be in the report for the February Board Meeting.
- ii. VP of Community Services (Skip): First Fitness meeting was last night. Skip let them know about the upcoming Futures Task Force because of the number of millennials on the committee. They are waiting for a process to use for raising funds for SSL for their half-hour swim. There are some identity issues on the checkoff challenge (only 18 people signed up).

- iii. VP of Local Operations (Chris Stevenson): History & Archives met last night with a status update on their projects. Also last night was another Peer-to-Peer Chair/Vice-Chair meeting. Records & Tabulations has also met. Skip provided details on the Peer-to-Peer call, which was moderated by CJ Rushman. About 25-30 people attended the call. Issues included pool measurement, successful meets, officials, and official certification. One question was when the LMSC Summit would be held next year. Patty thanked Skip for attending the call.
- iv. VP of Programs (Chris McGiffin):
  - 1. The decision is still pending on the Sanctions Task Force.
  - 2. Temperature rulings are pending.
  - 3. Long Distance met last night, and there was an explanation of the Board's ISM interpretation. There were no questions, and the committee seemed to be ready to provide training. Bob Bruce is now chair of Open Water, so his vote on Long Distance is no longer valid (as Open Water Chair, Bob is now ex-officio on Long Distance). Donn is looking for an additional member of the Long Distance Committee, and will contact Patty if he has a new name. Patty offered to help Donn with the search. The due date for the One Hour Postal was extended to 2/10 because of weather-related incidents in January on the East Coast. They will entertain a motion to extend the One Hour Postal to a new end date. Nadine asked when the update would be posted, as the Nationals portion of the website still appeared to note that the deadline is 1/31. Bill will check with the National Office to ensure the dates are clearly updated. Goals for the committee for the year have been approved. Chris is still waiting for e-postal contract updates. Maria will have that out to the committees later tonight.
  - 4. Open Water has new leadership (see above) and is moving forward with the ISM changes. Anyone with Rules recommendations on Section 2 and Section 3 of the Rule Book should submit them to Chris. Patty asked Chris to reiterate with Long Distance this year that we're looking specifically for big-picture changes as we adjust to having Rules AND Legislation AND Long Distance in the same year. Skip asked some questions about the Committee Chairs' Handbook and the Rule Book, and had some comments. Patty asked Skip to follow up with Chris Colburn on the Committee Chairs' Handbook and Tracy on the Rule Book.
- c. Treasurer (Ralph): Ralph is reporting from Phoenix. Ralph will have an updated report for the Board meeting next weekend.
- d. Legal Counsel (Maria): Nothing additional to report. See you next week!
- e. Secretary (Chris Colburn): Nothing to report. Chris asked about a written report for the Winter BOD Meeting.
- f. Immediate Past President (Nadine): Nothing to report.
- 4. Patty distributed a draft of the 2016 Convention schedule with Nadine's help. Patty asked that we send it to committee chairs to get feedback on their needs for Convention. Nadine and Tracy helped a lot with the current draft. Please make sure to get feedback on the schedule from committee chairs by the Winter Board Meeting. We need to have a schedule back to USAS by 2/22. There was some discussion on the current draft and the number of meetings for each committee. Patty will send an updated draft for feedback from the committee chairs shortly. Patty concluded with some background on the changes from last year's schedule.
- 5. Please have all materials in for the Winter Board Meeting by 2/5.
- 6. Next meeting will be March 7, 2016 at 7:30pm EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Colburn, Secretary