

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 8:04 PM EDT. Present were Scott Rabalais, Sally Dillon, Doug Church, Lynn Hazlewood, Nancy Ridout, Patty Powis, and Tracy Grilli.

1. The next conference call is set for Thursday, June 5 at 8:30 PM EDT.
2. DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING:
 - a. The minutes of the April 17 conference call were approved, sent to the BOD, and posted on the USMS web site.
 - b. The deadline date for Jim Matysek to develop a system for registration and entries and present it to the Database Task Force for implementation was changed from May 15 to June 1, 2003.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

President: Jim reported that the International Organizing Committee for Worlds (2006) is meeting Wednesday. Barry Fasbender, Mel Goldstein, Sandi Rousseau have been invited to join. The next meeting will also include USA Diving, Synchro, & Water Polo representatives.

Vice President: An email message was sent to the Board of Directors re-emphasizing that feedback was desired on the proposed core objectives for USMS. Approximately a dozen responses were generated, the majority being positive with regard to the objectives. A vote on acceptance of the core objectives is desired soon but we would like to have more feedback before going for a vote. We would like to have the core objectives in place before convention. These objectives were derived from the recommendations of the HOD following the last convention and the feedback from the Teaming Together experience.

Secretary: Seven of the LMSCs have submitted their Delegate Lists. Liaisons/Appointments have been offered At-Large Delegate slots and about 50% have responded. One other person has requested and been granted an At-Large spot.

Treasurer: Doug noted that there are no unusual matters to report. His liaison activities have been primarily related to tracking the ongoing Championship Committee discussions regarding meet requirements.

Zone Chair: Lynn reported that Tom Lyndon is the new Colonies Zone Representative. The Zone Committee has finished it's discussions on the Zone Chair election issue and has voted to recommend the realignment of the Zone Chair election with the other four national officers. Legislation and Election Guidelines changes will be prepared for vote in the HOD at the next convention to implement this change. Regarding the Long Distance Committee (Peter Crumbine), all National Championship entry forms are now available. The committee has also decided to post all of the championship-related forms on the web site so meet hosts can download them as needed. The committee is discussing the creation of a Postal Championship Meet Manager's Guide. The Communications Committee (Hugh Moore) has started a project to develop guidelines for LMSC web sites. The sub-committee is headed by Mark Hurley and includes Bill Volckening, Michael Moore, and Margot Pettijohn. Hugh Moore has initiated a discussion in the committee on what should be emphasized in SWIM and on the web site. The DB Task Force continues to meet in conference calls and is currently revising a letter to go out to LMSC Officers and the USMS BOD concerning sanctioned meet tools that will be available on our web site. The first draft of a contract for Sarah Stevens has been sent to Patty. Jim Matysek, Patty, and Lynn will teleconference on this to get it done. The Web Administrators have determined that we need to move the server to another collocation site. Our current host has done nothing to alleviate the SPAM problem after four months.

Past President: Nancy reported that the committees with which she is a liaison (Registration, Records and Tabulation, and Marketing) are active and addressing the topics before them.

Legal Counsel: Patty reported that she has received an inquiry from George Simon as to how long LMSCs need to hold registration information. It depends on the state where the swimmer lives and she will address this in the Legal Counselors committee and see if someone can work it out. It will also be an issue for on-line registration.

4. **WEB SITE MANAGEMENT:** The EC made revisions to a diagram prepared by Lynn that shows the chain of communication on issues concerning the web site.
5. **CONVENTION:** Room arrangements were discussed. Tracy reported that she had received a copy of the final schedule with seating specifications and she will forward it to Sally. It was noted in the mid-year report that the Safety Education Committee desired time for a speaker (15 minutes). Patty will contact Julie for more information before any action is taken. Tracy reported that the San Diego/Imperial LMSC will not host a social on Friday night but they will, instead, provide lunches for the zone meetings. It was agreed that this would be very helpful.
6. **MEETING WITH SWIM MAGAZINE STAFF:** The upcoming meeting with SWIM Magazine personnel was discussed. Agenda items were suggested (review the January 2003 agreements; discuss areas for improvement and areas of progress: how do we go forward into the future?). Nancy will put together a formal agenda and distribute it to the EC for further comment. Jim, Nancy, Bill Volckening, Brent Rutemiller, Dick Deal, and Phil Whitten will attend the meeting in Tempe on May 19.
7. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. Report on sanction tracking: Lynn reported that the DB task force can give feedback until midnight tonight and then they go forward into voting on the wording of the sanctions letter.
 - b. Merchant account/on-line credit card: Doug will be meeting with his contact tomorrow. The information received so far is unacceptable.
 - c. Removal of street addresses: Patty has asked the members of the Ad Hoc Legal Counselors Committee for input on the issue of having street addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses for USMS and LMSC leaders available on the web site. The Legal Counselors Committee has not identified significant risks of legal liability for USMS but there may be sensitivities to the privacy issue that some of our members have. The privacy issue is still under discussion and we will ask the Communications Committee to address how we balance the need for access to our leaders with privacy issues.
 - d. Web site inclusion of Safety Education and Officials Committee information: Lynn noted that if they wrote a section for the LMSC Handbook it could be included and then it would be on the web site when the handbook is posted. Patty has contacted Julie Heather for more information and is awaiting a response.
 - e. Task Force on finance, budgets, and audit: Doug had no report. This item will be tabled.
 - f. National Sponsors Task Force: The committee believes that we have a modest return on the investment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Ann Dillon
USMS Secretary