

UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC. 1987 CONVENTION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ATLANTA, GEORGIA - SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27, 1987

The first session of the 1987 United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates was called to order by President Tom Boak at 7:15 pm, Friday, September 25, 1987. The roll was called by Secretary Nancy Ridout. 113 delegates were present.

Nel Goldstein, Co-Chairman of the Championship Meet Committee was introduced. He encouraged the purchase of the 1988 USMS Calendar and displayed the "Championship Meet Committee Poster" for the Committee fundraiser. He introduced Championship Meet Committee Co-Chairman Bill Barthold. Bill announced the order of short course bid presentations and reminded the presenters of the 10 minute limit for each presentation.

MISSION BAY, Boca Raton, Florida. Judy Meyer told of the special relationship between the Masters and the rest of the Mission Bay swimmers and coaches which is very supportive and inclusive. She introduced Mark Shubert who gave a slide presentation of the Mission Bay facility. The meet would be held May 12-15, 1989, Friday through Monday. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

JUSTUS AQUATIC CENTER, Orlando, Florida. No presentation.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill. Hill Carrow, President and Executive Director of North Carolina Amateur Sports, a non-profit organization founded to put on the Olympic Festival, the summer of 1987. This organization has funds to continue and would help Meet Director Leslie Molony in many non-meet aspects (concessions, shuttles, etc.). Hill gave a slide presentation showing the University facilities. The meet would be held mid to late May. Questions and answers followed.

Bill Barthold informed the delegates that Justus Aquatic Center is definitely bidding even though it is making no presentation. Bill explained the criteria that the Championship Meet Committee uses in evaluating bids and recommended accepting the bid of Mission Bay, based solely on the availability of warmup facilities.

Long course bids were taken next.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA, Grand Forks. Bill Weir introduced Steve Stromberg of the U. of N. Dakota, who introduced Dan Quandt, also of the university, who gave the slide presentation. Questions and answers followed. The proposed dates were between August 10th and 15th. School will not be in session; the dates were flexible.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After a singing telegram, Eddie Sinnott, Assistant Coach at L.S.U. described the facility, accommodations, travel, etc. Don Litzenstein, the Parents Group representative was introduced and made some comments. Questions were accepted and answered.

A vote was taken and the 1989 Short Course National Championships was awarded to Mission Bay, Boca Raton, Florida, and the Long Course Championships was awarded to the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND. Tom Boak complimented the bidders on exceptional bids. After thanking the Championship Meet Committee, Tom recessed the meeting until 10 am, Saturday, September 26th.

The second session of the USMS House of Delegates was called to order by President Tom Boak at 10:30 am, September 26, 1987. Secretary Nancy Ridout called the roll of accredited delegates. 123 delegates were present. Delegates were advised that only those having blue or red stickers were eligible to vote. The President appointed Dave Gray as Sergeant-at-Arms and Jack Geoghegan as Parliamentarian.

The first order of business was the reports of the Officers. President Tom Boak observed that the Officers Reports were contained in the Delegates packets and that he had no additional report. Vice-President Gail Dummer reported on her work with the USMS Newsletter. One new feature will be an LMSC profile, policies and programs that could be shared with other LMSC's. Solicitations for such articles were requested as well as comments on the USMS Newsletter. Secretary Nancy Ridout observed the omission of the Working Calendar from her Report, which she prepared for the Officers and Committee Chairmen. She also called attention to availability of the "Places to Swim" and asked for additional information on places to swim for traveling Masters, especially in certain areas of the country for which we have little or no information. Treasurer Kevin Kelly noted that the main part of his Report would be included with the Finance Committee, but he reported that we were solvent, that there was checking account balance as of this day of about \$30,300, a Money Market drawing account for operating cash of about \$41,350 and a reserve and contingent account of \$100,000 in T-Bills and CD's.

Next on the agenda came the Standing Committee Reports. First was the Nominating Committee Report by Dore Schwab. He explained the make-up of the Nominating Committee is the Zone Committee. They were solicited for new nominees, none were forthcoming, acceptances and willingness to run were received from each of the present Officers, and those names were being put in nomination before the Convention: President-Tom Boak, Vice-President-Gail Dummer, Secretary-Nancy Ridout, Treasurer-Kevin Kelly. Tom Boak turned the meeting over to Jack Geoghegan, Legal Counsel, for the elections. Jack asked for any other nominations from the floor. There being none, it was MSC that the current Officers now in nomination for a second term be unanimously accepted.

Tom thanked the delegates for their overwhelming support. He complimented the delegates for their hard work, noted the great abundance of talent within our organization, and thanked those who have served in the past two years - the Officers, Enid Uhrich and Dorothy Donnelly - for the work they have done for our organization.

