

# CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 16, 1999

## Action Items

\*\*\*The Championship Committee recommends the following addendum to Appendix B of the rule book to the Executive Committee for approval: "Meet results from Nationals should 1) include individual names on relay results; 2) have splits from split notification forms certified by the meet referee included separately."

\*\*\*The Championship Committee makes an emergency rules proposal 104.5.4D.1 to increase the \$20 surcharge to \$30.

\*\*\*The Championship Committee agreed to have Nationals hosts require all swimmers to sign a safety waiver form upon check-in at the meet.

\*\*\* The Championship Committee makes the following emergency rules proposal 104.5.4A.1 to delete the sentence "Each entry must be accompanied by a copy of the swimmer's current USMS registration card."

\*\*\* The Championship Committee voted to allow meet hosts to eliminate distance phone check-in and allow distance swimmers to check in up to the morning of the particular event.

## Attendance

Number of committee members present: 10    Number of committee members absent 6

Total number of delegates attending the meeting 33

## MINUTES

### I. Emergency Rules Proposals

The committee voted not to support Emergency Rule Proposal R3 as written.

The committee voted 9-1 to send Emergency Rule Proposal R4 to Rules

### II. Legislative Proposals

a) Area Change- the committee decided to withdraw this proposal.

b) Committee Description- this proposal was submitted to Legislation.

**The committee recommended the following addendum to Appendix B of the rule book to the Executive Committee for approval: "Meet results from Nationals should 1) include individual names on relays 2) have splits from split notification forms certified by the meet referee included separately."**

### III. 2001 Bids

Short Course- Santa Clara has submitted a bid for SC Nationals 2001, and will be using the same people involved in running the 1999 Nationals. Proposed dates are May 17-20.

Long Course- Federal Way, Washington has submitted a bid for LC Nationals 2001. Hugh & Jane Moore will be meet directors. Proposed dates are August 16-19.

Championship certified both bids.

### IV. Review of 1999 Nationals

Short Course- Carolyn Boak was the meet liaison for Santa Clara. Carolyn reported that the Santa Clara meet was run very efficiently. 20 percent of entries were internet entries. Psyche sheets were posted on the internet prior to the meet and results were also available immediately after the day's events .

Long Course- Sandi Rousseau was the meet liaison for Minneapolis, which was also very well run. Minneapolis used a 5 day format and distance swimmers were allowed to swim both the 800 and 1500. Meet director Paul Windrath required all swimmers to sign a safety waiver, which proved very effective in reducing problems with swimmers ignoring safety regulations. Paul reported that Minneapolis would experience a financial loss for this meet.

### V. 2000 Nationals

Short Course- Barry Fasbender will serve as meet liaison for Indianapolis. Mel Goldstein is meet director. Dates are April 27-30. Mel said that hotel reservations should be made by January 31. Hy-Tek will be used. Pins will be used for high point team awards. The award designs were approved by the committee.

Long Course- Jim Miller will serve as liaison for Baltimore. Barb Protzman is meet director. Dates are August 17-20. Hy-Tek will be used. Pins will be used for high point team awards. The award designs were approved by the committee.

### VI. Finances for Nationals

**The committee voted to submit emergency rule proposal 104.5.4D.1 to increase the \$20 surcharge to \$30.** The committee's rationale is the concern over soliciting future bids for Nationals. LC Nationals particularly run the risk of financial loss, as experienced this year by Minnesota. Only 1 bid was received in area for 2001. Indianapolis may not see a high attendance rate due to the early dates of the meets. The committee feels that this rule proposal warrants emergency action to help encourage future bidders.

### VI. Review of Championship Policies

1) Warm-up procedures- Minnesota's use of the safety waiver form was successful.

**The committee agreed to have meet hosts require all swimmers to sign a safety waiver form upon check-in at the meet.**

2) Internet entries- 20 percent of SC entries and 23 percent of LC entries for 99 Nationals were internet entries. It was suggested to have a check-in at the meet for internet entries who did not sign the waiver . The internet entry will be revised to include a statement for the swimmer to sign saying that the swimmer has read the full meet instructions.

3) USMS card

**The Committee makes the following Emergency Rules proposal 104.5.4A.1 to delete the**

**last sentence, which requires swimmers to include a copy of their USMS card with their entry.** Rationale is that with the new National office database, this should not be necessary.

4) Distance check-in

**The committee voted to allow meet hosts to eliminate distance phone check-in and allow check-in up to the morning of the particular event.** Rationale is that this should give ample time for seeding: swimmers don't need to be checked in by the night before.

The committee also decided that it would not be necessary for meet hosts to send out a confirmation card to distance swimmers.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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