

## USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: Block #4

Cmte. report #:

Minutes recorded by: Eric Shanks

Date/time of this meeting: 9/10/03 7:30-8:30 PM

Block Four Committees Spokesperson: Julie Heather, Safety Education

Other Chairs: Peter Crumbine, Long Distance; Colleen Driscoll, Insurance; Jessica Seaton, Sports Medicine; Pam Himstreet, Fitness; Lynn Hazlewood, EC Liaison.

Number of committee members present: 26      Absent: N/A      Number of other delegates at this meeting: N/A

Committee members present: Julie Heather, Colleen Driscoll, Peter Crumbine, Pam Himstreet, Jessica Seaton, Lynn Hazlewood, Randy Nutt, Bruce Hopson, Eric Shanks, Dick Pitman, Bill Volckening, Jody Welborn, Bill Frohe, Cindy Clements, Steve Schoenfeld, Tillie Cunningham, Jane Masters, Doug Huestis, Graham Johnston, Al Prescott, Art Figur, Amy Patz, Lee Carlson, Pam Hoerberlin, Jill Wright, Wayne McCauley, Steve Kelley, Marcia Anziano, Julit Stewart, Nadine KM Day, Mark Wussler, Don Baker, Dick Sidner, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Tom Bliss.

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 7:28 PM by Lynn Hazlewood and Julie Heather.

1. **Water Safety** - Conditions (weather, quality, conditions, temp)

**"What Should race Organizers Do with Regards to Questions about Water Safety?"**

Discussion: *How to "Serve" Directors and "Educate" them as to what to do about liability and responsibilities to inform and protect swimmers from questionable, dangerous, emergent, or unexpected conditions. Committee members and others sited past and recent incidents involving injury and death due to weather, rough water, low visibility, low water temp. and shark attack.*

**What to do to help race directors?"**

Discussion: *Are additional non-USMS waiver forms needed (aka Event Specific Waivers)? Are they appropriate? Will they nullify the USMS waiver?*

2. **Web Site** - Navigability, Absence of Safety Ed and Sports Medicine web information

**"Is the Current USMS web site user friendly enough?"**

Discussion: *After some discussion and criticism of the current site, Lynn Hazlewood confirmed that the site is under significant revision.*

3. **Innovative Events**

**"Ideas for Fun Events"**

Discussion: *These event ideas were offered: Swim with your Dog event, All Day Feed and Swim Event, Night swim - Glowstick Swim Event, One and Half Hour Swim/Registration Drive single day Event, Swimathlons, Fre-athlons and Fitness Challenges.*

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:30 PM.