CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes September 25, 1992

Committee Members attending-Bill Barthold (Chair), Emmett Hines, Stu Marvin, Gene Donner, Bill Black, Stephanie Walsh, Jim Miller, Cathy Kohn, Sandi Rousseau, Laura Val, Skip Thompson, Clay Evans

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am in Veranda 7 and 8

### Introductions

### Rule Proposals

- 1. MSC Recommend rule proposal #69 as amended for approval.
- 2. Bill Barthold suggested a rule proposal for the Championship Committee to direct the day that Long Distances are scheduled at National Meets. No action.
- 3. MSC Recommend rule proposal #65 as amended by removal of the words "and for mixed relays the sex". Also added "The age group of the relay teams may be changed up until the relay check-in deadline".
- 4. Rule proposals # 62-64 not addressed. Not recommended.

# Review of 1992 Championships

- North Carolina Hill Carrow reviewed the meet.
- Federal Way Sandi Rousseau reviewed the meet.

Commendations and applause offered to both groups

#### 1993 Championship Updates

- Jay Fitzgerald Presented a brief update on the Santa Clara SC Nationals to be held May 20-23, 1993. The profit from this meet will also benefit The Pediatric Aids Foundation. Approval on awards pending.
- Paul Windrath Presented a brief update on the Minnesota LC Nationals August 19-22, 1993. A five mile lake swim will be held on Monday following the championship.

# Report from "time standards" subcommittee

- 1. Referring to subcommittee printed report by Stephanie Walsh, change "time standards" to "National Qualifying Times" in accordance with yesterdays motion.
- 2. Discussion of revision of proposed National Qualifying Times entry form and instructions.
- MSC to accept entry form as amended.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm

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# National Championship Administration Model

Subcommittee formed to address the question "Should we change how National Championships are managed?"

Bill Black summarized the concept of a "centralized versus decentralized" administration model. The model divides the work of the National Championship into Water-side, Paper-side, and Land-side activities with the Paper-side and Water-side activities the responsibility of the centralized group. This would reduce the administrative burdens on the host club. This would also provide additional revenue for USMS without necessarily reducing revenue to host.

Charge to Subcommittee: Revise document with further input from former and future Meet Directors in order to develop plan for implementation.

### 1994 National Championship Bids

Duncan Scott presented a bid for 1994 SC National Championships in Tempe, Arizona. Many positives noted including facility and hotel availability. Committee has questions regarding budget, officiating, awards, and Masters involvement. Proposed dates May 12-15, 1994 or May 19-22, 1994. Host can be flexible on Thursday through Sunday or Friday through Monday. Committee decided to approve the bid with the reservations noted to the House of Delegates.

#### **New Business**

- 1993 Minnesota LC Nationals requested variance from meet schedule to put the 400 IM as last event on Sunday. Not permitted under present rules. Will rotate days instead as allowed by Rule 104.5.2B.
- 2. Proposal by Hill Carrow of the Raleigh Area Masters for an appreciation award for Meet Directors. This award will be funded by the Raleigh Area Masters. Bill Barthold and Hill Carrow to set up subcommittee and develop guidelines.
- 3. John Zell coach of Oregon Masters would like on deck coaching advertised in meet pamphlet, packet, and on posters. Committee in agreement.
- 4. Jane Moore from Sports Medicine and Research Committee asked the Committee to monitor the appropriateness of health related products displayed, distributed, or made available during the National Championships. Recommendation made to approach Sports Medicine and Research Committee in regards to questions.
- Joanne Leilich requested a reversal on a relay disqualification from SC Nationals in North Carolina. After much discussion it was decided that at this point, Championship Committee does nothave jurisdiction because the decision of the meet Protest Committee is final according to the rules. It will be referred to the Board of Directors in accordance with the appeal process.

# Long Range Planning Topics

- 1. Short Course Meters Nationals
- 2. Allowing a competitor to swim both distance events in a Championship Meet
- 3. Workshops for present and future Meet Directors
- 4. Possibility of National Invitational Meet in addition to National Championships
- 5. Twelve hour competitive day goal for National Championships

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm