

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 8:30 pm EDT. Present were Scott Rabalais, Sally Dillon, Doug Church, Lynn Hazlewood, Nancy Ridout, Patty Powis, and Tracy Grilli.

1. The next conference call will take place on July 29 at 8:30 pm EDT.

2. It was *MSA* to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2003 conference call.

3. OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Jim reported that he has a conference call with the 2006 World Championships committee on the 23rd and a USAS call on the 18th.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Doug: Doug noted that he has spoken to Tom Boak about the budget documents. Doug will see that the committee chairs receive last year's budget information.

Zone Chair: Lynn reported on the Database Project and the H & A conversion process. Jim Matysek has received the data structure for the Top Ten Database from our contractor. He intends to create the Top Ten module himself and use it as an exemplar for the second contractor to use for the rest of the DB implementation. It is unknown when the rest of the data structures will be available for the contractor to work on. Lynn distributed a report prepared for the EC by Jim Matysek that deals with merchant account processing. The Web Administrators had a lengthy discussion on the issue of how to structure our merchant account and Jim will be presenting several options in the registration DB document.

Past President: No report.

Legal Counsel: No report.

4. CORE OBJECTIVES VOTE UPDATE: Sally reported that there have been a total of 32 votes cast (29 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain) as of today. Nine members have not voted and a final reminder will be distributed by email. The deadline is the 18th of June.

5. CORE OBJECTIVES – THE NEXT STEP: The EC discussed the next step toward implementation of the Core Objectives and the many ways USMS is already servicing, educating and building the membership. Scott will develop a summary for the EC to review and make further comment on. It is intended that the various blocks will spend some of their meeting time at convention (on Wednesday evening) discussing what their committees can contribute. The committee chairs will be provided with information on the Core Objectives and other issues in advance so they can develop agendas for their joint meetings. It is the EC's hope that the delegates will come out of convention with a sense that they understand the Core Objectives and that they will discuss and start implementing them at their own levels as appropriate.

6. CONVENTION ISSUES

a. Sally reported that 22 of the 53 LMSCs have submitted their delegates. 16 of the 21 At-Large spots are already filled. We could have 235 voting delegates at convention if all of the spots are filled.

b. Sally reported on the scheduling of employee reviews that will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday (September 9 and 10).

7. PROPOSED CHANGE TO APPENDIX B: Meg Smath (Publications) has been reviewing the USMS Handbook to be sure it aligns with the USMS Rules. She suggested a change in wording for the first paragraph of Appendix B, a section that is under the EC's jurisdiction. *It was MSA to accept the proposed language as follows:*

Officials, College Swimming Officials Association (NCAA), and San Diego-Imperial LMSC, and other approved bodies as certifying bodies organizations

Rationale: Nowhere in the Rule Book have we specified exactly which organizations are approved to certify officials. We also had not noted anywhere that USMS now has a certification procedure of its own. The new wording makes it clear that these organizations, and only these organizations, are approved for certifying officials. Also, "bodies" was changed to "organizations" to avoid an unfortunate morbid connotation.

8. ESPN COMMERCIAL SPOTS: Jim reported that it is his understanding that the costs for commercial time are being negotiated by USAS by combining our number of spots with those of the other aquatic sports bringing the total to a number that is significant to ESPN. He has been in regular contact with USA-Swimming and Mel Goldstein about this project and it is his hope that we can run four spots. A request to Tom Boak for Finance Committee approval is pending. The EC is in complete support of this project and BOD approval will be sought as soon as it clears Finance.
9. 2006 WORLDS – TRAVEL FOR SITE PRESENTATIONS: Jim reported that the International task force, in discussing the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships (FMWC) bid, has determined that they will need to send someone to make the presentations in person to potential host facilities. Jim identified Mel Goldstein as the presenter and accepted Nancy's offer to assist with the presentation if it would be helpful.
10. COMMITTEES AND THEIR STRUCTURE: The committee structure was discussed and the EC will ask for an honest assessment from each committee chair regarding the participation of their committee members. The need for the committee itself also needs to be evaluated.
12. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Request by the Safety Education and Officials chairs to have a section on the web site: Both committees were offered an opportunity to have a section in the LMSC Handbook and they chose to decline. Lynn will report back to the EC at a later date on this issue.
 - b. Task Force on finance, budgets, and audit: No report.
 - c. Merchant Account: Doug has identified three other National providers and is accumulating links to web sites that he will share with the EC. The issue is under continued investigation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sally Ann Dillon
USMS Secretary