

USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: Publications Session # (if more than one meeting): _____ Cmte. report #: 13

Minutes recorded by: Meg Smath Date/time of this meeting: September 11, 2:45 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

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| 1. | Selected the design submitted by Bill Volckening for the cover of the 2004 rule book. |
| 2. | Decided to dedicate the 2004 rule book to Joanne Tingley. |
| 3. | MSA to submit a housekeeping proposal to the Rules Committee. |

Committee Chair: Meg Smath Vice Chair(s): Steve Peterson

Number of committee members present: 7 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 9

Committee members present (list all): Meg Smath, Marilyn Fink, Debbie Cavanaugh, Joanne Tingley, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Tracy Grilli, Steve Peterson.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 2:45 p.m

1. Rule book cover: The committee voted by secret ballot, and chose a design submitted by Bill Volckening for the 2004 cover. We had 15 excellent designs submitted this year. Next year when the call for submissions is run in SWIM magazine, we will ask designers not to submit variations of a single design, in order to prevent the variations from, in effect, competing against each other.
2. Dedication: This being the year of Joanne Tingley's retirement from being in charge of certification, the committee decided to dedicate the 2004 rule book to her, in honor of her many years of service to USMS.
3. Housekeeping: **MSA to submit the following housekeeping proposal to the Rules Committee:** article 108.3. ~~DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING~~ DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED...
Deaf and ~~hard of hearing~~ hearing impaired swimmers require a visual starting signal (i.e., a strobe light and/or starter's arm signals). The referee may reassign lanes within the swimmer's heat (i.e., exchanging one lane for another) so that the strobe light or starter's arm signal can more readily be seen by the deaf or ~~hard of hearing~~ hearing impaired swimmer. Standard starter's arm signals are shown in Figure 1.
4. Assignments for 2004 rule book: Marilyn and Steve will proofread the legislation sections, Debbie will proofread the long distance section, Kathy Casey (a guest-member from Rules and Recognition and Awards) will proofread the rules section and appendix f, Tracy will compile appendix e, and Joanne will compile all other appendices.
5. Other business: We will offer LMSCs the opportunity to run memorials in the rule book for any of their swimmers who have passed away during the past year, as space permits. There will be no charge for these memorials.

The meeting was adjourned at: 3:15 p.m.

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Compile and print the 2004 rule book.
2. Read through the rule book for possible housekeeping proposals.