Tom then called upon Zone Chairman Dore Schwab, to give the Report of the Zone Committee. Dore reported that each Zone met in the morning and elected a Representative for the next 2 years. They are Frank Tillotson-Dixie, Betsy Durrant-Colonies, Pat Maley-Heartland, Marie Kriepe-Breadbasket, Southcentral-Kris Wingenroth, Continental Divide-Margaret Stannard, and Kathy Casey-Oceana. Dore thanked those Zone Representatives who will no longer be serving - Peter Mullen, Jennifer Parks, Rob Copeland, Karen Barnes and Bert Petersen. Tom asked the 7 new Representatives to stand and be recognized.

The Finance Committee, chaired by Lucy Johnson, came next on the agenda. She introduced the Comptroller, Suzanne Rague, to give the Comptroller's Report and to help answer any accounting questions that might be raised. Lucy proposed the delegates look at the Finance Committee Report. A special note was made of the summary of our cash flow position and that we were budgeting a negative cash flow for 1988 of \$30,000. In the past, we have been conservative in our estimate of our growth, budgeting for a 10% growth and more typically it has been 15%-20% growth which has overcome the short falls that have been budgeted. We have also been conservative on the expense side. Many of the Committees that request money do not spend all of it. For 1987 we budgeted for a deficit cash flow of \$8,500 and through June 30th we are in a positive cash flow position of over \$20,000 and by the end of the year we will probably have even more. The Committee anticipates that this may happen again in 1988 but does not want to plan for it; it would rather accommodate everybody's requests. Lucy also noted the USMS financial plan of \$100,000 contingency fund, but we have well in excess of this amount and we should not be in the position of accumulating a lot of cash. She noted the \$30,000 negative cash flow budgeted would in no way impact the solvency of the corporation. Comptroller Suzanne Rague reported that through the end of August, 1987, we have a net income of over \$18,000 and looking ahead to the end of the year, conservatively we could add another \$10,000 to that. Earnings for the calendar year of 1987 should be between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and we should remember that entering the year we projected a loss or breaking even. These earnings should enable us to do some projects in the coming year but we should keep in mind that we are facing the possibility of a negative cash flow in the year 1988. Lucy expressed the pleasure of having Suzanne assume the Comptroller's position and noted that Suzanne has put all of our accounting records on computer already so that all the bookkeeping is being done automatically now instead of manually. This should enable the Finance Committee to publish a financial summary statement quarterly to the Officers and Committee Chairmen rather than annually. In answer to a question from the floor, Lucy noted that her Committee recommended the establishment of an ad hoc Insurance Committee to look into the various alternatives of coverage such an organization as ours might consider. Lucy suggested that the Delegates read through the Finance Committee Report, with particular attention to Exhibit A, and evaluate the proposals from the other Committee Reports. MSC to table the report of the Finance Committee to time certain. Tom complimented the contributions of the members of the Finance Committee.

Sports Medicine Committee. Chairman Jane Moore explained that her Committee has given the Championship Committee three forms for the medical portion of its Meet Packet. The Committee wanted to retitile the section on Guidelines for Safety in Warmups to Suggestions for Warmups at Local Meets and send a copy to each LMSC. They also created another paper, Suggestions for Warmdowns at Local Meets, that they would also like distributed to each LMSC. They reviewed the current Sports Medicine brochures ("Fitness & Health Through Masters Swimming", "The Role of the Medical Exam in Masters Swimming", and "Exercise and Pregnancy") and feel they are ready to be printed and distributed. It was the Committee's feeling that each brochure that USMS publishes concerning health, medical problems or physical fitness should contain the following informational clause: "NOTE, Masters Swimming is a strenuous athletic activity and each participant is advised to consult his or her personal physician before undertaking the program." The brochure entitled "The Role of the Medical Exam in Masters Swimming" was deemed extremely important by the Committee and they would like to see it published in an upcoming issue of the USMS Newsletter and sent to every new member of USMS. The Committee would like each LMSC and Registrar to receive a copy of each of the three brochures so they will know they are available, and a form noting their availability to each new registrant. Mike Laux noted that the brochures will be sold to cover the cost of printing, except for those sent out to each LMSC and new registrant. Jack Geoghegan tied in the importance of these brochures to our insurance coverage. MSC to approve Report as submitted. A discussion ensued on the "NOTE:..." wording between Sports Medicine and Marketing, "is" vs. "can be". MSC to table to time certain item #8, concerning the brochures. Jack Geoghegan noted that the "Medical Requirements For Sanction" form contained in the Registration Packet (white 3-ring binder) should be removed from the binder. This page will be replaced with a page detailing the Sports Medicine pamphlets.

