
Action Item:

1. MSA the minutes of the February 17 and March 3 conference calls.
 2. MSA the recommendation of the Recognition and Awards Committee that the David Yorzyk Award no longer be considered an official USMS award.
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President Rob Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. EDT. Also present were Rob Butcher, Julie Heather, Meg Smath, Leo Letendre, Mike Heather, Jim Miller and Jeff Moxie.

Executive director's report

Rob B said he is very proud of the accomplishments of our Club and Coaching Services Division. Communication has increased with areas in which new clubs are being developed. We have reached a new high in registered clubs.

Rob announced that Ashley Gangloff will be leaving her job with USMS to pursue a graduate degree at Auburn University. She will remain on the job through August. We wish Ashley all the best!

Minutes to meetings

MSA the minutes of the February 17 and March 3 conference calls.

David Yorzyk Award

Julie announced that the Recognition and Awards Committee has been discussing the David Yorzyk award, and recommended that it no longer be considered an official USMS award. **MSA the committee's recommendation.** Julie added that she would like to research the original criteria for the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award.

FINA swimwear issues

The EC discussed details of FINA's Dubai Accord in regard to approved swimwear. Leo pointed out that both the Rules and Open Water and Long Distance Committees have already gone on record that suits approved by FINA can be used in our competitions. The EC supports the position of these committees.

Fitness logs

Mike explained that the Go the Distance fitness event has become very popular, but logging the results by hand, as the event's coordinator, Mary Sweat, has been doing, has become too time-consuming. Online fitness logs are planned as a part of the "My USMS" section of our website. It was hoped that the logs would be available in January 2009, but they have yet to be completed. Rob B said that Webmaster Jim Matysek is working on the fitness logs, along with other responsibilities. Several possibilities for speeding up the process were discussed, and the topic was deferred until the next meeting.

Sarasota progress report

Rob B reported that he would be traveling to Sarasota the next day in order to interview candidates for the controller position and meet with vendors. He has been negotiating a lease, and hopes to have it ready for approval by the Board of Directors at its next meeting, March 31. His goal is to open the office by mid-June.

Next meeting and adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. EDT. Our next EC meeting will be April 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Our next BOD meeting will be March 31, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

Meg Smath
Secretary