

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 19,20,21, 1986

The first session of the 1986 USMS House of Delegates was brought to order by President Tom Boak on Friday evening, September 19, 1986, at 5:12 pm. The Roll was called and 92 Delegates were present. Tom announced a party following the Session hosted by the Gulf LMSC with Lone Star Masters providing free beer. Tom then turned the meeting over the Championship Meet Committee Co-Chairmen Mel Goldstein and Bill Barthold.

The purpose of this meeting of the House of Delegates was to choose the sites of our National Championship Meets for 1988. The criteria this Committee considered were: 1) the quality of the facility and the personnel, 2) community support, 3) available accommodations, 4) transportation accessibility, 5) types of tourist attractions, 6) the local impact on Masters Swimming, and 7) the past history of Meet Operation of the bidders. The Committee reported all bids received were timely and in an acceptable manner.

1988 Short Course Championship Bids.

University of Texas, Texas Swimming Center, Austin, Texas - May 19-22, Thursday through Sunday. Larry Kreitzer, Chairman of South Texas Masters Swimming, Huddie Murray, Registrar, S. Texas Masters Swimming, and Delegate Ed Danahey presented the bid, representing S. Texas Masters Swimming, the University of Texas and Longhorn Aquatics. A slide presentation showed the facility and the surrounding area. Questions were taken from the floor. It was MSC that we approve Austin as the 1988 Short Course Nationals site.

1988 Long Course Championship Bids.

University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York - August 25-28, Thursday through Sunday. Gene Donner from Buffalo presented the bid on behalf of the Niagra Association. He showed a slide presentation of the facility and the surrounding area. He then answered questions from the floor.

Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, Florida - weeks of August 11 or August 18 set aside for Meet. Peter Jurczyk, Coach of the IRCC Masters, introduced Patty Decker, Chairman of the Ft. Pierce Hotels and Restaurants Tourism Committee and Bob Bottger, of IRCC. A slide presentation of the facility and surrounding area was shown, Questions from the floor were answered.

Mel Goldstein announced that bids for 1989 would be accepted next year. The Short Course Championships were scheduled for the East and the Long Course for the West. In answer to a question as to whether the Committee had a recommendation, he answered that based on the criteria above, the Committee recommended Buffalo. MSC to approve Buffalo as the site of the 1988 L.C. Nationals. Bob Bottger, IRCC, offered his help to Buffalo and suggested that we develop a method that encouraged this.

Tom Boak thanked Bob Bottger for his comments and for the successful S.C. Meet at IRCC. Carolyn Ferris-Johnson, 1987 Short Course Nationals Meet Director, will send Meet Information to each team by November 5th. An address was given for securing individual information. Tom Boak will send information on the Long Course Nationals at The Woodlands to anyone wishing it. This session of the meeting recessed at 6:48 pm.

The second session of the USMS House of Delegates meeting was brought to order by Tom Boak at 10:55am. The Roll was called; 109 delegates were present.

The first order of business was to appoint Jack Geoghegan as Parliamentarian. The first item of business was to approve the Minutes of the 1985 Annual Meeting and the 1986 Special Meeting. MSC to suspend the reading of the Minutes of these two meetings as they were contained in the delegates packets. MSC to approve the Minutes of these two meetings.

The second order of business was the Report of the Officers. President Tom Boak read a "A Tribute", by Dorothy Donnelly, in memory of Connie Wilson who passed away this summer after a struggle with cancer. He also thanked all Committee Chairmen for the fine work they did during the year. A special thanks was given to Bill Tingley and his Convention Committee for the excellent job they have done at this convention, to Enid Uhrich for all the work she has done for Masters Swimming, to Dorothy Donnelly for her expertise and help during the year and to the Executive Committee for its work during the year. Tom expressed his feeling of participation in a unique convention experience - upbeat, positive and a phenomenal effort on the part of each and every delegate and for this he gave everyone his thanks.