RULES COMMITTEE. June Krauser presented the Rules Committee Report noting the items withdrawn, rejected and approved by the Rules Committee. Rejected rules pulled were 35, 41. Approved rules pulled were 16, 40 & 42. Items approved as amended and pulled were 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 17, 21, 23, & 30. MSC to approve all those items not pulled. Rejected items: 35 (photocopy Registration Card for National Championship entry). Huddie Murray spoke in favor of some mechanism to prove registration. Bill Barthold, representing Championship, spoke in favor of the concept but not the mechanism offered; Art Mayer, representing Registration, has recommended that each National Championship be given a list of every USMS registered swimmer and the team he/she represents. MSC that this item be rejected. Item 41 (leadoff splits), Walt Reid, representing Top Ten & Tabulation, spoke in favor of this change noting that it was unfair to unattached swimmers, swimmers of small teams with no relays, and gives freestylers and backstrokers an extra advantage to set a record. Leo Letendre noted that item 42 is the opposite of 41 and that they should be considered together; one will eliminate all splits, the other will count all splits. Approving neither will leave us with the same inconsistency we now have. Kathy Casey pointed out we have many inconsistencies in our program and that the individual swimmer has the responsibility to ask for this in writing. Mel Goldstein, Championship, stated that providing splits for relays at National Championships is a Meet Manager's nightmare. Bert Petersen mentioned getting credit for an event not swum, Manny Sanguily favored letting the breaststroke lead off the medley relay, Chris Georges replied to Bert and is in favor of giving a swimmer every chance to set a record, Bill Weir noted that the fastest 50 meter freestyle time was set in a relay split, Carolyn Ferris-Johnson replied that it was set with a hand-held start and automatic finish which is not acceptable and many local meets would probably be unaware and set up timing systems the same way, Nancy Ridout reported that swimmers are using relays as a seventh or even eighth event and unattached and small team swimmers do not have this opportunity, Sandy Rousseau commented on the difficulty of verifying the leadoff swimmer of the relay at a National Championship Meet, Lucy Johnson felt that we should try to keep our rules as close to USS and FINA as they do allow splits, Tina Martin brought up the fact that a disqualified relay does not disqualify the leadoff split, Leo Letendre thought that a record time ought to be recognized. At this point a vote was taken as to approving the rejection of this item by the Rules Committee. MSD to table this motion in order to vote on item 42 first. A clarification as to voting procedure was suggested by Dan Gruender: Yes -

accept proposal, no splits, No - reject proposal, splits count. A two-thirds majority would be required to pass this item. MSD to accept item 41 as necessary two-thirds in favor was not attained (121 voting, 79 in favor, 42 opposed). Item 42 (all splits for official purposes). Motion to accept MSC.

After announcing a sale on calendars purchased by noon, President Tom Boak recessed the meeting until 1 pm.

The House of Delegates reconvened at 1:03 pm. Judy Meyer, Chairman of the ad hoc Coaches Committee, introduced Richard Quick who presented the Coach of the Year Award to Kerry O'Brien, coach of the Walnut Creek Masters of northern California. He listed the many accomplishments of Kerry and his team and the delegates gave Kerry a standing ovation. Kerry then gave an inspiring acceptance speech and was again awarded a standing ovation. Legal Counsel Jack Geoghegan clarified Rules and Legislation Proposals. The motion should state the rule or legislation to be adopted. At that point, the Rules and Legislation Committees' recommendation only determines the number of votes required to approve or disapprove the motion. If the Committee recommends adoption, a simple majority is needed to pass. If they recommend disapproval, a two-thirds majority is required to pass. Convention Committee Chairman, Bill Tingley, announced that members of his committee would be passing out evaluation surveys during this meeting. Delegates are asked to fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Committee when finished.

Manny Sanguilly presented the David Yorzyk Memorial Award to the man or woman with the most outstanding performance in the 400 yard Individual Medley in the past year's National Championship - Ardeth Mueller.

