
Action Items:

None.

President Rob Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. EST. Also present were Meg Smath, Julie Heather, Leo Letendre, Jim Miller, Rob Butcher, Mike Heather, Jeff Moxie and Patty Miller

President's comments

Rob C announced that his son, Noah, swam very well at the ACC championship meet! Congratulations Noah!

Executive director's comments

Rob B noted that since the beginning of the year, we have added 1,500 new forum users to our website. Rob speculates that this increase is the result of promotion of forum membership in our new e-newsletters. Out of those new forum users, 90 have joined USMS for the first time. Rob saluted the teamwork of Ashley Gangloff and Jim Matysek, who have been instrumental in this increased communication to our membership and beyond.

Rob also called attention to an example of collaboration among our corporate partners, in which members signing up for the InfoArmor privacy service through our website will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Kast-A-Way or Kiefer.

2009 convention schedule

Meg and Julie presented a draft of the schedule for discussion. Meg still needs to confirm some time slots with the Coaches and Sports Medicine and Science Committees, and then will forward the schedule to Convention Coordinator Victor Buehler.

Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (UANA) report

Jim announced that the Third Pan American Championships will be held the week of October 25, though exact dates are not known at this time. The site will be Veracruz, Mexico. The meet will be a short course meters championship.

National headquarters progress

Rob B has been looking at properties and has found some excellent office space. He hopes to have a proposal to present to the Board of Directors at its next meeting on March 31. His goal is to open the new office sometime between June 1 and July 1 of this year.

Fitness logs

Mike asked about the progress of providing online logs for Go the Distance, and Rob B said it is a priority and he hopes to have them available soon.

Rule book updates

Meg has sent Rule Book Coordinator Susan Ehringer a list of corrections to be made to the online version of the rule book. Susan will provide new PDFs for the website and also an errata sheet that can be downloaded for use with printed rule books.

USMS training camp

Rob B reported that Mike has identified a volunteer to work with Nancy Ridout to coordinate a revived USMS high-performance training camp in 2010.

Next EC meeting and adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. EST. Our next meeting will be March 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. EDT.

Meg Smath
Secretary