Agenda changes were noted and time limitations were given so that delegates would be prepared to start meetings on time. Instructions were given to Committee Chairmen as to their Reports and any actions requiring Delegate Approval.

Vice-President Gail Dummer reported that she had had the responsibilities of editing the USMS Newsletter and the Adapted Swimming Handbook and thanked everyone who had contributed to these publications.

Treasurer Kevin Kelly thanked Comptroller Diana Todd for her help during the year and asked her to give the Report. Diana

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discussed the Finance Committee Report, Exhibit 1 (Income Statement & Balance Sheet). The bulk of the income is from Registration; the rest is modest amounts but does contribute to maintaining a positive financial position. Total income was exceeded by total expenses by only \$232. Last year a budget was approved that exceeded our revenues by \$30,000. Appreciation was extended to the Committee Chairmen who stayed within their budgets and note was made to the increase in registrations which made this possible.

Committee Reports: Ransom Arthur Award - no report. **Championship Meet:** (Mel Goldstein) The new medal approved last year by the House of Delegates will be a complete relief medal. Bids have been solicited and Kastaway was chosen to produce the new medal, as well as the new patch, at the same price as we paid for them last year. (Bill Barthold) The request by the Coaches Committee for reconfiguration of the Protest Committee at National Championships (add a coach) was turned down. The Pre-Bid Packet and the Meet Managers Guide is ready except for a few minor corrections and is anticipated to be a valuable tool in putting on a successful meet. (Mel Goldstein) Four bids were submitted for the Computer Software package for National Championship Meets. The Championship Committee chose the Digicom Program. Two options were given: 1) buy the program outright \$7500; 2) lease at a fee per swimmer, designer runs it for the meet. MS - to approve the Championship Committee's decision to lease the Digicom Program for at least two Championships, at a cost of \$3 per swimmer, with the option to buy this program at the end of this time or to continue the lease. This program will send out confirmation letters to each entrant with individual events entered, seed cards, rosters, heat sheet with National Records, Results Sheets that are due that day, print Final Results in correct format, print labels for awards personnel indicating name, age, and time to affix on award, and seed entire meet correctly. After discussion concerning leasing vs. purchasing, the motion carried. This Program will be optional for use in National Championships through 1988 and mandatory thereafter. Communications were received concerning the officiating at Portland. The Committee feels the officiating was excellent and the Officials and Oregon Masters are to be commended. There was a discussion concerning the Short Course meet in Ft. Pierce and whether there was compliance with the rules and regulations of Masters swimming. It was decided that the total compliance award will be 50% of the \$1 per swimmer sum, of which 25% will go to the Ft. Pierce Meet Committee now, with the other 25% contingent upon proof of distribution of medals. MSC - to accept this decision of the Championship Committee. The Committee will rewrite and reorganize the future performance bonus awards. Now the successful meet bidder pays \$2 to USNS; \$1 for the privilege of hosting the meet and \$1 for a performance bond, all or part of which is returned to the meet bidder after compliance with agreed items. Increasing this amount with consideration of cash flow and budgets of National Championships will be looked into during the year. MSC - Championship Committee Report approved. (Lunch break, resumed 1:04pm)

The House of Delegates resumed with Judy Meyer's introduction of Richard Quick to present the first "Coach of the Year Award". Coach Quick made some comments on Masters Swimming and Swimming in general, and presented the award on behalf of Macgregor Swimwear to Dr. Jim Miller. Manny Sanguilly then presented the David Vorzyk Memorial Award. This award is made to the male or female accomplishing the most outstanding performance in the 400 yd. IM in the Short Course National Championship Meet. The first recipient of the award is Elsa Mattila, from Maryland, who swims in the 75-79 age group.

