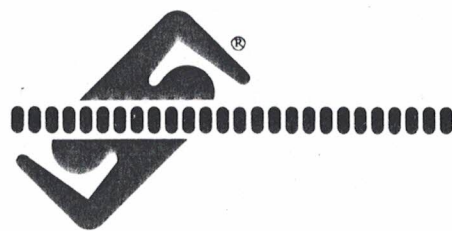


**United States
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USMS Executive Committee
Teleconference Tues. Dec. 29, 1992



Six members of the Executive Committee----Dan Gruender, Nancy Ridout, Mel Goldstein, Suzanne Rague, Jack Geoghegan, Betsy Durrant and Exec. Secretary Dorothy Donnelly responded to the role call by the AT&T Operator at 9 p.m. EST. Tom Boak had previously advised he would be unavailable, and had transmitted his views on agenda items.

Computer program. Suzanne reported frequent contact with Mel Goldstein, Joanne Leilich, Leo Letendre, Bill Barthold and HyTech regarding the three phases of the integrated computer program. The committee is pursuing vendor interest. The registration phase will utilize much of the Sullivan program, Leo feels about five hours of work will suffice to iron out the last bugs. Completed program expected by Feb. 15th. Colorado will utilize the new program starting in January. Suzanne feels comfortable with Leo's progress on this phase, but not on Meet Management and Top Ten.

The Meet Management program for Nationals will require a parallel run with Digicom at a Championship, then knowledgeable vendor support on site when the program is utilized at Nationals. Dan questioned whether National meets with a tie-in to the registration program was the priority. Nancy emphasized the troops were more concerned with a workable program for local and regional meets. Suzanne stated the parameters were a program that will run *any* masters meet, with a simple manual and disk, all to just plug in and run. Mel mentioned not all LMSCs will want to buy or even utilize the program---some don't have the need or sophistication, others already have satisfactory workable programs in operation.

Jack re-iterated the need for a firm schedule: settled that Feb. 15 there would be a working registration program, and a definite completion schedule for Meet Management and Top Ten. Credibility is at stake---operating programs needed by July, fait accompli before 1993 convention.

Convention schedule: no draft or any other word from Bill Tingley and/or Mike Heather on '93 meeting schedule---usually circulated by early December. Dan to communicate with Bill, telling him the Executive Committee should receive the proposed schedule for review within the next ten days (Note: Bill making minor changes to '92 meeting schedule, will circulate immediately). Jack suggested committee meetings be limited to an hour each, to allow time for *Networking*. Nancy suggested scheduling special networking times, with workshops (i.e., newsletters)

Dan to circulate committee liaison assignments. Consensus that Exec. Committee liaisons lean on their respective Chairmen to ensure the committee's work is *actively conducted during the year*, and not left until Convention. Chairmen will be advised to get rid of dead weight on their rosters, keep their liaison copied on what is going on. Interim reports from Chairmen due at the National Office by March 1st. Dorothy will circulate to liaisons. Progress report on projects due June 1st. Preliminary Agenda by July 15th, annual report by August 10th.

LOGO - need to protect Registered Mark. Jack to contact Rich Burns on Marketing Committee's agreement to allow Bob Bailie of The Woodlands to market the stained glass logo (need written agreement; the informal understanding is 3-5% rebate to USMS). Written clarification also needed of "gentlemen's agreement" with Kast-A-Ways.

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Need to circulate info that LMSCs have permission to use the logo in furtherance of USMS goals, not for profit. Nancy suggested the information on use of the Logo and the "Request for Permission to Use" be circulated---Dorothy will try to get it into the LMSC Packet, or otherwise send to all LMSCs.

"Request" should be refined and clarified. Dorothy to send sample to Dan and Jack for review. (Note: Eric Youngquist suggests if commercial use is approved, the words "USMS does not endorse any products" be included in any advertisement. Sports Medicine to review requests which come within its purview.)

Gerry Rodrigues disclosure of his financial interest in SWIM Magazine. No objection, so long as he disqualifies himself, as a member of the Marketing Committee, from any voting on the USMS relationship with SWIM.

February Fitness Challenge. Discussion on this year's project undertaken by Scott Rabalais and the Southern LMSC. Some financial consideration might be in order, in view of the two pages devoted to the Challenge in the Jan-Feb issue of SWIM. Previous fitness projects engineered by Suzanne and Nancy, any profit inured to the benefit of USMS. In future years, perhaps this opportunity for a national contest be offered to other willing and able LMSCs. Evaluation this year, decide what direction to go in the future.

USOC membership application approved. Some by-law changes may be involved. Suzanne stated the \$100 membership fee this year be coded to Line item 5980, Contingency Fund, and submitted to Roy Abramowitz. Among advantages of membership---official recognition at Atlanta; locks in USMS as a National Governing Body.

SWIM Magazine. Discussion on Tom Lyndon's proposals for Jan-Feb. Issue of LOGO clarified, should not be changed without action of the House of Delegates: Sports Medicine asked to coordinate any pregnancy surveys; to improve coordination between editors, all feedback & suggestions will continue to be channeled through National Office. Discussion of bringing Tom into a team player---more coordination between issues. Executive Committee wishes to remain as "editorial board"; need for longer turnaround time for response to draft articles for future issues. Lyndon to be advised. Optimum structure might be two people on each editor assignment. *Deadline* for Mar-Apr issue unrealistically early, but please get submissions in BY Jan. 12th.

Warm holiday wishes all around, approx. 10:30 p.m. Everyone pleased to hear Betsy is recouping like a champ.

Dorothy Donnelly
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