

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Sept. 23, 1993

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1. The meeting was called to order at 1:41 by chairman Jerianne Donnelly. Members present: Hill Carrow, Leslie Cooper, Rob Copeland, Jeanne Crouse, Bill Earley, Darlynn Ferguson, Edie Gruender, Marie Kreipe, Stu Marvin, Libby Neufeld, Julie Pague, Bill Reid, Frank Tillotson, Craig Tribuzi, Hugh Winn, Elin Zander, John Zell,
2. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Sanctions/Approvals - Bill Early presented a review of what work had been performed during the last year. A survey of all LMSCs about their sanctioning processes was compiled and presented.
  - b. Goals & Objectives - Elin Zander presented a review of 3 proposed options to replace the current goals section in the rule book.
    - i. Option 1
      - A. To offer adults the opportunity to participate ~~in a fitness and/or competitive swimming~~ program.
      - B. To encourage organizations and communities to establish and sponsor Masters swimming programs.
      - C. To encourage and promote improved physical fitness and health in adults.
      - D. To enhance fellowship and camaraderie among Masters swimmers.
    - ii. Option 2

To promote health and fitness in adults by: facilitating the establishment of swimming programs; offering competitive swimming events; stimulating research into the benefits of swimming and enhancing fellowship among swimmers.
    - iii. Option 3

To stimulate, organize and enhance Masters swimming programs and events, providing and promoting physical fitness, competition, recreation and research for individuals, clubs and communities.

A general discussion about the changes was made with a vote to be made at the next meeting.

Moved to have a Mission Statement followed by a Goals and Objective Statement. The motion passed and given to the subcommittee to come up with specific statements.

- c. Rule Book Part 4 - Jeanne Crouse presented a draft of a proposed Part 4 to cover any nebulas and ambiguous areas. It was tabled to be reviewed by the committee members to review prior to the next meeting.
- d. Liability Release - Jack Geoghegan indicated that there was work being performed on the Liability Release because of pending litigation about a problem encountered in California. Once the Insurance Committee was complete with the statement, it would be presented.

3. Review of submitted amendment proposals.

- a. The following rules were withdrawn: L-8, L-10, and L-11.
- b. The following rules were approved by the committee: L-2, L-18, L-24.
- c. The following rules were rejected by the committee: L-6, L-17, L-22, L-23, L-34.
- d. The following rules were approved as amended: L-1, ~~L-3 (majority vote 9-5), L-4, L-5,~~

L-7a and L-7b were tabled until a later time.  
L-9 was tabled until better wording.  
L-12 was tabled pending resolution of L-7a and L-7b.

The committee will commence with L-13 at the next meeting.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31.

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(Submitted by Pacific) RECOGNIZED EVENTS  
Times swum at recognized events may be considered for USMS National records and top ten times if a designated USMS observer is present and verifies in writing that the conduct of the competition conforms to the relevant USMS swimming and administrative rules and meet standards, or the event is sanctioned by USS, FINA, MSI, or CASA (Swimming Canada Natation).

.1 Recognition - Recognition will be issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with the following:  
~~A No event may be approved unless the conduct of the event conforms with the relevant USMS, Inc. swimming and administrative rules and meet standards. Closed competition which not all swimmers are registered with USMS may only receive an approval. Applications for recognition of non-foreign events shall be made to the LMSC within whose territorial limits the event is held and applications shall be accompanied by a copy of the entry form and recognition fee.~~

1 The entry forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203.1. The language may not be modified in any way, except that the names of additional insured may be inserted in the second to the last sentence of the release.

2 Entry forms and programs must bear the statement, "Approved by (LMSC name) for USMS, Inc. Approval number: \_\_\_\_\_."

3 The approval fee shall be as established by the LMSC.

~~B USMS swimmers may use the times obtained in approved meets for USMS records or National Top Ten consideration provided a designated USMS observer is present and verifies in writing that the conduct of the competition conforms to the relevant USMS swimming and administrative rules and meet standards.~~

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GD No recognition may be issued to any organization whose interest in sports and games is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit of the advertising value to be derived therefrom. Any income derived from recognized events must be used for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

DC Recognition issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another. Any recognition so transferred shall be void for all purposes, and the LMSC may deny further recognition to any organization violating this provision.

EB All recognitions shall must be signed by a designated member of the LMSC, and record thereof must be retained in a book kept for such purpose.

~~F The entry form shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203.1. The language shall not be modified in anyway, except that the name of additional insureds may be inserted in the second to the last sentence of the release.~~

E All recognized events are subject to the following conditions:

1. The conduct of a recognized event shall conform to relevant USMS, Inc., administrative rules and swimming rules.

~~G Application for approvals must be accompanied by a copy of the entry blank and any applicable fee.~~

~~H An approval fee may be established by the LMSC.~~

JG Foreign meets sanctioned by FINE, MSI, or Swimming Canada Natation (CASA) shall be automatically approved and do not require a USMS observer. All other foreign approvals Recognition for foreign meets, other than those sanctioned by FINE, MSI, or CASA, shall be obtained from the USMS

Registration Committee Chairman.

~~K Entry blanks and programs shall bear the statement, "Approved by (LMSC name) for USMS, Inc. Approval Number \_\_\_\_\_."~~

*Rationale: Re-formats for comparison between the two types of authorization. Emphasizes insurance. Eliminates reference to closed competition.*