Laws & Legislation Committee: Art Smith cited some minor changes due to the Finance Committee's late meeting. MSC to accept the Report as a whole except for those items pulled out for discussion. Those items pulled were L-2, L-5, L-10, L-16. L-2 (definition of team) group of swimmers that competes in a meet as opposed to club - organization that has membership in USNS. MSC as written. L-5 (definition of club) - MSC as written. L-10 (all Standing Committee Chairman be members of Board of Directors). Mildred Anderson moved that all Committee Chairs have membership on the Board of Directors; this was seconded. The amendment was withdrawn because a defeat of the approved proposed amendment would serve the same purpose. MSC to approve the L & L recommendation as reported out. L-16 (Geographic registration) MSC that Legislation Committee's unfavorable recommendation be accepted.

Rules Committee. MSC to accept the recommendations of the Rules Committee except for those items the delegates wished pulled. Those items pulled: MSR-3, MSR-5, MSR-18, MSR-21, MSR-24, MSR-25, MSR-27, MSR-30. MSR-3 (eligibility 19 years and over, age group 19-24) MSC as amended and recommended by the Rules Committee. MSR-5 (relays, differ for short course & long course): amend to read "not to be swum at National Championships" after 19+ and 76 & over relays and 19-24 age group (MSR 3) - MSC. MSR-18 (add 400 & 800 relays to official status). Amend to delete 800 relays-MSD. MSR-18 as reported out by Rules Committee MSC, to go into effect immediately (9/22/86). 90% approval (unanimously). MSR-21 (delete team relay entry limit) MSC. MSR-24 (relay entry date). Amend to read "Relays entered by the correct date will pay the normal entry fee and those that enter the day before the meet will pay 1.5 times the normal fee". MSC to table for 5 minutes. MSR-25 (800/1500, 1000/1650 to be included in National Championships, only one of which may be swum) MSC. MSR-27 (two divisions of team scoring), reported out unfavorably so will require 90% favorable vote to pass. MSC - 90%. MSR-24 back to floor to be amended thusly: "Relays entered after the original meet deadline and up through the day before the meet will pay 1.5 times the normal entry fee". Additionally amended, "Participants therein must have entered the meet 30 days in advance". MSC as totally amended. MSR-30 (split times) MSC to be tabled for 5 minutes. MSR-35 (National Championship surcharge) initiated by Championship Committee and reported out favorably by Rules Committee. Erosion of profit base for meet host and new medical recommendations/requirements support the raising of the surcharge from \$10 to \$13. MSC. To be implemented January 1, 1987. MSR-30 (previously tabled) amended as follows: "Record splits recorded by fully automatic officiating equipment shall be considered for National Records and National Top Ten Times provided such splits are brought to the attention, in writing, of the Meet Director and the LMSC Top Ten Chairman". A problem arose concerning MSR-34 (reorganizing and renumbering Top Ten and Records Rules). The amendment was withdrawn and tabled for further study.

Finance Committee. Lucy Johnson reported the true cash outflow of the past fiscal year was \$104,000 vs. a budget of \$124,000, so we were \$20,000 under budget in cash expenditures. Our cash inflow was \$90,000 vs. a budget of \$94,000 so we were \$4,000 short of our budgeted cash income figures. The net difference instead of a budgeted cash reduction of \$30,000 was an actual cash reduction of approximately \$16,000. The difference between that number and the profit and loss statement of a -\$272 was due to the Calendar costs. Calendar costs were pulled out. Bills are being paid but they are being shown as an asset. During the fiscal year an inventory asset was created in that same amount as those expenditures. We are now reducing that asset in this fiscal period (the stub period) as we bring in income from the Calendar sales. None of the income from the Calendar sales was recorded during the previous fiscal year. We are on a cash basis completely. We do not set up accrual accounting; no money was received in payment for any calendars until after Aug. 31 (by Aug. 31 we had spent approximately \$14,000). We now have in hand approximately \$10,000 and these monies are accounted for in two separate periods. Suzanne Rague gave the Auditor's Report for 1985 fiscal year. It was a very clean audit opinion and the Comptroller and Treasurer are to be commended. Suzanne was commended by the Finance Committee for the excellent audit she performed. Various items included in the proposed budgets were discussed. MSC to approve the budget as presented. It was noted that a number of amendments to the code were recommended to the Legislation Committee in order that current financial practices be delineated and put down on paper with clear reporting responsibilities. Also operating guidelines and investment policies were written down for general information.

