

Committee Name:	Board of Directors	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Nadine Day	Vice Chair:			
Minutes recorded by:	Chris Colburn	Date/time of meeting:	October 21, 2013 8:30pm EDT		

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to ratify the email votes taken by the BOD since the last meeting.
2. MSA to approve the appointments of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Board of Trustees.
3. MSA to approve the members of the National Board of Review pool.
4. MSA to add the names of the members of the NBR pool to the minutes.
5. MSA to accept the NBR policies and procedures submitted by the National Board of Review Task Force.
6. MSA to table discussion of the insurance surcharge for 2014 OW National Championships events until we receive more substantial information from our insurance carrier on actual costs.

Number of committee members present: 20 **Absent: 8** **Number of other delegates present: N/A**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Nadine Day - President called the meeting to order at 8:34pm EDT. Also present were: Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Administration; Chris Stevenson - VP of Local Operations; Chris McGiffin - VP of Programs; Chris Colburn – Secretary; Phil Dodson – Treasurer; Patty Miller - Legal Counsel; Immediate Past President – Jeff Moxie; At-Large Directors: Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket), Dave Diehl (Colonies), Maria Elias-Williams (Dixie), CJ Rushman (Great Lakes) Hugh Moore (Northwest), Jim Clemmons (Oceana), Jill Gellatly (South Central); Jeff Gudman – USA Swimming Liaison to USMS; Rob Butcher – Executive Director; Past Presidents: Rob Copeland, Nancy Ridout, and Ted Haartz.

Not present: Jody Smith -VP of Community Services; Phil Whitten (Southwest); Jim Miller, Tom Boak, Dan Gruender, Mike Laux and June Krauser – Past Presidents. Mel Goldstein is recused from the Board due to his contractor position with USMS.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:34pm EDT.

1. Secretary Chris Colburn requested a **motion to ratify the email votes that had taken place since the last BOD Meeting:** The minutes of the September 15, 2013 BOD Meeting were passed with a vote of 14-0 with one not voting. The appointment of Barbara Delanois as NBR Chair passed with a vote of 11-0 with 4 not voting. The Board approved the BOD Committee Appointments with a vote of 12-1 with 2 not voting. MSA unanimously to approve and ratify the votes as recorded.
2. Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Board of Trustees Appointments: Rob Copeland moved and Chris McGiffin seconded to **approve the appointments as presented.** Approved 13-0 with 1 abstention (Jeff Moxie).
3. An Ad-Hoc Election Committee has been appointed by the President: Cheryl Gettelfinger (Chair), Jim Clemmons, Nancy Ridout, Colleen Driscoll and Erin Sullivan.
4. National Board of Review (NBR) Pool: There was a question and discussion of any issues raised related to the appointed pool members. There was a discussion about publishing the names of the members of the pool. **MSA unanimously to approve the members of the pool.** Ed moved that we **list the names of the NBR pool in the minutes.** Bruce seconded. Motion passed 13-1. The members of the NBR pool are: Laura Groselle, Meg Smath, Sandi Rousseau, Sally Dillon, Sean Fitzgerald, Ruth Giles-Ott, Daniel Cox, Dick Pittman, Harry Greenfield, Greg Weber, Fred Pigott, Molly Grover, Laura Winslow, Erin Sullivan and Jim Sauer.
5. NBR Procedures (Hugh Moore): Discussion centered around the question of whether each party be expected (“should pay”) instead of required (“shall pay”) to bear their own associated legal expenses. **MSA unanimously to accept the NBR Policies and Procedures as submitted by the NBR Task Force.**
6. Forum Moderators: A recommendation by the Discussion Forum Task Force (report from Discussion Task Force was submitted at the Summer BOD Meeting on July 19, 2013) was to have more moderators for the forums. Moderators for the Discussion Forum, appointed by the President, are Rob Copeland (lead), Chris Colburn, Chris Stevenson, Michael Moore and Michael McDonnell. Chris McGiffin asked how the tasks would be divided, and that will be determined in a future meeting between the moderators and Jim Matysek.
7. FINA Unattached Ruling: We were recently told by the FINA Masters Technical Committee that “Club unattached” would not be a proper registration designation. There were various recommendations. Rob Copeland reminded the BOD that making a change would require emergency legislation to do something different from what was decided at Convention (L-15). The final recommendation was to have the registration committee and a task force assist with the details and make a recommendation to the BOD on legislation and communication. The final concurrence was using UC and the LMSC number to stand for the name “Unified Club” within an LMSC. The BOD will await the recommendations from the task force to be

established ASAP. Chris McGiffin will be on the IT call tomorrow and will inform them that a change will be made in the registration for 2014.

