

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	3
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair:	Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre
Minutes recorded by:	Mollie Grover/Christina Fox	Date/time of meeting:	Friday 28 Sep 2018 10:45 am

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve Rules Committee minutes from meeting #1.

Number of committee members present: 11 **Absent: 3** **Number of other delegates present: 13**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Rand Vaillancourt, Barb Protzman, Laura Groselle, Karen Harris, Judy Giles, Jessica Seaton, Matt Hooper, Steven Unruh, Julie Dusliere, Kathy Casey, Carolyn Boak, Christina Fox

Ex-officio: Teri White (Officials), Richard Garza (Legislation), Peter Guadagni (EC)

Committee Members Absent: Marilyn Fink, Claire Letendre, Bob Seagraves

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am ET.

1. Charles asked for a sense of how the committee's business went in this convention cycles. The overall sense was that the numerous, short-ish conference calls to do the committee's business prior to convention was the best way to schedule the year. There are obvious issues with a committee with members across the USA, so not all meetings are convenient for all members.
2. Charles asked for volunteers for proofreading the draft 2019 Rule Book and for help with the Rules Committee blog going forward. Teri volunteered to help with blog posts. Discussion ensued about rules-related posts in the USMS forums and how to handle the misinformation that gets posted by non-Rules committee forum members and how to prevent the spread of that misinformation.
3. Peter then asked where official interpretations are located. Charles mentioned that they get sent to the National Office for posting on the USMS website.
4. Teri asked about housekeeping type proposals and if they need to go to the entire HOD or if there is a way to add/clarify language without full proposals having to be presented. Charles and Matt both clarified that even housekeeping proposals need to go before the HOD for a vote.
5. Charles mentioned that at the OKI meeting earlier in the week that swimwear coverage is an emerging issue, at least in the USA Swimming perspective. Discussion was had regarding the topic and Charles did state that his hands are currently tied as it relates to current rules (both USMS and FINA rules), unless related to a legitimate medical exception. Richard mentioned that the Coaches Committee should be kept in the loop for FINA meets when there are medical exceptions issued so impacted swimmers can have the on-deck coaches help if any issues arise.
6. MS(Julie/Teri)A to accept meeting minutes for meeting #1.
7. Discussion ensued regarding the utility of adding the rationale for proposals that were not recommended from committee. The committee wholeheartedly agreed that it was helpful. Richard mentioned that Legislation will do the same for their proposals next year.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Proofread the draft 2019 Rule Book.
2. Continue to post in the Rules Committee blog.

3. Work on formalizing potential proposals discussed during this year's convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am ET.
