

USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

Committee Name: Rules	Session #: 1
Committee Chair: Kathy Casey	Vice Chair: Charlie Cockrell
Minutes recorded by: Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting: 10/1/15 3:30 pm,

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 19
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Committee members present: Kathy Casey, Chair, Charlie Cockrell, Vice Chair, Kris Wingenroth, Secretary Carolyn Boak, Sally Dillon, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Mollie Grover, Matt Hooper, Brian Hoyt, John King, Barbara Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Steve Unruh, Rand Vaillancourt

Associates: Susan Ehringer, Claire Letendre Ex Officio: Meg Smath, EC: Ed Tsuzuki

Committee Members Absent: Marilyn Fink, Ginny Trimble

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

1. The Chairman introduced the committee members and welcomed all delegates, especially the new delegates. The Chairman reviewed the mission of the committee.
2. Minutes from the last meeting have not been completed and will be presented at a later meeting.
3. The budget request is the same as last year (\$1350). Budget items include USA Swimming rule books, FINA rule books, and reimbursements for Rules liaisons at Nationals (\$750).
4. R-1 was presented. Since it is not a rules year, R-1 must be deemed an emergency by the Rules Committee and recommended by the Rules Committee to be presented to the HOD. It would then takes a nine-tenths vote of the HOD to pass. It was moved and seconded to consider this an emergency. (Unruh, Hooper). Kathy reported that the USMS Legal Counsel does not consider this rule to present an immediate legal concern. Discussion concerning whether this constituted an emergency ensued. Many people felt this rule had been in our rulebook for many years with no legal consequences, so it may not be an emergency. However, there may be value in having a rule that addresses medical readiness for competition. Charlie suggested this rule may not belong in Part 1 and that time should be taken to research where this statement might belong and how it might be worded. The question was called (passed unanimously). Motion to deem this an emergency action failed (unanimous).
5. Discussion about the FINA interpretation of the freestyle in the IM and medley relay was held. The FINA interpretation precludes a swimmer from being on the back during the freestyle leg of the IM or medley relay (being on the back after leaving the wall on a breast-to-freestyle turn or a freestyle flip turn during the freestyle portion of the IM is considered illegal if making forward progress on the back). The committee concurred with Kathy that it would also be illegal for a swimmer to use a backstroke start in the freestyle leg of the medley relay. Text of that additional interpretation will be reviewed by the committee for posting on the USMS website.
6. The USA-S rule change proposals were presented by the chairman for the Committee's review. Appropriate USA-S rule changes to USMS articles 101, 102, 103, and 108 are automatically adopted by USMS if nothing is done by USMS. The chairman assigned committee members to review the appropriate USA-S rule changes for language and whether adoption is necessary.

U-1 was withdrawn by USA Swimming

U-2 Sally and Brian

U-3 Jessica and Claire

U-4 Judy and Carolyn

U-5 Matt, Charlie, and Kris

U-6 Mollie and John

U-7 Steve and Laura

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. None assigned during this meeting

The meeting was recessed at 4:35 pm.
