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To: Board of Governors, Masters Swimming Committee
FROM: Ted Haartz, President

Enclosed is a copy of the secretary's minutes from our annual meeting held October 3-4, 1980 at Snowbird, Utah. Present were delegates from 20 associations, 5 at-large delegates, the four zone chairmen and your four elected officers.

Our Code and Rules will be once again printed (as an appendix) in the 1981 U.S. Swimming Rules Guide which will be available at a later date from A.A.U. House. Each registered Masters club will receive a copy of the rules.

Since U.S. Swimming is availing itself of the A.A.U. registration system for 1981, Masters Swimming will do likewise. This means that to be eligible for national meets, records, Top-Ten and All-America, individual swimmers must have current registration cards and clubs be registered with the National Registration Chairman. (Adrienne Pipes, 1214 Nolan Ave., Chula Vista, CA. 92011) As soon as Adrienne's report is ready as noted in the minutes, copies will be sent to the Board for your guidance. Setting the national fees was a simple task. Your local fees are a matter of local determination. Should you wish to contact your local U.S. Swimming registration Chairman, I recommend that you contact Ray Essick at A.A.U. House at the letterhead address for this person's name.

Ten of the delegates present indicated that they would be attending the annual A.A.U. Convention Nov. 30-Dec. 4. Under the A.A.U. Code, we are entitled to five voting delegates.

The draft contract with U.S. Swimming provides for liaison between our respective boards of directors. It also provides us with a voting member to the U.S.S. Board of Delegates.

October 12, 1980

To: Board of Governors, Masters Swimming of the U.S., Inc.

Re: Minutes of 1980 Annual Meeting -- Snowbird, Utah -- October 3, 1980

The meeting was opened by Chairman Ted Haartz at 9:17 a.m., October 3, 1980. It was recessed at 6:00 p.m., resumed on October 4 at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 a.m..

The Secretary's report for last year's meeting was read and accepted as read. Chairman Haartz read Dr. Manny Sanquily's informal report for the Medical Committee. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. The following committees also gave reports. These reports are attached hereto, along with the Treasurer's report: Historian - Hamilton Anderson; Top Ten, Championship meets - Enid Uhrich; Law - Mike Laux.

After each report there was an informal discussion of its contents. The Top Ten chairman agreed to form a sub-committee to investigate ways to improve gathering and reliability of information. The zone representatives will be asked to name contact persons in each zone to work on this problem.

The Legal Committee chairman was asked to attend - or be represented - at next year's Swimming Rules & Regulations meetings of U. S. Swimming, Inc..

A motion was made and approved to limit debate to five minutes on each rule - regulation motion and, if the essence of a rule - regulation was approved, to permit the rule - regulation committee to do its final wording.

A list of those regulations that were submitted are attached hereto, as amended. The following amendments were defeated: change seeding of swimming events from slowest to fastest; adding the 1000-yard freestyle and 800-meter freestyle; adding National Champions to All-American; changing Top Ten to be only U. S. citizens or U. S. residents. The following rules were accepted: restore Historian to Board of Directors; add a Membership/Registration Committee; clarify the permissible kicks in butterfly; make all National Championships 4 days' duration, with 6 entries and with all events, and a new order of events; permit championship meets to seed very slow swimmers in outside lanes swimming over more than one heat; to make mandatory swimming two to a lane in the 1500-meter freestyle; formalizing the Nominating Committee; permitting Top Ten to record only one relay per club in each age, sex, and event.

Jon Buzzard and George Hatzfeld then reported their concept of the relationship of the "new A.A.U.", the Penn Mutual sponsorship, and Masters Swimming. Basically, Jon Buzzard of A.A.U. House is available to help with organizational and informational problems. Penn Mutual will channel its expenditures allocated to Masters Swimming through Jon who will only spend these monies upon the direction of the Masters Swimming Executive Committee. Penn Mutual also agreed to work closely with our Marketing & Public Relations Committee to coordinate their advertising or publicity with the image that Masters Swimming wishes to project.

The following is a list of bids received for National Championships. The starred bids received the necessary votes for acceptance.

1982 Short Course

- *1. Woodlands, Texas
2. Fort Pierce, Florida (Indian River Community College)

1982 Long Course

- *1. Portland, Oregon (Mount Hood College)
2. San Jose, California (West Coast Swim Team)
3. Industry, California (Southern Pacific Association)
4. Santa Clara, California (Rinconada Masters)

It was moved and approved that we make application for a full voting membership in the USAS, Inc. at this USAS convention, and that an ad-hoc committee be formed at this convention to pursue this aim. The Chairman appointed Don Watkins (Central California) as chairman, with members Carol Macpherson, Cindy Baxter, Mike Gilmore, June Krauser. The report of this committee is attached. After the report, it was moved and approved that we should continue to pursue recognition as full participating members of the swimming community.

Chairman Haartz reported that in the Board of Directors' meeting, Ross Wales, President of U.S. Swimming, Inc., has extended an invitation to us to have an ex-officio member at their Board of Directors meetings and that our Board of Directors has reciprocated in kind.