Rules Committee Chairman, June Krauser, continued with Rules that had been pulled that were approved by the Committee. Item 16 (expenses of Championship Comm. representative to be paid by USMS). Championship Meet Committee representative Sandy Rousseau explained that some Meet Directors don't have adequate funds for this expense. Finance Committee Chairman Lucy Johnson explained that at present, USMS pays for one visit and the meet host for a second visit. She would like to see this policy enforced and continued. Michael Laux, of the Finance Committee, commented that if a meet does not make any money, it would not be expected to pay for this and that it would not be retroactive to those bids already accepted. Mel Goldstein of the Championship Committee advised that since USMS requires the pre-meet visit, USMS should pay for that expense. Hugh Moore commented that in view of the scarcity of Long Course Meets, we should make the package as attractive as possible. Motion to accept item 16 MSC. Item 40 (team scoring, 1st-3rd in each category and division) MSC. Pulled items approved as amended. Item 2 (elimination of clause restricting under 25's from National Championships). Motion to table until items 3 & 4 discussed MSC. Item 3 (19-24 age group in Short Course Nationals in 1990). Discussion ensued as to having this age group compete only in Short Course Nationals, giving time to prepare, not compelling bids already awarded to include something not anticipated, jeopardizing the amateur status of those under 25. David Gray brought up the fact that this rule also concerns the elimination of the Short Course Relay age groups we now have. The vote was split as to part 1 (19-24 in 1990) MSD, and part 2 (aggregate age relays for all courses) MSD. Item 4 (aggregate age for all relays) MSD. Item 2 (tabled from earlier) MSD. Item 10 (seeding) MSC to amend to include 4 lane pools. Item 4 as amended, MSC. Item 12 (minimum number of officials) was discussed next. Tina Martin suggested separating the officials as to decision-making officials and those that do not make decisions. It was MS to amend this proposal to include "Officials must be USS certified." MSC to table item 12 to time specific, after the Medical and Legal Committees have had time to review the elimination of the Marshall. Item 17 (30 days to comply with Championship Comm. conditions) MSC. Item 21 (send entry to all LMSC Chairmen and all registered clubs) pulled because "and to all registered clubs" was missing from wording of rule. MSC as corrected. Item #23 (heat sheets available at registration except relays). MSC to amend to strike "individual". Item 23 MSC as amended. Item 30 (exchange of days if long events held first day) MSC. Item 12 returned. MSC to amend to add "if automatic timing is not being used" after "2 timers per lane" - MSC. It was stressed that a Marshall during warmups was highly desirable even though not in this rule. MSD to amend to have the starter and referee USS certified. MSC as amended.

Registration Chairman Art Mayer highlighted the Registration Committee Report: the Registrar's bid of Enid Uhrich was recommended for acceptance, forms will be updated, a list to the National Championship Meet host of all USMS members, add Newsletter of LMSC's to be listed with LMSC Officers for receiving information that is sent out, recommend purchase of Registration Software Program (next year free to LMSC's, now \$250 to LMSC with all updates included). MSC to accept Report with the exception of the Registrar's Contract and the \$5,000 budget item for a Registration program which was tabled to the Finance Committee Report.

Tom Boak announced the newly elected Zone Representatives had met during lunch and had elected Edie Gruender as the new Zone Chairman and gave her congratulations.

Records and Tabulations Committee Chairman Walt Reid discussed his committee's work and thanked Carolyn Ferris-Johnson for her work on the Top Ten Relays this year, Chris Carey for proof reading the S.C. Top Ten, and to Enid for all her work on the Top Ten the past years. Items voted upon in Committee included: 1) for this year only, 19-24 age group winners and new relay winners would become the record holders for those events even if documentation not included, 2) records will stand for entire season for short course and long course; for short course meters, records will be updated as received due to differences in publication dates for World Top Ten, 3) Top 20 not supported, will continue to provide accurate times for Top 10, 4) publishing of L.C. Top Ten will be delayed in 1988 to include the results of the World Championships; this will not affect any other meets. This Report was MSC with the exception of pulled items - World Top 20 and inclusion of 1988 World Championships. MSC to approved inclusion of the 1988 World Championships in our L.C. Top Ten and no other meets is an exception to the code and required a 90 % approval - MSC, 90%. The second item pulled, to approve a Top 20-MSD.

Tom Boak introduced USAS representative Andy Burke who welcomed USMS to USAS and offered any help we might need. He also noted President Tom Boak has attended every 7 am meeting.

Marketing and Publications Chairman, Mary Lee Watson reported on a great meeting. A \$2,000 profit was reported on the 1987 Calendar. 1988 Calendars are available and a 1989 Calendar was approved by her Committee. The Finals will continue to include

Masters information in their brochure twice a year, to sponsor the All-Star Team, to sponsor the Super Swim event and to continue to support our program in every way possible. Speedo is putting together a special package for US Masters attending the 1988 World Championships (suit, duffel bag, warmups, shirt, cap) available through Kastaway. Kastaway is also offering a special package for Masters which includes many different items. Swim magazine will continue to be designated as an official publication of USMS and will continue to publish our Places to Swim list. Mary Lee introduced Richard Burns who gave an exciting presentation of a new identification package for USMS which began with a logo, enhanced by a logotype, color(s), and showed various examples of its applications. A prototype of a new Masters brochure was also exhibited, as well as examples of other brochures, such as those of Sports Medicine. The logo is based on the pictogram first used in representing swimming at the 1964 Olympics and still widely used in identifying swimming today. A whole system could be distributed to the LMSC's and clubs which would include reproducible art work and other materials to make our jobs easier in terms of putting information together. The Committee recommended adoption of this program which would tie all the visual presentation of the organization together at all its functional levels, and extend its presence far beyond what any individual component could do. MSC to accept the Report of the Marketing Committee, with the exception of the image package, and the budget items. MSC to approve the identification package presented for USMS; its use would be optional for the LMSC.