MSR-30 reconsidered. "Records established by a swimmer in the first leg of a relay race or by a swimmer's split-time in an individual event shall be acceptable as individual performances for all official purposes provided that fully automatic officiating equipment is used and all applicable rules have been complied with. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to bring such split-times to the attention, in writing, of the Meet Director". MSC as amended. M/S to copy definition of split-time from p. 12 of current USS Manual to our Glossary. MSC (100%).

Marketing. Mary Lee Watson reported we are within \$2800 of having our net for the calendars and gave us general information regarding the dissemination of the calendars. Recommended development of a 1988 Calendar, development and distribution of a new brochure, and the publication of "Places to Swim" in a computer printout form rather than a booklet. The Finals has presented a proposal to dedicate one page in their catalogue (2 issues/year) to products they consider of special importance to Masters and make it a Masters page with information we deem suitable and appropriate for our program, as well as an order blank for our brochure/information, in return for mailing labels to be sent to the source of distribution of the catalogues. They have offered to continue their support for our Nationals, our Calendar, to sponsor the Masters All-Star team and the Super Swim. This Committee also recommends an ad hoc committee to review all publications that go out under label of USMS Official publications, the investigation of the feasibility of an "800" number for the National Office, and production of a videotape presentation. Richard Burns presented the idea of an identification program and a graphics standard program which would more clearly identify United States Masters Swimming and its purposes and programs. Mike Laux supported this endeavor. The Marketing Committee Report was MSC.

Convention Committee. Bill Tingley reported that his committee was responsible for 2 areas - the Hospitality Room and the Certification Table. He introduced his committee members who were applauded for their efforts. 5,170 pages of Reports were disseminated by this morning and 3,300 pages were distributed before the Convention and costs have increased.

Historian Ham Anderson reported his USMS History was a labor of love and he appreciates the support and appreciation of the swimmers. He gave us the numbers of participants at the World Championships and the USMS Short Course Championships and congratulated Judge Beach on receiving the Ransom Arthur Award. With the corrections of two items the approval of Historian's Report was MSC.

International Committee. Kevin Kelly delivered the Report as acting Committee Chairman due to the death of Connie Wilson. The World Championships in Tokyo: the attempt to gain the Presidency of MSI was unsuccessful but all standing committees of MSI will be chaired by USMS members; the meet was an outstanding experience. The next World Championships will take place in Brisbane, Australia, October 8-14, 1988. The 1990 World Championships were awarded to Rio de Janeiro, probably in July. FINA had established a commission to study the need and the future of Masters sports within the World. The commission recommended a 5th Technical Committee (major governing body) within FINA. This was accomplished and Masters is a full Technical Committee though not a 5th discipline within FINA. Because of this, the committee will include representatives of other Masters aquatic sports. This Committee will be composed of 12 members: 1 each from Masters Long Distance, Masters Synchronized, Masters Diving, Masters Water Polo, and the remaining from Masters Swimming around the world. The MSI President Gary Stutsel was selected as the Chairman of the Technical Committee, showing the close relationship of these organizations. The MSI Vice-President was selected to be Vice-Chairman of the committee, and Tina Martin was selected to be Honorary Secretary of the Committee. Tina was appointed by the USMS President to be our FINA Representative and sent to the Madrid meeting where the Technical Committee was formed. The new breaststroke and fly rules will be adopted by FINA on 2/15/87 but USS will adopt them 11/1/86. To protect swimmers who might swim in a long course meet between these dates this Committee recommends the adoption as of 2/15/87 rather than automatically adopting it as we would otherwise whenever USS does. This Committee also recommends the definition and use of the word "Masters" be included in our Glossary. This would require a 90% approval since it did not go through the Legislation Committee. Additionally it recommends Tina ask FINA not to have World Championship Meets conflict with USMS National Championships, that the 1988 Long Course Season be extended to 10/14/88 and the deadline for reporting LC results be extended to 12/20/88, that the USMS Officers and International Committee Members be

given subscriptions to MSI News, and that the budget be approved. The implementation of the new stroke rules and the extension of the 1988 Long Course and reporting dates were pulled. The remainder of the International Committee was MSC for approval. The matter of the new breaststroke rule was discussed and it was decided to go along with USS; no further action was required. MSC by over 90% to include a definition of the word "Masters" in our Glossary. It was moved to table to New Business the proposal to change the 1988 LC season and reporting period.

