

USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: Championship

Session # :1

Cmte. report #:

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Minutes recorded by: Lisa Watson Date/time of this meeting: September 15 3 PM

ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

No items submitted.

ACTION ITEMS - OTHER

1. MSA to form a subcommittee to look through the current Championship information and entry form for possible changes to submit to the USMS SWIMMER publication.

Committee Chair: Barry Fasbender

Vice Chair: Jerry Clark

Number of committee members present: 19

Absent: 3

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 37

Committee members present: Lisa Watson, Tom Spence, Jane Moore, Barb Protzman, Errol Graham, Mark Moore, Jerry Clark, Carolyn Boak, Steve Newman, Laura Winslow, Heather Hagedorn, Diane Stowell, Debbie Cavanaugh, Michael Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Mark Gill, Mel Goldstein, Kristy King, Barry Fasbender

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 3 PM

1. 2006 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS-

Randy Nutt represented the Coral Springs meet hosts of the 2006 SC Nationals. He said that shuttle service would be provided for certain hotels. Randy presented the award design to the committee. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a swimmer represented in some way on the logo, but that this was not a requirement. Randy contacted the meet hosts and reported that they agreed with this suggestion

2. CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY INFORMATION IN 'USMS SWIMMER'

There was much discussion regarding the format of the Championship meet information to be included in the USMS SWIMMER publication. It was reported that the editorial board wants to omit a lot of the current information and replace it with a promotional article. The consensus of the Championship Committee was that the information should remain in the magazine, although it was fine to have it presented in a different format, if the editorial board chooses. Sandi Rousseau made a motion to set up a subcommittee to go through the current entry information to see if there are things that can possibly be eliminated. Lisa Watson seconded the motion. Sandi, Lisa, Mark Gill, Steve Newman, and Carolyn Boak volunteered to serve on this subcommittee.

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The Marketing Committee offered to assist with the format of the information in the magazine.

3. SURCHARGE FOR NATIONALS

The Championship Committee has been conducting ongoing email discussions on the surcharge for National meets. This discussion was continued during this meeting. With the current challenge of finding bidders for Nationals and rising costs, the committee feels that an increase in the surcharge is warranted. Jane Moore, potential meet host for 2007 SC Nationals in Federal Way, reported on the staggering increase in pool rental fees from previous years (an increase from \$9,000 to \$32,000 since their last Nationals). Mark Moore, meet director of the 2005 LC Nationals in Mission Viejo, talked about the need for encouraging early entries to help the meet hosts. The committee has discussed a graduated surcharge to help the meet sponsor pay meet expenses, whereas the swimmer will pay the standard surcharge for entries received 30 days prior to the entry deadline, and then an extra surcharge would be charged for entries received from 0-29 days before the individual entry deadline. It was also suggested that this might be written up as a policy rather than a rule which would give the Championship committee the ability to change the surcharge and get a simple majority approval from the HOD at any convention. However, since this is not a Rules year and thus requires a 90% approval from the HOD, it was felt that this rule proposal should not be submitted until next year. Lisa Watson suggested that we should present an emergency Rules proposal this year which would simply increase the Nationals surcharge from \$30 to \$40, and then work on the graduated surcharge proposal for next year. There is concern for the turnout for Coral Springs, with

rising fuel costs, Y Nationals following 1 week later in the same area, and the FINA World Games at Stanford potentially taking away a number of competitors as well. In addition, we need to be able to attract potential 2008 bidders. The committee debated the possibility of this emergency proposal being passed by the Rules committee.

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:30 PM