Long Range Planning Chairman Gail Dummer gave the next report. Communication with the YMCA was discussed and the Committee recommended that USMS should offer a delegate-at-large position to a member of the YMCA Competitive Swimming Committee in exchange for a USMS delegate on their Committee. (Requires House of Delegates approval - not acted upon at this Convention.) In meeting with the Chairman of this YMCA Committee, Gloria Summers, at this Convention, this was offered as well as membership on the Championship Meet and Long Range Planning Committees - whether voting or ex officio status would be granted has yet to be determined. She will take this offer back to her Committee. This Committee referred to Registration, development of an official form to be used by observers at Approved Meets, accepted an evaluation by an ad hoc Committee on USMS publications, referred the report of an ad hoc Committee on Press Releases to Marketing, revised the Planning Committee description, and recommended to Legislation that any USMS member who is an officer or committee member of MSI or FINA be appointed an at-large member of the USMS House of Delegates. It was MSC to accept this Report.

Art Smith, Chairman of the Legislation Committee, recommended taking the first 6 items as a package. L-5 (modify objective of USMS) was pulled; MSC to accept the rest of the package. L-5 was amended to eliminate "medical societies...institutions." and substitute after "communities", "in organizing and conducting life-long physical, recreational and competitive Masters programs." MSC to accept L-5 as amended. Legislation initiated by the Legislation Committee: L-7 (Standing Committees, addition of Convention and Marketing/Publications Committees to Standing Committees, establishment of other Committees) MSC as amended (housekeeping). L-8 (Code changes only in odd numbered years, Rules changes only in even numbered years, except for emergencies, i.e., anyone who has authority to initiate legislation on the floor of the House may do so.) L-8 MSC. L-9, part 1, (Long Distance Rules changed in even numbered years) MSC as amended (Housekeeping). David Gray introduced Long Distance Swimming Rules, L-9, part 2, and went through changes and modifications from current USS rules (new Part VI in Rule Book). MSC to approve L-9, Long Distance Rules as amended to include encouraging the use of fluorescent caps and housekeeping. L-10 (LR Planning Committee description) MSC. L-11 (USMS MSI & FINA Officers and Committee members be At-Large Delegates) was amended to read, "The President may appoint two Delegates at-large, one each from MSI and FINA, who are USMS members representing Masters Swimming." - MSC. (These two delegates would be in addition to the 10% now allowed.) Two-thirds approval needed to pass L-11 since it was voted out of Committee for disapproval. MSD. L-12 (defines 2 LMSC's) MSC.

Long Distance Swimming Committee Chairman, David Gray, reported on his Committee's work: quarter-mile cable swim brochure to be edited and presented to Marketing/Publications at next year's Convention, compiled National Long Distance/Open Water Calendar this year which included 42 listings and voted to continue this effort for the next year and be diligent in solicitation of events and distribution, accepted National Championship bids as in Report (amended for mistake), compiled USMS Long Distance Rules for governing its own events, recommended no LDS Top Ten be kept, that a LDS Championship Host Information Packet be developed, and that renewed efforts be made to assign observers to our National Championships to attempt to insure consistency in their conduct. This Report MSC, with exception of the budget item. Dave thanked Art Smith and the Legislation Committee for its help in getting the Rules through, and the Long Distance Committee for all its work.

Championship Meet Committee Co-Chairman, Mel Goldstein, reported on the Pre-bid Packet, Meet Manager's Guide, medals and patches, computerization of the National Championships, and planning for upcoming Championship Meets. Bill Barthold, Championship Committee Co-Chairman, reported on long range planning as it affects Championship Meets. No decisions or recommendations were made at this time, but the items will be reviewed and evaluated for future recommendations (mainly length of meet, officials, integrating the computerization). Mel announced the completion of the development of a Contract between USMS and future hosts of National Championships. He complimented the bids for the 1989 National Championships and announced that in 1990 the short course is scheduled for the West and the long course for the Central zones. He concluded by thanking his Committee members for their work during the past year. The Report was MSC with the exception of the budget items.

The Auditor's Report was given by Suzanne Rague. Two audits were performed last year because we had a fiscal year-end and a stub period year-end. The fiscal year, which ended in August, 1986, netted a profit of \$4,000 on revenues of approximately \$86,000. In the Stub Period, which went from September through December, 1986, we had a profit of approximately \$15,000 on revenues of about \$80,000. We had a negative cash flow of about \$11,000 in fiscal 1986 even though we had a profit, primarily because we paid for production of the Calendar but had no revenue in this period. We had a cash flow increase of about \$6,000 in the Stub Period. As Auditor, Suzanne reviews the corporation's financial procedures and guidelines, and the maintenance of financial policies. She reported very positively on all of the above. Suzanne introduced Jo May as the new Auditor. Report MSC.

