

USMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10/19/88

President Tom Boak welcomed the Board and explained the purpose of our meeting was to get together and share ideas. He hoped to involve the Board actively in the issues which we would be addressing at this Convention. He asked each Board member to define some of the issues facing his committee for the group.

Mel Goldstein (Championship)-Mel went over the committee's agenda and announced that there were no Short Course bids submitted.

Bill Tingley (Convention)-The Convention Committee has met and the Convention Orientation has met. In order to get the Committee Reports to the delegates earlier than usual, Bill asked each Committee Chairman to get him the Committee Report within 12 hours of the close of the meeting. We have 4 computers that can be used day & night. Contact Bill for use and/or directions. Bill commented on the small size of the meeting rooms and noted each was fully booked and not to run over the allotted meeting time. Tom Boak thanked Bill and Joanne Tingley for all their hard work.

Lucy Johnson (Finance)-The Finance Committee is still waiting for some budget forms. The Committee is working on a Financial Policies Guidelines (FOG). Additional input is welcomed.

Carolyn Ferris-Johnson (International)-Carolyn went over agenda items. She summarized the issue of the 1992 World Championships awarded by MSI to Montreal and by FINA to Indianapolis. MSI is now considering two meets - 1 in Montreal and 1 in Indianapolis - at the same time. MSI will continue to have a World Top 10 rather than the proposed Top 20. MSI recommendations to the FINA Technical Committee were discussed as well as our relations with MSI and FINA.

Art Smith (Legislation)-Agenda issues include the proposed Rule Book, an At-Large member to the Registration Committee, Insurance as a standing committee, and what authority USMS may or may not have to intercede in the operations of an LMSC not following its own By-Laws.

Rob Copeland (Long Distance)-Many proposed rule changes and a more structured bid process are on the agenda.

Mary Lee Watson (Marketing)-The Committee would like directives from other committees as to their needs from the Marketing Committee. They will work on the design and bids for the new Championship medal. They did not know what role they might play in the new Rule Book. Mary Lee related that Kastaway and Speedo appreciated the support of Masters in their Championship packages and will offer another for the Pan-Pacific Meet.

Joann Leilich (Registration)-This Committee will be working on installing a national registrar's program. They will also discuss a policy for distributing labels and lists, changing the Registration date to Jan. 1st, and the distribution of Rule Books. Kevin Kelly asked the committee to discuss permanent registration numbers.

Ted Haartz (USS Liason)-Ted attended USS meetings, answers questions about Masters Swimming and brings issues back to USMS.

Walt Reid (Top Ten/Records)-Meeting will be mainly educational to see that everyone is doing their job properly. World records must now be submitted within 6 months of date swum. MSI or FINA or both will issue certificate recognizing records set. The committee was asked to discuss USMS records being held by other than US citizens.

June Krauser (Rules)-The Committee finished its work early. Some items were tabled to Championship.

Jane Moore (Sports Medicine)-Issues will include the content and distribution of the medical exam brochure, proposed research projects, educational programs at National meets, and a Sports Medicine column in Swim Magazine.

Edie Gruender (Zone Chairman)-The Committee reviewed the year. They will continue the newsletters as communication. A large part of the work will concern next year's elections. A performance evaluation will be sent to each candidate.

Suzanne Rague (Controller)-Suzanne requested a line of authority concerning budget overruns. Who can authorize the paying of bills in emergency situations?

Kathy Casey (Rule Book)-Have to read the new Rule Book with the 1988 book in hand. Rule changes were not made; the book was just copied. Various sections of the book have been forwarded to the appropriate committees for review and approval. The future of the Committee will also be considered.

Dorothy Donnelly distributed complimentary copies of a Coaching Manual produced by MACA.

Mike Laux (Insurance)-We were formerly insured with USS and are now on our own. We had limits on our coverage which were used up as claims were made. Now we have our own coverage which has not been used. Our liability coverage includes usual aquatic activities. It does not cover sanctioning synchronized swimming, diving or water polo. Diving from other than a starting platform or the edge of the pool is not covered. The USMS disclaimer found in Swim Magazine should be used on anything we publish that gives advice.

Tom Boak advised that concerns about the Holmes Lumber or superteams issue should be addressed to Long Range Planning and/or Legislation.

Kevin Kelly reported that the rumor that Brazil doesn't want American swimmers at its meet is false. It set its date anticipating that our Long Course Nationals would be held as usual during the last half of August. It is set for Aug. 9-13th.

Nancy Ridout distributed Committee attendance sheets and Gail Dummer noted the inclusion of a Newsletter Report Card in the Masters packet which she requested be filled out and returned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ridout, USMS Secretary