2020 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name: Legislation Committee  
Session #: 5  

Committee Chair: Richard Garza  
Vice Chair: Patrick Weiss  
Minutes recorded by: Kris Wingenroth  
Date/time of meeting: 6/14/2020 8 pm eastern

Agenda

1. BOD 1, 2, 3, & 4  
2. Meg 2  
3. Kris 1  
4. Kris 2  
5. Kris 3  
6. Kris 4

Still left on the agenda. If we finish early, we will continue down the list.  
Kris 6  
Kris 8  
Kris 9  
Kris 10  
Kris 11(already approved)  
Kris 12  
NE 1  
NE 2  
NE 3  
BOD 5  
IL 1  
IL 2  
DI 1  
HK  
Part 2 Re-organization

Number of committee members present: 15  
Absent: 0  
Number of other delegates present:

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Richard Garza, Chair, Patrice Weiss, Vice Chair, Brian Albright, Joan Campbell, Diana LaMar, Stephanie Gauzens, Laura Groselle, Bruce Hopson, Kristof Kertesz, John King, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, Dough Sayles, Meg Smath, Kris Wingenroth  
Ex Officio: Maria Elias  
Executive Committee, Chris Coburn  
Only present for part of the meeting: Kristof Kertesz

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm, Eastern time.

1. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved. (unanimous)

2. To expedite the procedures, it was agreed that Brian Albright would make the motion to recommend each proposal and Meg Smath would second each.

3. Discussion of BOD #1. MSA to recommend to the HOD. Passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of BOD #2. It was pointed out that workout groups, which are subgroups of USMS registered clubs, also pay a membership fee but are not mentioned in this proposal. It was voted to Table BOD #2 (unanimous). Brian Albright will work on language which would incorporate workout groups into the proposal.

5. Discussion of BOD #3. MSA to recommend to the HOD. (9 - 4) (voted against: Brian, Joan, Diana, Kris)

6. Discussion of BOD #4. MSA to amend BOD #4 in order to improve the grammar and readability. Amended version to read: Membership registration, national sanction, and recognition fees shall be established by the House of Delegates. MSA to approve as amended. (unanimous)

7. Discussion of Meg #2. MSA to recommend to the HOD. (unanimous)

8. Kris #1, #2, and #3 were withdrawn by Kris Wingenroth since they were incorporated into Meg #2.

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**Motions Passed:**

1. **BOD #1 - MSA to recommend to the HOD**

   201.1.5 Fees – The fees for membership and one-event registration shall each be a single fee, with a portion allocated to USMS national operations and a portion allocated to the LMSC in which an individual registers, if applicable. The allocation between national operations and LMSCs shall be established by the House of Delegates.

   The annual membership fee and the one-event registration fee are composed of the following elements:

   A For standard USMS members:
   
   (1) A national fee established by the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates.
   
   (2) A local fee established by the LMSC.

   B For CCS members who are also USMS members: a national membership fee established by the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates.

2. **BOD #2 - MSA to Table**

3. **BOD #3 - MSA to recommend to the HOD**

   201.3.6 All applications for changes of membership (including transfers) must be accompanied by a national fee established by USMS and a local fee established by the LMSC in which the swimmer will register for change of membership.

4. **BOD #4 - MSA to recommend to the HOD, as amended**

   508.2 National mMembership registration fees, and national sanction fees, and recognition fees shall be established by the House of Delegates.

5. **Meg #2 - MSA to recommend to the HOD**

   202.1.1 **Sanction Requirements**—Sanctions shall be issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with the following:

   A Applications for sanction shall be made to the LMSC within which the event is to be held. The LMSC may establish a reasonable deadline to receive applications for sanction prior to the...
competition. Sanction applications shall be accompanied by the entry form meet announcement. After receiving a sanction application, the LMSC may transfer its sanctioning authority to another LMSC, provided both LMSCs and the applicant agree to the transfer in writing. Upon approval, all fees and sanction obligations shall be transferred to the accepting LMSC.

(1) The entry forms, except those for postal events, shall contain the language of the liability release as stated in USMS policy (see USMS Guide to Operations, Sanctions section). All swimmers shall have signed the liability release before participating.

(2) Event The meet announcement entry forms and programs shall include the statement “Sanctioned by (LMSC name) for USMS Inc.” Event entry forms and programs and may include the statement “Sanction number ______.” Entry forms and programs may include these statements.

(3) The meet information announcement shall include ONE of the following statements for each course used for competition during the meet:

(a) The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1.

(b) The length of the competition course has been measured and is NOT in compliance with USMS articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1: Times achieved in the meet will NOT be eligible for USMS Top 10 and records.

(c) The length of the competition course is not on file with USMS. Eligibility of times achieved in this meet will be contingent upon pool length measurement and approval with USMS; if bulkheads are present, their placement must also be confirmed by measurements at the meet (USMS articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1).

(d) The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

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Actions and Resolutions

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm Eastern Time