Tom Boak gave thanks to Kevin for heading this committee and to Tina and Margaret Samson for all the work they have done on our behalf. Tom also reported he has been attending USAS meetings and that we have been accepted as full members of USAS with voice and no vote (and no financial obligations). Additionally, future Convention dates are 9/16-23/87 in Atlanta, and 10/15-22/88 in St. Louis or Des Moines.

Long Distance. Dave Gray announced he would review his Report and at the end the delegates would be asked to ratify certain items; these items having already been ratified by USS Long Distance Swimming. A Cable Swim Manual was put together by Dr. Jim Miller and Virginia Masters. The final draft will be sent to the USMS Marketing ad hoc Review Committee for publication by USMS. An effort will be made, with the ad hoc Committee Chairman, to put together a Long Distance Calendar including USS, USMS and non-sanctioned events, clearly defined and delineated as to sanctioning classifications. USS has given the go ahead to the separation of USMS Long Distance Swimming and complete jurisdiction over USMS Long Distance events effective 1/1/88. Bids were accepted and approved for 1988 Long Distance Championship events. A correction to a proposed rule change was given and other proposals reviewed. Gail Dummer requested all Long Distance dates to be firm by the time of the USMS November Newsletter deadline. MSC to accept the Long Distance Swimming Report. It was advised that all rules and policies must be ready to go through the proper committees at the next Convention for this independence to be accomplished.

Long Range Planning. Gail Dummer reported this Committee discussed philosophical goals and the growth of our program. This Committee recommends we not seek corporate sponsorship of USMS, Inc., but should consider various sponsorship proposals. We should also consider the sponsorship of various projects such as the Calendar, Rule Book, etc. This Committee further recommends we not use sponsorship support for any on-going and basic operations of USMS. Insurance coverage was discussed and it was determined that the best insurance we have is the individual swimmer assuming responsibility for his own actions and acting in an adult responsible manner; we should promote this attitude. An Adapted Swimming Handbook was completed this year by an ad hoc committee. Kathy Casey represented USMS at a USS Adapted Swimming Workshop and gave a report on this meeting. The Handbook was enthusiastically received by this workshop. An agenda was established for the coming year. The item concerning sponsorship of USMS Inc. was pulled. MSC to approve the Report with this one exception. After discussion, the words "need not" were substituted for "should not" and this item was accepted as amended.

Bill Tingley reported that in 1985 at Phoenix we had 85 delegates, and this year we have 109 delegates and 10 registered observers. Bill congratulated the LNMC's for getting their delegates to the Convention and noted that we were only 8 short of the total potential delegates.

Registration. Art Mayer highlighted his Report: 1) the registration fee this year is \$5, 2) any changes in addresses of LNMC Officers needs to be communicated to USMS because there has been quite a problem in getting necessary materials to the right people, 3) swimmers' address changes also need to be sent to Enid, 4) the minimum age for registration is 19 this year, 5) no LNMC can limit the number of clubs within that LNMC, 6) the gross number of registrations of an LNMC by June 15, or from the conclusion of the preceding year, will determine the number of Convention delegates, 7) disciplinary actions should be handled by the LNMC, 8) a sanction number and an eligibility statement must be contained on every meet information sheet, 9) a disclaimer under the eligibility statement "Swimmers under the age of 25 years are advised that they may jeopardize their amateur status, under FINA rule 6R-1, if they participate in Masters competition" should also be included (as well as the hold-harmless clause). MSC. The meeting was recessed until 9/21/86 at 9 am.

