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UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, Inc. Executive Committee Meeting - Sept. 30, 1982

1982 Annual Convention Holiday Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn.

The Executive Committee met in three sessions on Thursday, September 30, 1982 in Memphis, Tennessee. Present were President Mike Laux, Vice Pres. Verne Scott, Treasurer Reg Richardson, Secretary Dorothy Donnelly; Zone Chairmen Gail Dummer, Mildred Anderson, Bobbie Turcotte, Dore Schwab: Committee Chairmen Ted Haartz, Registration; June Krauser, Rules; Tom Boak, Championships; Dale Petranech, Long Distance Swim; Dick Guido, Marketing; Ham Anderson, Historian; Enid Uhrich, Top Ten/Records; Nick Fazzano, Vice Chair, International

Pres. Laux called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. He welcomed the 41 delegates and committee members (list attached) and advised them that they had no vote, but would be heard upon recognition from the chair. He reviewed the rules of the meeting, and introduced the executive committee. Secretary Donnelly stated that delegate credentials from LMSC's would be accepted through Saturday October 2 at 8:45 a.m. Corrections to the published and circulated list of LMSC Chairmen were solicited.

Minutes of the 1981 Executive Meeting in Snow Bird, Utah, were read and accepted with the addition of notes from Mike Laux.

The need for clarification of Tax Exempt Status and requirements of filing 990 forms by each LMSC was referred to an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Kevin Kelly, with Ted Haartz and two interested volunteers. Clarification is to be included in the LMSC Information and Registration Packet to be distributed to LMSC's in November.

Committee Reports

Historian Ham Anderson presented a written report, placed on file with these minutes.

Medical: Manny Sanguilly reported to Pres. Laux that Master Swimmers were an increasingly fit group. No casualities reported in 1982. Manny checks facilities and emergency back-up at National Championships and also at the National Masters Sports Festival in Philadelphia. A commendation for his diligent service was unanimously approved.

Insurance: Ted Haartz reported no anticipated increase in insurance costs; The carriers, Kinder & Laucci have been requested to provide a profile of the nature and incidence of claims. The liability policy covers sponsors, coaches, officials and swimmers, but not the owners of facilities used. (Note: the carrier will issue a 3rd party rider; all forms will be included in the Information Packet.)

Marketing: Dick Guido reported the Friday meeting of the Marketing Committee would consider defining of objectives, new logo design, and several marketing proposals referred to it. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the Marketing Committee to authorized to secure 100,000 Masters Swimming Promotional Brochures, with an expenditure up to \$5,846., to include the lowest bid for printing. A mockup of the proposed brochure was circulated among those present.

International: Acting Chairman Nick Fazzano reported several international meets planned during the next two years. Discussion of relay teams representing the United States. Further report after Friday meeting. When competing abroad, the USMS Registration Card is also an authorized Travel Permit, required in foreign countries.

Long Distance: Dale Petranech reported the USS Sub-committee had met on Wednesday. Budgets were adopted. FINA rules govern all international swimming competition: Swimmers registered with USMS are not eligible for amateur competition abroad. Official championship medals should be awarded to winners of Masters Long Distance Championships. Dale will respond to the query of Clarence Ross in this regard.

Top Ten/Records: Discussion of confusion on relay reporting to Tina Martin, individual only to Enid Uhrich. Complaints on errors in Top Ten. Consensus that they should be proof read and reviewed before publishing.

Championships: Tom Boak's committee will meet Friday to review bids for 83 Long Course and 84 Short and Long Course. Presentations to be made to Convention Saturday at 10:30 a.m. so all delegates may have voice in site selection. Items regarding integrity of entry blanks, scheduling of championships will also be considered. A check list for conducting Championships will be proposed. Proposals referred by Rules Committee will be reviewed.

Penn Mutual: Ted Haartz reported that Penn Mutual had withdrawn its funding of Master Sports, because of a corporate decision. Commitments will be honored through Aug. 82. Some unexpended funds remain, which may be applied for through Ted. Letters of appreciation to Penn Mutual for help and support of Masters Swimming have been sent.

A motion in support of the decision of Gail Dummer, Zone A Chairman, not to award Penn Mutual funds to the Bridgewater, New Jersey Zone A Championship, because of many irregularities as well as lack of sponsor indentification, was unanimously approved.

Zone Chairmen - will meet to discuss proposals for realigning zones, or scrapping zone chairmen in favor of Regional Coordinators. Mike Laux appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, Kevin Kelly, Chairman, Alfonso Allen, the four zone chairmen, and one additional person from each Zone, to come up with recommendations for Saturday's General Meeting.

