

1994 USMS CONVENTION
FITNESS COMMITTEE
Friday, September 30, 1994, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Kansas City, Mo.

Committee members present: Betty Barry, Rhea Wilkins, David Grilli, Mo Chambers, Edie Jacobsen, Sharon Wise, Marie Kriepe, Dore Schwab, Joe Tesmer, Betsy Owens

Absent: Eric Guest

1. Old Business:

- a) Responsibility for Fitness Clinic packet has been given to the Coaches committee
- b) Fitness Article Series has had 10 requests. Committee felt that this was a sufficient number of requests to base its continuation given the lack of clarity regarding its availability. Dave Grilli will be assuming the responsibility for its administration.
- c) Presidential Fitness Award; no participation due to a differences in requested standards.
- d) 2000 yard swim: 266 USMS members and 141 non USMS members participated. Betty Barry felt that attendance was off due to the change in the calendar but still had good attendance.
- e) Open water swim; tabled for this year
- f) February Fitness Challenge: no bid this year
- g) Fitness 500 in progress.

2. Fitness Event Bids

- a) 2000 yard swim; event provides t-shirts and caps for completion of the swim. Bid submitted by Betty Barry for Niagara District.
- b) Century Club: awards consistency for participation. Participants bring a water proof card to the pool and track up to 100 swims. Bid submitted by Judy Bonning and Bill Black.
- c) Fitness 500; cap for the completion of a 500 yard swim. Bid submitted by Mike Collins
- d) DAM freestyle Ironman; swim all freestyle events in a 2 hour time period. Bid submitted by Mike Collins.
- e) PT 109: submitted by Ruth Morrill for Connecticut Masters. Event was to be a "fun" event at Dot Donnelly's lake.

Discussion ensued on relationship between the number of events and space in Swim magazine, as this is the primary benefit to the event sponsors. In addition, the ads impacted whether February was to continue to be our designated "Fitness" month.

4 bids were approved. Decision was to have the Century Club as the designated event for the first quarter depending on Swim resolution. The 2000 yard swim would be held in July/August. Check off Challenge and 500 yard swim would share space in the September/October issue.

Discussion ensued that clarified that bids will be on a year to year basis, and if successful events are eventually stabilized, that another bidding process will be put in place.

3) Fitness Swimmer award. A subcommittee was formed to study the issue of how to recognize individual Fitness swimmers in the LMSC as well as Nationally. A sub-committee was formed, chaired by Joe Tesmer, also consisting of Betty Barry, Edie Jacobsen and Dore Schwab.

4) Compuserve: Since there is a proposal that USMS develop an on line service, the Fitness Chair requested help in monitoring the on-line data. Joe Tesmer again graciously volunteered. The Chair has also requested that others may also monitor and bring suggestions to the Chair regarding how Fitness may impact on the service.

5) Hawaii Festival: since we received no formal bid for Fitness committee promotion, the committee has decided to take no action to support or oppose it.

6) Australian Fitness Events: Judy Bonning has offered to bring us information on their activities.

The meetings was adjourned 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Betsy Owens,
Fitness Committee Chair