The meeting resumed at 9:15 am. The roll was called and 84 Delegates were present. Tom Boak introduced Dale Petranek who explained the Hummer Award was not given out at the Awards Banquet because of an official request to cut back on the amount of time the awards take. Therefore the Hummer Award, given to Penny Dean, and the Long Distance Swimmer of the Year Award were presented at the USS House of Delegates. A request for Clarence Ross to be nominated for the Hummer Award, at last year's Convention was honored and he came in second to Penny in the balloting. There will be a special award for Clarence, who has given over 60 years of service to Long Distance Swimming. This has been presented to Clarence, who is probably the oldest living National Champion in any aquatic sport, his first National Championship having been won in 1922! Bill Tingley announced USAS will be looking into the hotel facilities in Atlanta on November 1st. Jan Huenke will be sending out surveys to the Convention Chairmen and they need to be returned immediately in order to schedule our meeting rooms and times. Tom again complimented Bill for his Committee's efforts. He also reported on the USAS Board-of Trustees meeting this morning in which they did formalize the approval of USMS within USAS with voice and no vote. Mike Laux further reported that we did exercise our voice and no vote by amending a raise in the Convention surcharge which passed. The new Convention surcharge will be \$50, with a late charge of \$65. The current \$40 charge has been in effect for 6 years and the costs have gone up considerably, especially the hotel costs. He commended the Hacketts for their diligence in obtaining the best rates possible. Tom related that the 1988 Convention dates have been moved back a week to

accommodate our World Championships. It has been scheduled for St. Louis, but if they cannot accommodate this change of dates, Des Moines has bid for the Convention to honor Bob Helmick who will be going out of office as the President of FINA. Tom commended the committee who worked on the Ransom Arthur Award presentation and noted we again outdid our previous presentations! He also stated there would be a Board of Directors Meeting, immediately following the adjournment of the House of Delegates, to ratify the action taken at this Convention.

Top Ten/Records. Enid Uhrich reported her Committee dealt with policies and procedures. It was decided that the best way to verify our USMS Records at World Meetings was to have a representative of the Top Ten Committee there to verify such Records. The Committee also agreed that at this time they cannot support any time standards or cut-off times for LMSC Top Ten Chairmen who prepare their Top Ten lists for the National Top Ten Committee. LMSC Chairmen will have to continue to send in a full Top Ten. Carolyn Ferris-Johnson will replace Bert Petersen as the National Relay Top Ten Tabulator. It will be the new policy of this Committee that for Relay splits to be counted for the Top Ten, they must be included on a new official relay card which will be sent to all LMSC's for their use. Nancy Ridout will head a committee to design this card which will contain all necessary information needed for relays and lead-off splits. In reply to several questions during this Convention, Enid informed us that "Relay splits of lead-off swimmers are eligible for Top Ten. Splits for individual events are only to be sent in if they are Records." Every LMSC Chairman and Top Ten Chairman will be sent copies of the National Top Ten for their local record keeping. An emergency meeting was held in relation to the International Committee's request for the extension of the Long Course season to include the Brisbane meet. MSC unanimously that the 1988 Long Course Top Ten include the Australian World Nationals. Within the US, the USMS season will remain as listed in our Rule Book - ending 9/15 and the local Top Ten to be received by 10/20. This item was pulled from the Report. Report approval MSC, with the exception of the pulled item. Jack Geoghegan announced that this amendment constituted an amendment to Rule (V,F,(2), p. 155) and would require a 90% approval vote. Art Smith recommended the amendment be proposed through proper channels at the next Convention and therefore not require a 90% vote. Mike Laux noted that because both this and the International Committee proposal, previously tabled to New Business, dealt with the same subject, they were essentially the same, and anyone could move to remove the motion from the table and consider it now; otherwise it would come up under New Business. MSC to remove it from the table and consider the International proposal. MS to amend the International proposal to read as the Top Ten Committee's proposal. Previously the motion has been to suspend the Rule concerning the length of the 1988 LC season and the Top Ten submissions; now the motion is concerning the Brisbane meet and Top Ten submission only. Jack Geoghegan reminded us we cannot table indefinitely, it must be dealt with at this convention. Motion MSD. It will be brought up through the proper channels at the next Convention.

