

2020 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	8		
Committee Chair:	Richard Garza	Vice Chair:	Patrick Weiss		
Minutes recorded by:	Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting:	July 19, 2020 7:30 pm eastern		

Agenda

Roll Call

Approve last meeting's minutes

Housekeeping

[Part 2 Re-organization](#)

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This requires two votes.

First, we need to vote for this to be considered an indivisible proposal.

If we vote yes, then we vote to recommend to the HOD.

Kris 4 (Tabled)

Steve 1

Kris 6 (motion to reconsider in order to revise the rationale)

Draft Annual Meeting Schedule

Number of committee members present: 17	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice-chair): Richard Garza, chair, Patrick Weiss, vice-chair, Brian Albright, Joan Campbell, Diana LaMar, Stephanie Gauzens, Laura Groselle, Bruce Hopson, Kristof Kertesz, John King, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, Doug Sayles, Meg Smath, Kris Wingenroth		
Executive Committee: Chris Colburn Ex officio: none		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm Eastern time.

1. The previous minutes were approved. (unanimous)
2. Discussion of Housekeeping - X. MSA to recommend Housekeeping - X to the HOD. (unanimous)
3. Discussion of L- Part 2 Reorganization. MSA to consider the Part 2 Reorganization as an Indivisible package. (unanimous)
4. Discussion of the goals, necessity, and ramifications of the proposed Part 2 reorganization.
 - a. There was concern about adding 201 to Part 5 which is our Bylaws. It was pointed out that most corporation's bylaws consist of only the basic operational guidelines of the organization and do not include policies and procedures that may need regular modifications. Also, most organizations require a higher standard of approval to amend their bylaws. This makes it seem inadvisable to add 201 to Part 5-Bylaws.
 - b. It was also suggested that our Bylaws should possibly be presented as an appendix or in another location rather than as Part 5 of the Rule Book.
 - c. The Committee considered that rather than just a reorganization of Part 2, the entire Rule Book should be considered for a global reorganization in order to meet the goals of streamlining and making the book more user friendly. The Committee concluded that reorganizing the USMS Rule Book is a project that needs more people and time in order to properly consider all necessary aspects of a complete reorganization.
 - d. It was also thought that should a major reorganization of the Rule Book take place, it would be best to do this in a special meeting of the HOD where only the reorganization was discussed and not other rule change proposals. Beginning a reorganization of the Rule Book at this time and at a virtual meeting did not seem wise.

It was MSA to table L-Part 2 Re-organization. (unanimous) The Legislation Committee has asked the Chairman to approach the Rule Committee and Open Water Committee to request that they withdraw L - Part 2 Reorganization.

5. MSA to take Kris #4 off the Table. Discussion of Kris #4. MSA to recommend Kris #4 to the HOD. (unanimous)
6. Discussion of R-11. R-11 is necessary in order to avoid a discrepancy between the proposed 202.1.1A(4) and 103.18.9. MSA to recommend R-11 to the Rules Committee. (unanimous)
7. The Chairman reviewed the schedule for the upcoming virtual USMS Convention.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm Eastern time.

The next meeting will be Sunday, July 26 at 7:30 pm eastern time.

Motions Passed:

Housekeeping - X - Moved, Seconded and Approved to Recommend to the HOD

506.3.1 To act for USMS and the House of Delegates between meetings of the House of Delegate, except that it shall not have the authority to assume the nondelegable powers of the House of Delegates set forth in article 504.2.23.

L - Part 2 Re-organization was Tabled

Kris # 4 - Moved, Seconded and Approved to Recommend Kris #4 to the HOD

202.1.1.A(4) ~~If it is not possible to provide timing systems that will satisfy the requirements for world records, USMS records, or Top 10 submission (articles 103.18.5 – 103.18.7), the meet announcement must include a statement informing swimmers that times cannot be accepted for records or Top 10.~~ The meet announcement shall include a description of the timing systems intended to be used at the meet (see articles 103.18.5-103.18.9) and one of the following statements for each course:

(a) Times from this competition will be eligible for world record, USMS record, and top 10 consideration.

(b) Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS top 10 consideration, but not for world or USMS records.

(c) Times from this competition will not be eligible for world record, USMS record, or top 10 consideration.

If a change in primary timing system is necessary before or during the meet, the meet director shall ensure that all swimmers are notified of the change.

Rationale: To inform swimmers what type of timing system is being used and what official purposes their times should qualify for.

R- 11 - Moved, Seconded and Approved to send R-11 to the Rules Committee per article 601.2.4. (submission after 6/10)

R-11

103.18.9 Except when the primary system consists of watches, backup timing shall be provided for all competitors. No swimmer shall be required to reswim a race due to equipment failure that results in unrecorded or inaccurate time or place. It is the meet director's responsibility to provide the proper timing systems so that swimmers can expect to achieve official times that will satisfy the requirements of articles 103.18.5-103.18.7. **The meet announcement shall include a description of the timing systems intended to be used at the meet and one of the following statements for each course:**

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