Ad hoc Coaches Committee Chairman, Judy Meyer, reported her Committee discussed the differences between MACA and the ad hoc Coaches Committee, the ASCA Convention (breakfast meetings proposed, prime time Masters meetings with "name" coaches, clinics), and a booklet on Masters (differences, rules, physiology). Kerry O'Brien is heading up a survey on Nationals and will publish results in Swim Magazine. They also discussed the need for promoting Masters programs at the bottom or local level, future goals and subjects (coaches available to all at Nationals, internships), and marketing techniques (Masters heats at big USS meets, age group vs. Masters relays, videos). Report MSC.

USS Liason, Ted Haartz, reported three opportunities for Masters to participate in USS activities: 1) an affinity credit card agreement with Chase Manhattan VISA that every transaction on a swimming member's card has a rebate of about 25 cents to USS or one of their clubs, 2) an arrangement with United Air Lines for lowest possible rates with some return to USS, 3) Alamo Rental Car has a similar agreement and special rates.

Kathy Casey reported on the Adapted Swimming special committee. The USS Adaptive Committee has discovered they can get their information out through the coaches rather than representatives. Cathy attended this Committee meeting and reported they had excellent handouts from each disabled sports group listing differences between their group and USS, and names of representatives to contact. They are available from Cathy or Gail Dummer. We can service some of these athletes with our program, especially through our age groupings.

Ham Anderson, Historian, reported we registered 25,108 athletes last year. The Short Course Nationals at Stanford were very successful with 2,328 competitors and the Long Course at The Woodlands was also successful with 872 competitors. Ham then described the USMS History Book which is available from Ham for \$10 and is being kept up to date.

Past President Mike Laux spoke on behalf of Ted Haartz and June Krauser, whom he introduced, who are available for advice or consultation by any member.

Tom Boak entertained a number of announcements and recessed the meeting to 9:00 am, Sunday.

The meeting resumed at 9:15 am, Sunday, September 27, 1987. Tina Martin announced that yesterday USS adopted FINA rules for both long course and short course. For Masters, beginning September 1, 1988, prior to our Convention next year, these rules will go into effect (backstroke start-in the water, hands on grips, breaststroke-cannot dip shoulder, fly-cannot dip shoulder, FINA long course start). Our rules exempt us from following FINA starting rules but bind us to changes in all other rules. We need to communicate these changes to our members. Tom Boak asked Tina for implications for Masters (Rule Book references). June Krauser requested Tom to request galley sheet from USS to insure correct references. A definition of the short course start will be necessary. MSC to maintain status quo on rules until next year's Convention.

Tina Martin, presented the Report of the ad hoc Rule Book Committee. Tina noted this was the third attempt to present a Rule Book. The Committee corresponded during the year and made progress extracting rules from the USS Rule Book to arrive at true Masters rules. The task is not yet complete. Many sections need to be referenced to the Rules and Legislation Committees for consideration. MSC to accept Report and continue Committee. Art Smith noted the extraordinary job done by Tina on this monumental task and a round of applause was given her.

Leo Letendre reported on the ad hoc Computerization Committee. The job of this Committee was to find ways to make the job of our volunteers easier. It defined three areas to be considered: 1) automating registration, 2) meet management, and 3) top ten reporting. These areas involve both local and national personnel. A survey was sent out to each LMSC; 50% were returned. The functional specifications were modified from suggestions at this Convention. Three options were seen as available to USMS: 1) acquire/develop a unified system that would handle all 3 operations, 2) contract with 3 specific individuals to acquire programs and development to handle each system separately, 3) to proceed as in (2) but open up a bidding process for all of USMS members. The Committee recommended the first option, realizing this would entail certain commitments. MSC to approve the Report with the exception of calling for bids.