8. Insurance Update: Rob Butcher gave ESIX the BOD recommendations on whom and what events the BOD wants covered. A recommendation by Phil D was made to find out if the insurance premium could be calculated with open water practices and open water events separately and together. We need to see the impact of OW swimming. We should have that update before the next BOD meeting and will discuss impacts for 2014 during the BOD call in November.
9. Insurance Surcharge: Discussion was initiated on the discussion forum. There have been discussions about waiving the insurance surcharge for the six 2014 national championship open water events. Chris McGiffin moved, and Bruce seconded, to waive the insurance surcharge for the Long Distance national championship events. Clarification was given that the surcharge is billed to the LMSC, not to the event host. It is up to the LMSC to pass on none or part of the surcharge to the event host. Phil mentioned that in the 4/8/2013 BOD meeting, a motion to waive the 2014 surcharge for OW national championships events failed. Rob Copeland mentioned that there is money in the budget (\$10k) for surcharge rebates. He thinks that if we waive anything, it needs to go through the rebate process. Chris McGiffin mentioned that there has been extensive communication between the LD committee and the National Office to make those events prove their value to our sponsors. Ted moved that **the insurance surcharge be tabled until information from our insurance providers is made available**. CJ seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Nadine formed an Open Water task force. The members of the task force are: Chris McGiffin (BOD liaison), Bob Bruce (chair), Jim Wheeler, Rob Copeland, Dick Sidner and Dr. Jim Miller. Ex-officio members are Lynn Hazlewood (OW chair), Donn Livoni (LDC Chair) and Bill Roach (OW Safety contractor). The purpose of the task force is to make recommendations regarding Part 3 impacts on safety; water conditions, which include water temperature; and any other topics that the insurance carrier may want USMS to address.
11. The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:35pm EDT to discuss a legal issue. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:36pm EDT.
12. Nadine mentioned that a Co-Vice Chair was added to the Championship Committee per the Championship chair since the last report. Kim Crouch was appointed Co-Vice Chair. VP of Administration Ed Tsuzuki is aware.
13. Nadine and Rob Butcher attended a workshop about governance and BOD training. Nadine will be submitting a report to the Board shortly. We will be using some of what Nadine and Rob learned in the Winter Board Meeting.
14. The Golden Goggle Awards will take place on 11/24 in Los Angeles. Board members interested in attending should contact Rob Butcher.
15. The Winter BOD meeting will be in February, the weekend of the 7th through the 9th. The meeting will be hosted by the Woodlands Swim Club and the Boaks. Nadine informed the Board on travel logistics and times.
16. Nadine mentioned that the working groups for the February BOD meeting have been assigned. Groups should get together to discuss who is taking the lead and/or presenting at the meeting. Keep the focus on the USMS Mission and Vision:
Mission: "To promote health, wellness, fitness and competition for adults through swimming"
Vision: United States Masters Swimming (USMS) will be the premier resource for adult aquatic fitness in the United States and will make fitness through swimming available for as many adults as possible
Goal: 100,000 members
Purpose: Big Picture: Framing Strategic Thinking
Goal: have recommendations to discuss at the Winter BOD meeting
 - **Volunteers:** Chris Stevenson, Chris McGiffin, Phil Dodson, Bruce H, Hugh Moore
 - **Membership:** Jeff Moxie, Ed Tsuzuki, Maria Elias-Williams, Jill Gellatly, Rob Copeland,
 - **Marketing:** Jody Smith, David Diehl, CJ Rushman, Phil Whitten, Nancy Ridout
 - **Partnerships:** Chris Colburn, Jim Clemmons, Dr. Jim Miller, Ted Haartz, Tom Boak
17. Next meeting will be 11/18/2013 at 8:30pm EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Colburn, Secretary
