

USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

Committee Name: Rules	Session #: 3	Report #: 15
Committee Chair: Kathy Casey	Vice Chair: Kris Wingenroth	
Minutes recorded by: Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting: 9/17/10, 9:35 AM	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- R 14 – Approved to recommend, as amended
 - R 17 – Approved to recommend
 - R 24 – Approved to recommend, as amended
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Motions Passed:

- R6 - withdrawn
 - R7 - withdrawn
 - R8 - withdrawn
 - R 9 – withdrawn
 - R 15 – withdrawn
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Motions Failed:

- R 18 Failed, Committee does not recommend
 - R 19 Failed, Committee does not recommend
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Number of committee members present: 17	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 15
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathy Casey, Chair, Kris Wingenroth, Vice Chair, Carolyn Boak, Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Maria Elias-Williams, Barry Fasbender, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Leon Kief, Cathy Kohn, Leo Letendre, Jessica Seaton, Kelly Sharell, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble, Charles Cockrell (ex-officio), Susan Ehringer (ex-officio),		
Not present: none		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM

The Chairman handed out a packet of changes from the USA Rules committee and asked all committee members to review these changes and be prepared to make recommendations concerning these rule changes; which by our rules, we automatically accept unless the House of Delegates votes to reject.

R 6. 7. 8 – Motion to remove R6, R7, and R8 from the table. MSA

Letendre moved to withdraw R6, R7, R8. Discussion: having these specific rules references are not really necessary and they cause difficulties when updating the rulebook.

R 9 Motion to remove from the table, Letendre. MSA

Cockrell as representative of the Officials Committee wishes to withdraw R9.

Letendre and Tingley withdraw their motion to accept R 9

R 14 - Move to approve: Letendre & Tingley, R 14

Clerical error to be corrected: underline the sentence: "Any of the following events may be conducted."

Housekeeping: in 102.5.3, add a comma after the word "events"

Tingley moves, Sharitt seconds to amend R 14 as follows: Delete the second sentence of 102.5.3 and insert a 102.5.4 to read: For open water and long distance events, see Part 3.

Tingley accepts the change to make the proposed 102.5.4 and 102.5 a Note as written below:

Note: For non conforming events, see article 202.1.1F(3). For open water and long distance events see Part 2.

MSA as amended

R 15 – Move to approve: Letendre and Tingley

Clarification that this method seeds swimmers 1 and 2 in the same lane, seeds 3 & 4 in the next lane, etc. But, sometimes there is a residual swimmer, so it is not always seeded in pairs. Pairs may not be the semantically correct term.

Motion to withdraw R 15 Letendre and Tingley

R 17 – Move to approve: Letendre and Tingley

Boak – move to limit discussion to 8 minutes MSA

R 17 MSA

R 18 – Move to approve: Letendre and Tingley

Boak move to limit discussion to 5 minutes MSA

Discussion: two LMSC pools indicated members were not in favor of this proposal; it may be unlikely that manufacturers may produce these suits. Santos – his company will make suits if approved.

R 18 Not approved, not recommended by the committee

Vote: 3 to approve, 14 not approve

R 19 - Move to approve: Letendre and Tingley

Discussion: This is what we recommended to FINA, but FINA turned it down. It is questionable if the manufacturers would produce the suits. This would not be consistent with meters rules and people might need to buy different suits for different seasons and may be confused about when they could wear what suit. Discussion over whether allowing the longer suits would increase participation from fitness swimmers. Serious competitive swimmers will find a way to pay for a top suit.

Motion to call the question. MSA

R 19 Not approved, not recommended by the committee

Vote: 6 Opposed 10

R 24 – Move to approve: Letendre and Tingley

Discussion: NCAA and HS do not certify officials as referees so their officials are not affected. How will this be administered? The LSC will administer and check that the officials are qualified during the sanction process.

Training does not have to be formal, it may be a discussion to be sure the official knows the rules and responsibilities that they may not have been trained about yet. This may be difficult for some areas that have difficulty finding officials. The Official's Committee wishes to advance the level of officials at our meets.

MSA to strike the last sentence: "Such training shall include all aspects...."

Vote: approved 12 3 not approved

Championship will accept a change to read "The Referee"

R – 24 recommended, as amended

MSA to start next meeting at 8 PM.

The meeting was recessed at 12:05 PM.