The following motions were accepted under the categories of New or Old Business:

- To designate Swim Master as the official publication of Masters Swimming and Swim Swim Magazine as an official publication of Masters Swimming, such that each will (a) develop a format that will be complimentary and minimize unnecessary duplication and (b) allocate space for messages, announcements, and other information from the Chairman and other national officials and from officials of the Association;
- That each elected officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) may submit a bill for reimbursement of travel expenses up to \$300 maximum per year. If the maximum budgeted is not spent, it is re-allocated to the financial needs of the President if necessary;
- That there be 5¢ per registration fee taken out of the National Committee's share and donated to support the Swimming Hall of Fame;
- That 1000 more Masters Swimming brochures be printed to replenish supply;
- That we meet next year again at Snowbird, Utah with U.S. Swimming at their convention, timing our meeting to coincide with the weekend they finish and overlapping just enough to enable us to interact with them;
- To change our name to United States Masters Swimming, Inc., effective at such a date as to be decided by the Board of Directors;
- To allocate \$1 to the National Masters Committee from each National Championship participant's entry form.

The new chairman of Membership - Registration (Adrienne Pipes, Pacific Southwest) gave a report on U. S. Swimming's approach to membership and club registration fees. Chairman Haartz charged her committee to investigate quickly the most ad-

vantageous approach for us to use, and to prepare the information for dissemination to our LSC's to help them prepare for this decision-making task. It was pointed out that each LSC (Local Masters Sport Committee) must decide for itself whether (a) to do its own membership registration independent of the local AAU group and directly with national AAU (with a surtax, making this more expensive) or (b) through the local AAU independent of the U.S. Swimming local committee or (c) in conjunction with the local U. S. Swimming committee. It was suggested that fees and approach for this coming year might best be served by using the same approach and the same money charges as the local U. S. Swimming committee.

The following fees were set and must be charged:

- \$2 to National Masters (out of which would come the cost of our contract with national AAU and/or U.S. Swimming)
- 75¢ mandatory accident insurance

The local cost of liability will be set by the national AAU, calculated from previous athletes in all sports from the local AAU. This cost must then be paid either out of registration of members or added to the club registration fee -- a decision each LSC must make. The other fee set by National Masters is \$10 to National for club registration, out of which a copy of Masters Swimming Rules will be sent to the club. Thus the LSC must decide:

- (a) how to pay for its mandated liability insurance
- (b) to set a fee for its LSC and/or its local AAU for each member's registration
- (c) to set a fee for its LSC and/or its local AAU for each club registration
- (d) to set a fee and its own procedures for sanctioning meets.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. October 4, 1980.

Note: The aforementioned committee reports are in the Secretary's notebook.

MASTERS SWIMMING REPORT

Masters Swimming starts this first column with a report from the just-completed National Convention. There are lots of changes to discuss.

National Championships

Starting with the Short Course National Championships May 23-26, 1981, in Irvine, California, all events will now be swum in the championships. However, the maximum number of events you can enter and swim is now reduced to six. A team may now enter only three relays in each age group. All 1500-meter events will be swum two to a lane. This was the only solution to not using cutoff times for this event. The 1982 Short Course Championship will be held in The Woodlands, Texas, near Houston, and the Long Course in Portland, Oregon.

Top Ten and Records

It was emphasized that our Top Ten reports the ten best times swum in the nation without distinction of a swimmer's residency. It was also voted that only one relay team per club will be included in each age group Top Ten event. For our National records, a sub-committee was formed to produce a tighter system for verifying our records.

Swim-Swim's New Role

With the start of this column, Swim-Swim becomes another source to publicize Masters Swimming information, along with Swim-Master, the official publication of Masters Swimming.

A New Beginning for Masters Groups

As of November 1, 1980, each local Masters Swimming Association (formerly part of an AAU association) becomes a new local governing Sports Committee. This means that it may or may not use the local AAU association to serve its needs for registering athletes, clubs, sanctions, etc.. This does not mean that swimmers, clubs and meets do not have to be registered with the national AAU after our National Masters finishes our negotiations for a one-year contract with them. Each LSC (Local Sports Committee) of Masters should immediately send to Adrienne Pipes, Chula Vista, Ca., our national membership/registration chairperson, the name and address of its local Sports Committee Masters membership/registration chairperson so that Adrienne can send you the necessary information. Until you send in the name and get this material, you won't be able to register swimmers, clubs or sanction meets for 1981. You have a lot of decisions to make on how your local Masters Committees are going to register swimmers, and what to charge for fees. National Masters has set its fees and now it is your turn to do your rate-setting, with Adrienne's help. No longer is there an AAU to do this automatically for you. AAU will be available to serve you in any way that you want to negotiate, but it only serves you now, it no longer governs our sport.

Sports Sponsor

Peer Mutual Insurance Company has contracted with AAU to work with the various Masters Sports Committees to sponsor many activities for us. As a beginning,

Jon Buzzard is available at National AAU headquarters to help with any major organizational and informational problems Masters clubs or prospective clubs may have. At the present time, the exact funds available to Masters Swimming has not been determined. However, all requests for funds will be channelled through Jon Buzzard to our National Committee and when approved, will be administered by Jon at the National AAU office. Ideas for use of these funds can be sent to: Jon Buzzard, AAU House, 3400 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

Any suggestions for further columns or questions you'd like answered should be sent to our secretary, Enid Uhrich, at 25 Lafayette Road, Newton, Mass. 02162.

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