Nancy Ridout, USMS Secretary, reported on the Executive Committee. Performance reviews of USMS personnel were evaluated. A very positive review was given for the USMS Executive Secretary and her contract is in the process of being negotiated. The Committee developed specifications and a bid process for the Registrar position. An ad hoc Registration Software Committee was set up to develop software to automate registration. The Executive Committee reviewed the bids for the Registrar position and recommended acceptance of Enid Uhrich's bid. Committee assignments for the next two years were discussed. During the year, the President polled the Executive Committee concerning a request by MSI for a change of the Australian bid for a monopoly land package and fee increase. A negative vote was cast by USMS but the request was granted. In response to a request from USAS to recommend a delegate to the Masters Technical Committee to be considered at Seoul, it was suggested that it should be a past President. If there are any free trips to the World Championships at Brisbane, a rank order for such trips was recommended: 1st-USMS President, 2nd-MSI delegate, 3rd-any MSI Committee Chairs, 4th-Officers also MSI Committee members, 5th-USMS members who are MSI Committee members, 6th-USMS International Committee Chairman, 7th-raffle for any USMS member(s) as available. The International Committee's role in the upcoming Pan-Pacific Championships should be advisory and they should handle the bidding process for USMS. The MSI Top 20 concept was discussed and evaluated resulting in a negative sentiment. President Tom Boak reported on various meetings he has attended as our USMS representative throughout the year-USAS, Synchronized Swimming, Diving, YMCA. June Krauser was appointed by the President as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame. The wisdom of using the Executive Committee as a means of rules submissions was discussed and it was decided that submission by the Executive Committee implies support and should only be done in extraordinary situations. Gail Dummer's three proposals were ratified, the various parts of the proposed Rule Book submitted to the Executive Committee were referred to the proper Committees for consideration next year. Other topics discussed included timing of elections, need for Sports Medicine brochure, open and closed meetings (Attendance shall be open and affirmative and all

Delegates may attend any meeting of any Committee, except where the Chair has indicated issues of personnel or litigation will be discussed. The Chair will rule as to whether Delegates may participate or observe., workouts and sanctions (sanctions not necessary for workouts, but the insurance company's policies must be followed), coverage of approved meets (official observers will be appointed by the President), USMS medical insurance is in effect at Approved Meets but not liability coverage), a closer relationship with our insurance carrier will be attempted and statistics on claims will be sought, a contingency clause was requested to cover costs of an emergency meeting during the year if necessary, heard report of special computer software committee with representatives all 4 groups working on software, and discussed memorial awards, USMS Newsletter, and approvals of Canadian Nationals, Y Nationals and Sr. Olympics. Discussion of wording for approved meets was referred to Legislation Committee to separate local and national approved meets. Tina Martin opened discussion on the USMS international appointments. She explained the history of the FINA Masters Technical Committee and her view of its future and the work involved; she was against tying it to a particular position in USMS. Gail Dummer thanked Tina for her perspective and her work as FINA representative. She gave the rationale of the Executive Committee that it preferred a previously elected officer of USMS, in this case President, who would be put forth as our representative. She reported on a discussion with Ross Wales of USAS concerning these procedures and the idea of having an elected official be the representative. Jack Geoghegan added that it was the position, not the person, that was thought to best represent Masters Swimming on the international scene. June Krauser noted that in other aquatic disciplines, the FINA representative is elected not appointed, however, because of the work load, it is usually the past president who moves on to these committees, not the present one. It was MSD that now and in the future the House of Delegates elect their international representatives. Art Smith reminded us that to add this to the Code would require a 90% approval. It did not receive the necessary 90%. Tom Boak summed up the discussion and asked for a sense of the House of Delegates as a recommendation. Gail Dummer asked for nominations for the appointment as FINA representative. Those entered in nomination were Tina Martin, June Krauser, Tom Boak and Mike Laux. Mike and June withdrew their nominations. Jack Geoghegan requested a written secret ballot and that it be tabulated by the Convention Committee. The roll was called by Secretary Nancy Ridout and ballots deposited as called. Tina Martin was appointed and congratulated by Tom Boak. Questions on insurance coverage were discussed. Art Mayer requested insurance information be listed in the USMS Information Packet. Travel to Australia was discussed. Jet-Set Tours has effectively monopolized the land package for Australia, and it is recommended that people use a company with a relationship with them, but we are free to choose another if we wish. The three we know of will be published in the next USMS Newsletter. Mike Laux was appointed by Tom Boak to head an ad hoc Committee on Insurance (suggested by the Finance Committee). The Report was amended by the Secretary to relate that during the year we had been approached by a travel agency regarding official recognition for the Australia trip. They were allowed an official agent status. After feedback from other agencies wishing to be involved, a meeting was held during the Convention to handle this issue. The Executive Committee Report was MSC.

Registrar's position. Both the Registration and the Executive Committees reviewed the 7 bids received and recommended approval of Enid Uhrich. MSC to accept the bid of Enid Uhrich. Enid will be contacted as to working relations with the local LMSC's and the monetary amounts in her bid will be negotiated.

MSC that the results of the Canadian Nationals, the YNCA Nationals and the Sr. Olympics be approved for inclusion in our Top Ten and Records for 1987.

