

Committee Name:	Board of Directors	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Nadine Day	Vice Chair:	n/a
Minutes recorded by:	C.J. Rushman	Date/time of meeting:	04/08/2013 at 8:30 pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA- To Un-table the discussion of the waiver of the USMS insurance surcharge 2014 USMS OW Championships until further cost analysis has been completed.**
2. **MSF- Waiver of the USMS insurance surcharge 2014 USMS OW Championships.**
3. **MSF – The name of any USMS member who is famous or well known for any reason (sports, politics, entertainment, etc.) should not be exploited for promotion or recruitment by any staff or Board member in any manner**

Number of committee members present: 21	Absent: 7	Number of other delegates present: 0
<p>Committee members present: Nadine Day – President; called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. EDT. Also present were: C.J. Rushman – Secretary, Dave Diehl-VP of Programs, Michael Heather -VP of Administration, Jody Smith-VP of Community Services, Ed Tsuzuki- VP of Local Operations, Ralph Davis- Treasurer, Patty Miller- Legal Counsel, At-Large Directors; Chris McGiffin (Colonies), Phil Dodson (Great Lakes), Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket Zone), Maria Elias Williams (Dixie), Hugh Moore (Northwest), Jim Clemmons (Oceana), Phil Whitten (Southwest Zone), Jill Gellatly (South Central), Executive Director - Rob Butcher; Past-Presidents, Jim Miller, Nancy Ridout, Rob Copeland, and Ted Haartz.</p> <p>Not present: Jeff Gudman – USA Swimming Liaison to USMS, Past Presidents: Tom Boak, Dan Gruender, Mike Laux and June Krauser. Mel Goldstein is recused from BOD due to contractor position with USMS. Jeff Moxie -Immediate Past President has been granted temporary leave from the Board.</p>		

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM EDT.

1. **MSA- To Un-table the discussion of the waiver of the USMS insurance surcharge 2014 USMS OW Championships until further cost analysis has been completed.** Discussion was held about how to share the cost of open water events. Recommending that the LDC and FC make recommendations. The final decision will be part of the 2014 Budget process **MSF- waiver of the USMS insurance surcharge 2014 USMS OW Championships.**
2. Patty Miller gave an update regarding the sanction issues in an LMSC allowing NON-USMS and NON-USA Swimming participants in conjunction with a USMS sanctioned event. Patty did discuss the situation with the underwriter and reported back to the Board the risk assessment. The Board felt comfortable with the Legal Counsel’s evaluation. The OW FAQ will be updated and the new requirements will be addressed under the sanctioning process.
3. The disclaimer discussion on non-sanctioned events on the USMS site was deferred until the next BOD meeting on May 20th. The LMSCs have jurisdiction whether non-sanctioned events can be posted on the USMS calendar.
4. Discussion regarding the use of the term “workout groups” versus “chapters” and defining the term “chapter” in the Rule Book.
5. The concept of having a coach’s membership was recommended. The coaches committee is in the process of determining benefits. This is not a membership under code; this is considered a program membership, like entering a swim meet or paying to attend a clinic. Discussion on requirements for coaches on deck; they must be USMS members. The requirement is that in order for a practice to have insurance coverage a current USMS registered member must be on deck and everyone in the practice must be USMS members.
6. Mike made the motion to protect any USMS member who is famous or well known for any reason (sports, politics, entertainment, etc.) from being exploited for promotion or recruitment. There was discussion about how to determine what exploitation constitutes and other variables. Phil D seconded. **MSF – The name of any USMS member who is famous or well known for any reason (sports, politics, entertainment, etc.) should not be exploited for promotion or recruitment by any staff or Board member in any manner.**
7. Discussion regarding banned FINA members that would be banned from USMS Competition was deferred. Nadine will pass along information to the Ineligible Persons Task Force.

The next Board of Directors call will be May 20th at 8:30 pm EDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM EDT.