Sports Medicine and Research. Jane Moore briefly reviewed her Committee's Report: Sports Medicine brochures approved last year have resulted in 3 rough drafts (Shoulder Problems, Getting Started in Masters Swimming and Swimming and Pregnancy). These are being reviewed and will hopefully be printed after the first of the year. Medical evaluation of Masters swimmers is continuing to be studied and will hopefully be published in a medical journal. The study on "Aging and Performance" has resulted in over 250 responses and is being put on a computer; results will be analyzed and presented next year. A new project is to develop some recommendations for purifying swimming pool water using ozone rather than chlorine because of the problems with chlorine. Also discussed was the medical care at National Championship Meets. A policy was adopted specifying as minimal requirements 1) an ambulance with appropriate personnel on site during the meet, and 2) a medical orientation meeting with officials prior to the start of the meet. The motion to approve this Report was MSC. Gail Dummer thanked Jane Moore for being the first one of the Board of Directors to get her Newsletter Report in and reminded others to do the same.

Zone Chairman. Dore Schwab reported that the Zone meetings went well. Noting a certain vulnerability that has shown itself in the zone system, he predicted a renewed vigor in the coming year and an attempt to reach the potential this system could have. A definite charge has gone out to the zone representatives to aid in the communication within each zone. MSC to accept the Report.

Ad hoc Coaches Committee. Judy Meyer complimented the efforts of the Arthur Award presenters and agreed that it was the right idea to have only one award presented. The image we project to the coaches and athletes through the presentation of this award is the one we want to portray. The Committee is concerned with promoting a positive image for USMS coaches and noted that ASCA has included them this year in its meetings and various levels of policy and procedure. Also included was a Masters track at the World Coaches Clinic which they hope will become standard; attendance at the Masters sessions was doubled from last year. Growth is inevitable and positive adjustments are being made by the coaches. 12-13 Coaches Clinics were organized to take place this Fall throughout the country. With the feedback received from these clinics, more will be planned and improvements implemented for next year. Speedo and the Finals are sponsoring these clinics. This Committee gave a Coach of the Year Award and Judy thanked the USMS Officers for judging the nominations. Next year the Committee will choose the recipient themselves. Judy reminded the coaches of the Adapted Swimming Handbook which USMS has published and encouraged them to get a copy and read it. MACA has approved a certification program for Masters coaches through ASCA (who will be the certifying body). The Committee requests a longer session for next year and a discussion group of coaches and swimmers, separate from MACA, to take place the first evening in order to avoid any conflicts. This would open to anyone. MSC to adopt this Report.

Tom Boak commented that from the philosophical standpoint he does indeed believe in zones, their importance to our program and the work the Zone Chairmen do. He also stated his belief that the coaches have an invaluable contribution to make to Masters

swimming. They are in touch with the athletes, they have done a good job in getting themselves organized and they can only help our organization. Tom thanked Judy for the hard work she has done in the past year.

Ad hoc Rule Book. Tina Martin reported on a two hour meeting with the first hour concentrating on the philosophy in having our own Rule Book and how to accomplish it and the second was a working session on the proposed document. Tina explained how the proposed Rule Book was put together: Technical Rules, the Conduct of Meets, and the Glossary. Tina requested permission to go ahead with the items stated in her Committee's Report. It was suggested that f) be amended to read "and the Chairmen of all Standing Committee". MS to remain in the USS Rule Book. Motion out of order. MS to go ahead with a separate Rule Book. After considerable discussion, President Tom Boak asked for a sense of the House on whether or not to pursue this project. It was the sense of the House to go ahead with this endeavor. MSC to continue with the Rule Book project. MSC to approve the ad hoc Rule Book Committee Report as amended with part f) to read 1988 and part h) as a goal rather than a requirement. Lucy Johnson requested that we keep the policy of following USS Rules with no more exceptions than those we now have, and that as USS Rules change we change as well.

