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| Committee Name: | Rules Committee | Session #: | |
| Committee Chair: | Mollie Grover | Date/time of meeting: | 20 June 2023 / 7:30 PM ET |
| Minutes recorded by: | Julie Dusliere | | |

Actions Taken:

1. MSA to table R-1 for tonight.

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| Number of committee members present: # 14 | Absent: # 0 | Guests: # 0 |
| Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): David Benjamin, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dusliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox (Vice Chair), Mollie Grover (Chair), Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Susan Nolte, Barbara Protzman, C.J. Rushman, William Tingley, Jason Weis, Kris Wingenroth, Ben Wyckoff | | |
| Not present: | | |
| Ex Officio present: Stephanie Gauzens (USMS Legislation Committee), Onshalee Promchitmart (USMS National Office), Teri White (USMS Officials Committee) | | |
| Ex Officio absent: Chris Colburn (VP of Administration) | | |
| Guests: n/a | | |

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm ET.

Mollie welcomed the committee and gave a brief overview of the proposals to be reviewed this year.

2023 Housekeeping Items

1. Based on legislation changes passed in 2022 (rule 601.1.2), housekeeping items no longer need to go in front of the House of Delegates. Rules Committee to decide on HK items, requires VP Administration concurrence, and report out to HOD.
2. Committee discussion regarding documentation, packet structure, and reporting for HK items.
3. Kathy to contact Championship regarding ‘meet information’ and ‘meet announcement’ terminology.

Language Changes in Proposal Headers

1. Mollie reviewed the 2022 language changes to be used in committee business proposal headers which were updated from ‘recommend/not recommend’ to ‘adopt/reject’. The change was made to better clarify items for delegates in the HOD. The applicable rule including the language is 601.4.1 – timely amendments.
2. Committee discussion regarding packet header terminology and layout for the working document of the committee as well as presentation to the HOD.

2023 Proposals

1. R-1
 - a. M/S (Claire/CJ) to recommend adoption of R-1 to the HOD.
 - b. Proposal from Officials Committee to change quality and certification of officials on deck. Teri shared rationale from the Officials Committee and the concern that currently USMS allows sanctioned meets without experienced individuals in the Starter and Referee roles. Issues that arise at meets without certified officials on deck may trickle into Top 10 and records. Teri emphasized that certified officials from other swimming bodies (i.e., USA Swimming, NCAA, NFHS, World Aquatics, YMCA) are

welcome in USMS and provided clarity on the testing and certification requirements. Officials Committee intent is for there to be certified officials in the role they are performing on deck.

- c. The committee raised concerns about LMSC Officials Chair language in the proposal due to that role being vacant in some LMSCs and potential to add designee reference. The number of referees currently certified by USMS across the country was also noted. Discussion on timeframe for implementation and providing a potential grace period, additional LMSC requirements for officials, conflict with position designation based on how NFHS/NCAA certify, potential language updates needed in Appendix B, desire of Officials Committee to know and track who is on deck at all sanctioned meets, referee signature on record forms and need for update to certified referee.
- d. M/S (Kathy/Jason) to amend the proposal to insert “or LMSC designee” following LMSC Officials Chair in line three of rule 103.3. Passed unanimously.
- e. M/S (Kathy/Jason) to add an effective date of January 1, 2025, to this proposal. The question was raised regarding 103.3.1 and 103.3.2 and whether those two items need to be retained in the interim timeframe and then sunset as of the effective date. Passed 10 yes, 3 no.
- f. Teri will return to Officials Committee to wordsmith R-1 and add effective date.
- g. M/S (Bill/Claire) to table until such time that the Officials Committee can send the Rules Committee a substitute proposal. Passed unanimously.

M/S (Jason/Claire) to recess the meeting until Sunday, June 25th, 7:30pm ET, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm ET.