Request for reimbursement of air fare to this convention for the four zone chairmen was referred to the Finance Committee.

Registration: Ted Haartz reported good experience with registration during 1982, with printouts available in a timely manner, and prompt receipt of funds by the Treasurer. Registrar Enid Uhrich reported 11,294 swimmers and 235 clubs registered as of 9/22/82.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m., and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Long Range Planning. Verne Scott gave an overview of programs and proposals being considered by his committee which will meet Friday, with a full report to the General Meeting on Saturday.

All American: Patches are available for purchase from Ted Haartz. No awards for relays. 1983 recipients to be sent letter notifying them of award and advising that patches may be obtained from Ted. NB: <u>Top</u> <u>ten</u> patches are available from Harry Fox, 1646 Amherst St., Massillon, Ohio.

Ransom Arthur Award: Harry Rawstrom 1982-83 winner; to be recognized at Aquatic Awards Banquet. Pres. Laux to present - Art Mayer to accept for Harry. Committee makeup to be presented at General Meeting. Information to be sent to each LMSC by February 1, outlining requirements and soliciting nominees.

Convention: Dorothy Donnelly reported the Friday sub-committee meeting would consider proposals of meeting other than jointly with US Aquatic Sports. Lack of recognition and scheduling of Masters Swimming in Convention Booklet discussed, as well as financial advantage and availability of technical sessions with US Swimming. Motion that letter be directed to Pres. Weinstein of USAS outlining our position and requesting either a masters representative on the Convention Committee, or a liaison to the Chairman so that USMS needs will be honored at future conventions, and information can be disseminated in a timely manner.

Legal: Chairman Jack Geoghegan reported by phone to President Laux that there is no legal action pending with USMS Inc.

Registration: Ted Haartz and his committee will consider '83 proposals from present contractor Enid Uhrich, and from American Sports Management. Report on Saturday.

Hospitality: Mary Lee Watson and Dottie Whitcomb of Southeastern Assn. head the hospitality committee. Masters Swimming Suite 1204 is available for gatherings and rap sessions except when meetings of sub-committees are scheduled. The Committee voted an expenditure of up to \$100 to provide soft drinks and munchies.

International Swimming Hall of Fame: Buck Dawson reported new Masters Swimming wing being developed. It was voted to recommend to the General Body that USMS enroll as Charter Member at \$1,000. It was noted that 5¢ per athlete has traditionally been earmarked for USHOF. USMS donated \$100 to the Building fund in January 1982.

Affiliation: George Hatzfeld and Pat Meehan gave an overlay of the National Masters Sports Assn. proposal to handle all 13 Master Sports under a sponsorship program currently being pursued with Campbell Soups (or other National Sponsor). At no cost to each sport would provide Central Office, phone access, mailings, etc. Referred to Marketing and Long Range Planning Committees, with recommendations scheduled for Saturday General Session.

Recessed for dinner at 5:25 p.m. Reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Surveys: Request from Dr. Gottlieb for assistance in medical study. Problem of releasing mailing list, appearance of endorsement, informed consent, etc., was referred to the Medical Committee and Long Range Planning; report due Saturday.

Misc. correspondance: Letter from Magnus Associates to "market" masters swimming referred to Marketing Committee. Stan Craigie's suggestion of "Certification" for Meet Managers referred to Zone Chairmen to develop criteria. Bill Millikens request to act as liaison to Senior Swimming was tabled for future consideration.

Metropolitan LMSC request to change their designation to "Big Apple Masters" conditionally approved, pending receipt of minutes of LMSC Board Meeting requesting such change. It was noted that the district name will not be changed in the US Swimming Directory; however, the designation will be Metropolitan (a/k/a Big Apple Masters). ((Secretary's note; minutes of 10/7/82 LMSC meeting received; resolution to change designation unanimously adopted.))

Promotional material for "Swim-A-Thon" week was presented. Sponsors retains 85%, 5% returns to LMSC.

Pres. Laux noted the sub-committee meeting schedule for Friday morning and afternoon. Copies of the schedule were distributed. Those not on specific committees were invited to attend any of the meetings (with no vote). Those desiring to serve on a particular committee give name and address to Secretary Dorothy Donnelly for consideration in '83 committees. Suggestions for the Policy & Procedure Manual should be given to the Long Range Planning Committee. Rules Changes not approved by the Rules Committee may be brought up in the General Session Saturday (require 2/3 approval).

Motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting unanimously approved at 8:45 p.m. The Committee may be called into session as needed throughout the year. Next scheduled meeting at 1983 Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.



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