Old Business. None was brought up.

New Business. Hugh Moore noted problems with foreign swimmers and their registration. This could cause problems with sanctioning and liability. He has found no clear-cut answers in his inquiries and requests that the Executive Committee make this a project for next year in conjunction with the International Committee. MS that this occur. Mike Laux supported the motion and reminded us that when USMS separated itself from the AAU, it had had to deal with this problem. Our USMS cards say "Registration Card" and "Travel Permit". When foreign competitors come to a meet they should be asked for their Travel Permit in order for our Meet sponsors to have insurance coverage. Enid Uhrich pointed out that we (actually USS, which we honor) have a reciprocal agreement with Canada letting their swimmers swim in our meets without a Travel Permit and our swimmers in theirs. She also stated that there are USMS swimmers in foreign countries and that are are instances in which foreign swimmers are USMS registered where there is no Masters program in that country. The motion to investigate this problem was MSC. Jack Geoghegan recommended passage of emergency legislation to alleviate any problems with eligibilty of swimmers wishing to participate in USMS sanctioned meets. Enid explained the present policy, at the national level, is to require a foreign swimmer to bring a valid Travel Permit with him from the country in which he is registered. If there is no Masters program in his country he must bring a letter from the FINA organization in that country stating that it does not object to the swimmer's participation in our meet. Tina informed us that FINA does not interfere in the business of any Federation; whether they register swimmers or not is not germane. The only thing that is required is the permission to travel and any dealings with this subject must be from our end. Mike Laux and Jack Geoghegan offered the following amendment to IV,B, (f), (i) of the Code (p. 152) to read "No swimmer's entry will be accepted unless he is registered" (to be added here... "or has a valid Travel Permit or its equivalent"). MSC with unanimous approval.

June Krauser reported that the 1987 Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. The registration fee will be \$50 and \$65 for late registration. In 1988 the Convention will be held in either St. Louis or Des Moines. It is not certain at this point because they have had to change the dates to accommodate our World Championships. In 1989 it will be held at the Mariott in Portland, Oregon, and in 1990 it will be in Little Rock and shared by two hotels directly across the street from each other. Early registrations will have a choice of hotels so it was suggested our Convention Committee find out which hotel is best and let us know early. The ASUA Meeting to be held next Spring in Indianapolis will seek to have a Masters Committee formed and it will be voted upon at this meeting at the Pan-American Games.

Mike Laux expressed Bill Weir's apologies for not being present at this House of Delegates session and reported for him on the National Wellness Foundation Conference, held in Steven's Point, Wisconsin this summer. Bill was the Head Speaker for the Masters section of the Conference. His topic, "Medical Implications of Organized Sports" was well received and available on tape for a fee. He also spoke on "What Masters Swimming is All About".

Mel Goldstein thanked the Convention, on behalf of the Indiana Delegation, for a one of the most "fantastic" and "upbeat" Conventions we have ever had. Gene Donner concurred, on behalf of the Niagara delegation, and thanked the Convention delegates for their support and promised a tremendous meet in 1988. Leo Letendre requested any persons interested in being members of an ad hoc Committee on Computerization which he will head, to please contact him. This Committee will explore the entire dimensions of what can be computerized at both the National and local levels. Tina reported the interpretation of the new breaststroke rule is that the head must surface by the second armstroke.

Tom Boak thanked the Delgates for their hard work and reported that we have committed \$13,649 in revenue for Calendars, surpassing the break-even point. The Convention has generated \$3,186 in additional revenue and we are to be commended for our efforts. Mike Laux commended Tom for his running of the Convention. President Tom Boak adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Ridout
Nancy Ridout, USMS Secretary