

Committee Name: International Session # 1 Cmte. report #: 1

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ACTION ITEMS
PROPOSED EXPENDITURES
None

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1. MSA that the International Section on the USMS website provide details on International meets which are sanctioned.
2. MSA that Jim Miller and Mel Goldstein, USMS representatives to ASUA, communicate that the sense of the International Committee is that the ASUA Masters Technical Committee meeting be open to all interested parties.

Committee Chair: Sandi Rousseau Vice Chair: Myriam Pero

Number of committee members present: 19 Absent: 6 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 20

Committee members present: Sandi Rousseau, Myriam Pero, Anthony Thompson, June Krauser, Walt Reid, Barbara Thomas, Mary Pohlmann, Mark Gill, Michael Moore, Phil Whitten, Susanne Simpson, Laura Winslow, Peggy Buchanan, Jacki Hirsty, Hill Carrow, Bill Grohe, Sean Fitzgerald, Shannon Sullivan, and Liaison Jim Miller.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 1440 hrs

Sandi welcomed the committee and our new delegates were introduced.
The International Committee's agenda was presented in Power Point format.

Olympian, Anne Warner Cribbs, who was the head of the San Francisco Bay Area Olympic Organizing Committee, assisted Michael Moore and the USMS FINA Task Force in preparing the USMS bid to FINA. There was a general concern expressed about obtaining the necessary visas for other countries to enter the United States legally. Anne already has secured an immigration liaison at the State Department in Washington, D.C., who will work directly with the LOC.

We are continuing to support the LOC in promoting the 2006 FINA World Championships. Our world contacts list is being updated with primary contacts and website information, in conjunction with the contacts collected at Riccione, Italy last June by Michael Moore and volunteer swimmers.

Chris Smith, President of Masters Swimming Canada, is researching the possibility of sharing the World Masters Games Edmonton data base, and Hill Carrow has obtained the contact person for the Australian World Masters Games from 2002. June Krauser will contact Judy Bonning in Australia.

Marketing sources for promoting World Championships include: LEN (League of European Nations), South American Championships, Huntsman World Senior Games, Pan Pacific Masters Games, International Swimming Congress, and European Masters Championships. It was noted that many countries have their own national championships. MSA that the International Section on the USMS website provide details on International meets which are sanctioned. A subcommittee of Walt Reid, Myriam Pero, and Shannon Sullivan was formed to research the individual events, dates, and details.

The Committee agreed that we should also put emphasis on promoting the World Championships within our USMS membership. Having the championships in our own backyard provides an opportunity for our swimmers to experience a high level of competition without having to travel outside of the country. Marketing ideas such as posters and "save the date" postcards have been suggested to the LOC.

Communication with other masters organizations was discussed, and the first ever ASUA (Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas) Masters Technical Committee meeting will occur this Saturday and Sunday at Convention. ASUA is a division of FINA, and serves as the governing body for the Americas. A discussion followed explaining the relationship between Latycar and ASUA's position of closed meetings.

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A new design and format for an International section on the USMS website will be explored For more useful information and an "international feel". Some topics include customs/ phrases/ diplomacy, a link to World Records, major meets and Open Water Events worldwide, rules differences between USMS and FINA, highlights of the FINA Masters Technical Committee and official meeting minutes of FINA. Jacki Hirsty, Sean Fitzgerald, and Shannon Sullivan volunteered to work on this project. Anthony Thompson will work with Walt Reid, Leo Letendre, Peter Crumbine and Anne Warner Cribbs, in fine tuning the differences in FINA and USMS rules, including Open Water and the Other Aquatic Sports.

Another goal is to establish a quarterly newsletter.

Barbara Thomas created an exciting International Virtual Swim titled, *Swimming the Adriatic Sea Coast Near Riccione Italy*, for the Fitness Committee. The Fitness Committee is interested in additional International events being created. The committee members have recently received a draft of the core objectives for the International Committee. Input should be sent to Sandi regarding additional ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at: 1615 hrs.

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Promotion of World Championships
2. Updating World Contacts
3. Establishing International Committee presence on USMS website
4. Creating a quarterly newsletter
5. Continue communications with International Masters Swimming Organizations