

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC.

*approved* 9/20/84  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Cincinnati, Ohio Sept. 29, 1983

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of United States Masters Swimming, Inc. was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1983 at the Marriott Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. Present were: President Michael Laux, Vice-President Verne Scott, Secretary Dorothy Donnelly, Treasurer Reg Richardson. Committee Chairmen included: Registration Ted Haartz, Rules June Krauser, Championships Tom Boak, Tabulation Enid Uhrich, Long Distance Dave Gray, Sports Medicine/Research Jane Moore, International Margaret Sampson, Marketing Dick Guido, Historian Ham Anderson, Hospitality Mary Lee Watson. Zone Committee - Gail Dummer, Bobbie Turcotte, Jeanne Bostwick, Kevin Kelly, Dore Schwab. List of interested delegates (37) in attendance is on file.

\* The minutes of the 1982 Board of Directors Meeting in Memphis, Tenn. were approved as circulated, with a correction of "Board of Directors" rather than "Executive Committee" as the proper nomenclature.

A Financial Report was distributed and discussed by Reg Richardson - editorial comments were stricken. Reg reported that the revisions in record keeping recommended by the Audit Committee were being put into effect. Nearly \$1,000 debited to the Registrar account will be transferred to the Registration and Tabulation Committees. Reg also noted that the Treasurer of each LMSC is covered under officers liability insurance. Finance Chairman to clarify the bonding matter. Net worth now stands at \$60,000, an increase of \$20,000 over 1982. A goal of \$100,000 has been established, which is within the guidelines of a non-profit organization. Kevin Kelly explained the concept of Trust Funds. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee, who will report to the Board of Governors at the General Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1.

A proposed increase in club dues from the present \$10, and individual registration from \$3.25 for the year 1985 was also referred to the Finance Committee. It was approved to refund an appropriate sum to a Maryland club who did not receive the 1982 Rule Book in a timely manner. The Treasurer's report was accepted as amended.

A complete packet of convention material - reports, proposals, etc., was distributed to each member of the Board, and to delegates in attendance. All other delegates will have packets in hand before the General Meeting.

The subject of IRS status was again discussed; not enough LMSC's had submitted by-laws in proper order for a viable submission to U.S. Swimming. It was unanimously approved that a specific memo detailing the provisions of the law and exactly what is required of each LMSC shall be prepared by the Finance Committee. This submission is mandatory (unless an LMSC is incorporated) and essential for the continuing non-profit status of USMS. The Zone Committee will assist in securing submissions from the LMSC's. Each submission will be acknowledged with notation as to the correctness of the material.

Rule change proposals; an interpretation of the Code, requested by Chris Georges, resulted in the distribution of all rule change proposals submitted to the Rules Committee prior to the deadline. The recommendation of the Rules Committee will be indicated thereon. The Board of Governors may pass, with a simple majority, any of the properly submitted proposals. Other proposals not received in this manner require a 2/3 approval.

Zone Committee: Gail Dummer referred to the Zone Committee report, which was included in the packet. She cited creative alternatives, should the seven zone concept not be approved. Further consideration will be given at the Zone meeting, and proposals made to the Board of Governors. The Championship and Rules Chairmen will confer with the Zone Committee regarding rotation of championships and appropriate rule change proposals to effect whatever format is approved by the Board of Governors.

International: Margaret Sampson discussed her report. Changes were made to strike the word World wherever it appeared and substitute MSI - Masters Swimming International. FINA has stated that the international competition scheduled for April 1984 in New Zealand "is no longer in violation of FINA rules." Discussion centered around other groups who were conducting international competition, i.e., Toronto Masters Games in 1985. Rather than membership in MSI, which might entail rules and regulations not in accord with USMS, Inc., it was approved, with one dissenting vote, to recommend to the Board of Governors that we affiliate with MSI, and approve the payment of \$100 fee for 1984. USMS has leeway to join any competition or international group, while not being subject to any.

The Board of Directors recessed at 12:15 p.m. Officers and Past President met during the recess. The meeting reconvened at 2 p.m.

Committee Chairmen agreed to a revision of the sub-committee schedule on Friday; copies of the revised schedule were distributed and posted in prominent places. It was noted that all expenditure proposals should be routed through the Finance Committee.

A proposal for marketing masters swimming, received from H. Posner, was referred to the Marketing Committee. The philosophy of USMS producing its own handbook was discussed. It was unanimously approved to include Masters Swimming rules in the USS Code book for 1984. Kim Hansen's proposal was considered to have merit, but premature at this stage. The entire matter was referred to the Planning and Marketing committees, with Registration and Rules Committee to have input on content and scheduling. It was unanimously approved that the Marketing Committee continue to explore publication of a guide book with timely information - consider a spiral type which could be revised annually. With a modest increase in dues (\$2) this could be made available to every registered member.

The Registration Committee will consider a two-year contract for a Registrar, a change in the registration year, and the implications of early registration for 1984 in view of the insurance coverage. Both Registration and Finance Committees shall address the fiscal implications of a change from the calendar year.

Championships: Tom Boak noted his committee would hear full scale proposals at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. The Committee will certify the bids and make recommendations. All delegates are welcome to attend the presentation. Formal voting and opportunity for questions will take place at the Board of Governors meeting Saturday, 2 p.m. sharp.

Arkansas Standards: Recommendation that Arkansas be commended for developing the standards and using them as a fund raising project.

The Board recommended, with one dissenting vote, that a copy machine be purchased for use by the USMS Secretary.

The President will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the problem of elapsed time of our championship meets; to explore the philosophy and propose alternatives; and to report back by January 1. Those willing to serve on such a committee should so indicate.

A discussion was held on a number of LMSC's who fail to hold annual meetings, and to elect Chairmen in a manner dictated by the Code. The President has authority to investigate such associations, and, if necessary, to appoint a local Chairman who will insure carrying out of proper procedures. Please inform Michael Laux if such a situation exists in your LMSC.

Marketing: thanks to the efforts of Dick Guido, USMS will have a column in Swimming World ten times a year. Articles should be submitted to Dick, who will screen and submit to Swimming World.

The appeal by Jim Montgomery to U. S. Swimming, protesting the "once a master, always a master" concept, was discussed. Any loosening of the prohibition may result in dual registration. Delegates who also have responsibilities with USS will report back on actions taken.

An expression of sympathy was voted to Mildred Anderson, Cow and Oil Zone Chairman and long time, dedicated master swimmer. Mildred is recuperating from surgery. Mary Lee Watson, Hospitality Chairman, will swing into action.

Convention Chairman Kevin Kelly spoke briefly on the improved arrangements this year. All master swimmers were invited to make use of the Hospitality Room. Kudos were extended to Mary Lee Watson and Nick Fazzano for their efforts in this regard. Bill Tingley, Jan Huneke and Darcy Fazio were also extended thanks for their efforts on behalf of the convention committee, duplicating materials and attending to a myriad of tasks.

USMS Brochures. The President asked for reaction from Board members. There was general approval of the form and content. Wider dissemination was discussed. Each person or group sending out brochures should stamp an identifying return address. (Gail Dummer, first name on the "who to contact" list, has been inundated). Any group may request bulk shipment of the brochures from Dorothy Donnelly.

Delegates were encouraged to attend the Swimming Awards banquet scheduled for Friday evening. President Laux will make formal presentation of the Ransom Arthur Award to Dorothy Donnelly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Dorothy Donnelly  
Secretary