International Committee Chairman, Kevin Kelly, reported a few key points: 1) World Masters Games are being rescheduled for Denmark to July 23-August 5, 1989, with 34 different sports participating, 2) recommended Indianapolis as the US bid for the Pan Pacific Games in 1989 (2 bidders, Indianapolis and Mission Bay), 3) a sub-committee will develop a formal procedure advertise, to accept and qualify bids for future international meets, 4) define future working relationships with travel agencies, evaluating free trip policies and initiating proposals, 5) in regards to the Speedo Top 20, to continue to submit a Top 10, and to communicate this to MSI. MSC to accept report with the exception of the Pan Pacific venue. It was reported that water polo will be included in the Pan Pacific Games. The Water Polo Committee announced a 35+ tournament to include 5 minute quarters, 2 time-outs, and mixed teams. A question as to who decides the site of the World Games was answered that this event is a private enterprise. It was further noted that the time block for swimming competition in the 1989 World Games is not yet decided. MSC to offer Indianapolis as the US bid for the 1989 Pan Pacific Championships, between October 1 and December 1, 1989, competing short course meters in the UIPUI main pool.

Computerization. Gail Dummer gave a brief report of the history of the computerization issue. Three areas clearly need this function: registration, meet management and top ten. Walt Reid was contacted by the Executive Committee to chair a sub-committee to develop specifications for a registration program. This was done and the program of Michael Boorstein, now in use by Pacific (4 years), Gulf (1 year) and others was selected with additional enhancements to be added. The present ad hoc Committee would continue to develop the specs and the follow-up would be done to ensure the program does what it purports. It would be in place before next year's convention. The National Registrar would have to enhance her use of the program through dBase III for her specific needs. Walt Reid has been developing a top ten program for 3 years and is now experimenting with input through disks and is hopeful that within the year this could be available to LMSC's with sufficient documentation. The Championship Committee does have a Meet Management program that could be modified to local use (seeding). Interfacing would be mandatory. The other recommendation is that of the Computerization Committee, specifically, a unified system, built from scratch and a single source, to accommodate all three areas. The Committee thinks this could be done within the specified period of time. Our choice was to select which path to take. The proposal of the ad hoc Committee on Computerization was MSD. The motion to accept the recommendation of the Registration and Executive Committees to adopt the Registration software program was MSC.

Finance Committee Chairman, Lucy Johnson, amended her report due to the last vote, and requested the Report be approved with the exception of pulled items: 4030, 5530, 5270, 5810, 5820, 1561, 5860. The Report was MSC with these exceptions. 4030 (LMSC

registration fee)-MSC. 5270 (Championship Comm. visits)-Committee would like both visits for next year paid by USMS as courtesy. MSC to add additional \$1000 to 5270 to cover both Championship Committee site visits. At this point the House moved to a new room and reconvened shortly with item 5530 (Sports Medicine brochure). This Committee didn't request funding for its publications. Mike Laux suggested removing \$1000 from Miscellaneous (anticipated for Championship visits) to Sports Medicine and add only \$450 to new budget-MSC. Item 5810 (grant expenditures, originally secured by Kevin Kelly for international travel) MSC. 5820 (Hall of Fame contribution -\$.05/swimmer donation for maintenance assistance) discussed-MSC. 5860 (Swim-Master subscriptions) objection withdrawn, item MSC. 1561 (Computerization Committee software development) discussed. A capital expenditure of \$1000 for the purchase of dBase was requested-MSC. The final budget is now: overall expenses budget \$215,295, the total cash expenses to \$212,195, and cash flow funding to minus \$22,820. MSC. Art Smith reported that his Committee has reviewed the request of the Finance Committee that the Comptroller be a member of the Board of Directors. The request was amended to include the House of Delegates, requiring an amendment to the Code, and a 90% approval. This request, as amended was MSC by 90%.

Tom Boak thanked Bill Lotz and the Georgia Masters for all their efforts for this Convention and Bill Tingley and his Committee for their efforts in the organizational aspects of much of our Convention. Bill reported that we had received use of the Georgia St. University pool for \$1, and the use of two computers at no cost, as a result of the efforts of the Georgia Masters. Our part of next year's Convention starts on October 19th and runs through the 23rd, in St. Louis. Tom Boak thanked the Delegates for all their hard work at this Convention.

MSI Report in writing-MSC.

Old Business. Should registration cards be kept for medical brochure? No, just include them when received.

New Business. Rich Burns asked about using new image project with medals as a result of much discussion concerning the medals. Tom Boak proposed Championship and Marketing review the medals and patches and report to next year's Convention on any proposals for a new design - MSC. Therese Walsh asked as to when new Committee assignments will be published - 30 to 60 days. A question was asked as to a policy of one person to one committee. Tom replied that there was no positive policy in that regard but that he would make every effort to limit the number of committees any person would serve on but that he was limited by zone restrictions; he would also consider the number of constituents around the country when making up committees. Pat Maley asked that surveys be returned. The House approved the Minutes of the 1986 USMS Convention. MSC to adjourn. 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met on 9/27/87 at 1:10 pm to approve the actions of the House of Delegates during the 1987 USMS Convention. MSC. The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm.

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