

2021 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:	Championships	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Jim Clemmons	Vice Chair:	Erin Sizelove
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Date/time of meeting:	Aug. 22, 2021, 8pm EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve May 2, 2021 meeting notes
2. MSA to approve June 7, 2021 meeting notes
3. MSA to approve August 11, 2021 meeting notes
4. MSA to approve SPIRE medal design

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 11
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jim Clemmons, Chair; Erin Sizelove, Vice Chair, Linda Irish Bostic, Cheryl Kupan, Steve Nichols, Jeffrey Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Edward Saltzman and Pete Tarnapoll		
Committee Members Absent: Robert Heath and Mark Moore		
Other delegates present: Alina de Armas, Hill Carrow, Marilyn Fink, Nancy Kryka, Beth Nymeyer, Mary Schneider, Ally Sega, Robin Smith, Lisa Watson, Michael Whaley and Ben Wycoff		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm EDT.

1. Rule R-2 discussions related to - SPIRE

Committee discussed and decided to withdraw the request to not allow foreign swimmers enter USMS National meet at SPIRE. For SPIRE, the committee doesn't believe we'll need to put a possible entrant cap on the meet and to allow foreign swimmers to enter the meet due to the size of the facility and we're expecting a smaller number of entrants compared to normal.

Timing of the rule change and having to vote on the change at this year's convention in late September will be after the meet entry deadline of September 7, 2021. Will follow up to see if Rules Committee have accepted our request and to make sure it is not included in the Convention documents.

2. Approve meeting minutes

- a) May 2nd meeting minutes – motion by Ed Saltzman to approve, 2nd by Cheryl Kupan.
All in favor, none opposed – **Motion passes.**
- b) June 7th meeting minutes – motion by Sandi Rousseau to approve, 2nd by Ed.
All in favor, none opposed – **Motion passes.**
- c) Aug 11 meeting minutes – motion by Sandi to approve, 2nd by Cheryl.
All in favor, none opposed – **Motion passes.**

3. **Approve medal design for SPIRE** – in forum discussion, the committee voted 8 to approve, 1 disapproved and 1 abstained to approve the design. Motion by Ed to approve the design, 2nd by Cheryl.
All in favor, none opposed – **Motion passes.**

4. Review/discuss 2021 SC Nationals (Greensboro, NC, April 29-May 2) – Hill Carrow

a) Summary of event - Hill Carrow

Mixed review since it was easier to manage a smaller number of swimmers of ~850, but with split sessions it actually required more volunteers/volunteer hours (especially with back-to-back distance days).

The Rule changes were necessary; thank you committee for getting them approved.

Less complaining & more appreciation to swim.

EMS|Medical: only 1 incident reported and it was after the meet; swimmer fainted on his way out in front of EMS; swimmer was fine

b) Split session format – well received by the majority of swimmers, but some were not happy about not being able to support their teammates in other sessions

c) Timeline: pretty much kept it on time

d) Spectators: Swimmers were not happy they were not able to watch teammates in other session; not able to bring family and not happy about not having relays

e) Facility: a lot apparently weren't aware of the new pool and new locker rooms or additional lavatories; happy to have nearly empty lanes to warm up/warm down in.

f) Electronic waivers: worked out very well after first day challenges; would like to move forward with a paperless waiver for all future meets

g) Hill asked support of committee to help bridge the financial “hole” of meet result: Revenues \$72K, Expenses \$83K (GAC alone was \$52K) --additional costs due to COVID and pool rental for 5th day. Jay: USMS is working to help to resolve this issue.

h) Q+A:

Q: What was the pool temp?

A: Competition pool was “regulation” temp 78°, warm up pools were 81°

Q: Pool configuration: why use the bulkhead vs splitting the pool upside to side?

Swimmers had problems with all the lines in the pool & finding the bulkhead

A: Short on equipment w/using Omega timing vs. Colorado timing; one lane of the 20 lanes for racing across the pool is too short for pads on both sides.

5. Discuss SPIRE work to date and rules implications due to timing of annual meeting

So far, 428 have signed up of which 12 are foreign swimmers.

Costs are high/barrier for some (hotels, cars @\$150/day). Entry deadline Sept. 7, 2021.

6. Update (if any) on 2022 events: San Antonio (Spring) and Richmond VA (Summer)

--heard back from both San Antonio & Richmond Sports Commissions and no changes that would affect the meet that they are aware of (i.e., facilities, staffing)

--have not heard back from either meet director so we're assuming all is well. Chair and liaisons will be checking with both directors prior to end of year and verifying.

7. Discuss bids on file for 2023 (Indy (Spring/Summer) and Federal Way (Summer)). Deadline for additional receipt of bids was pushed back to December 1, 2021 this year to incorporate lessons learned from SC and LC nationals. Will set up committee meeting in early December to go over the bids.**8. Discuss establishing sub-committee to look at additional rules that could be removed from the rule book and moved into policy.** Jeff & Sandi volunteered; Jim will send out request on the Championship forum for additional help.

--Need to set up a separate sub-committee to combine all rules to policies into 1 central location. Jim & Ed volunteered and will seek more volunteers on the forum.

9. Other topics

a) Split sessions:

-- PRO's: well received by the swimmers, timeline worked well

-- CON's: how will it work with a meet with 2-3 times more swimmers? How will adding relays effect the timeline? Depending on which session you're in, time (early or late), relays (after or before you swim). Small survey sample from Greensboro, how will the rest of the membership react?

Tasks for the Upcoming year:

1. No discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm EDT

Attachments:

- May 2, 2021 meeting minutes
- June 7, 2021 meeting minutes
- August 11, 2021 meeting minutes