

USMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETINGS

Orlando, Florida

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1996

President Mel Goldstein called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.. Secretary Suzanne Rague called the roll of certified delegates. 165 of the 193 certified delegates were present (see attached roster).

Mel Goldstein reviewed the process for selecting a new Executive Secretary, and announced that Tracy Grilli has been selected.

Championship committee Chair Sandi Rousseau introduced the bidders for the 1998 Short Course Nationals: Arizona, Hawaii, Indiana, and Tennessee, and for the 1998 Long Course Nationals : Ft. Lauderdale and Hawaii. Each bidder made a presentation. A vote of the House was taken and the meets were awarded to Indianapolis and Ft. Lauderdale.

Hill Carrow announced the winner of South Carolina's "National Meet Award," which was given to Ted Haartz in recognition of his contribution in officiating at championship meets.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:24 P.M. MSC.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1996

President Mel Goldstein called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Secretary Suzanne Rague called the roll of certified delegates. 164 of the 193 certified delegates were present. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 1995 House of Delegates meeting. Motion seconded and carried (MSC). Mel Goldstein acknowledged the special contributions of the winners of the Presidential Service award. He then called for the reports of the committees. He indicated that committee chairs would not read their reports, which had been distributed to all members, but would only highlight important items and action items. Motions to accept each committee's report as presented were made, seconded, and carried except as noted.

CHAMPIONSHIP, Sandi Rousseau. Sandi recognized the directors of the 1996 championship meets.

COACHES, Michael Collins. Judy Bonning presented the 1996 Coach-of-the-Year award to Mo Chambers.

CONVENTION, Michael Heather.

FITNESS, Joe Tesmer.

INSURANCE, Colleen Driscoll.

INTERNATIONAL, Paul Windrath.

LEGISLATION, Bill Earley.

LONG DISTANCE, Sally Dillon.

OFFICIALS, Hugh Moore.

MARKETING, Nancy Ridout. This presentation included a fashion show including USMS merchandise developed with Kast-A-Way. Nancy encouraged use of USMS-sponsored programs which generate revenues for USMS.

PLANNING, Nancy Miller.

RECORDS AND TABULATION, Walt Reid

REGISTRATION, Babs Larson.

RULE BOOK, Meg Smath. Meg presented the cover design for the 1997 USMS Rulebook.

SPORTS MEDICINE, HEALTH & SAFETY, Jim Miller.

ZONE, Stephanie Walsh. Stephanie discussed the proposed procedure for electing officers in 1997, including the ideas of having a meet-the-candidate session on Wednesday evening. This idea met with approval.

AD HOC COMPUTER ON-LINE,

AD HOC RECOGNITION & AWARDS, Mary Lee Watson.

AD HOC SAFETY EDUCATION, Forrest Sullivan.

HISTORIAN, Joan Smith.

LEGAL COUNSEL, Jack Geoghegan. Mel announced that Jack will be stepping down as Legal Counsel. The House expressed their thanks to Jack for his service to USMS.

FINA LIAISON/ISHOF, June Krauser announced that Tim Garton and Gail Roper were being inducted into the ISHOF as Masters swimmers.

MSI LIAISON, Mel Goldstein.

USS LIAISON, Ted Haartz.

YMCA LIAISON, Mel Goldstein.

SWIM MAGAZINE, Scott Rabalais announced that the Newsletter-of-the-Year Award was presented to Tom Lyndon, editor of the New England Masters Newsletter.

Mel announced that the meeting was recessed at 11:22 A.M., and then reconvened at 1:10 P.M. A ceremony was held to recognize Dorothy Donnelly ^{and} her contributions as Executive Secretary.

RULES, Tom Boak.

A motion was made to all approve all rule proposals approved by the committee, except R10, R53, and R60. MSC. R 10 and 53 were defeated.

R60 A motion was made to approve as follows: "103.2.3 B. For backstroke starts, the starter may give the command "Place your feet" after the Referee's whistle." MSC.

A motion was made to approve the proposals approved as amended by the Committee, except R8, R11, R38, and R40. MSC

R8. A motion was made to approve as follows: "102.1.1 Swimmers 19 years of age and over may register with USMS. If an individual who has not achieved the age of 19 applies to register with USMS, the registration date shall be the individual's 19th birth date. MSC.

R11. A motion was made to approve as follows: "102.5 EVENTS - The following events may be conducted for each age group. It is not necessary to conduct all events in each meet. For long distance events, see Article 302.2." MSC.

R38. A motion was made to approve as follows: "104.5.4D.5 The Meet Host shall not be required to refund overpayments of \$10 or less. Any overpayments greater than \$10 may be subject to a processing fee of up to \$10. MSC.

R40 A motion was made to approve as follows: "104.5.5A4. The 400 meter/500 yard freestyle events shall be deck seeded by age group with the oldest age group first, slowest heats seeded first within each age group. 5. The 400 yd/mtr IM, 800/1500 mtr and 1000/1650 yd freestyle events shall be deck seeded by one of the following methods: (a) by entry time only, (b) by age group, the oldest age group first, slowest heats seeded first within each age group then by time, or (c) by a combination of (a) and (b). The USMS Championship Committee shall make all seeding decisions." Renumber following sections. MSC.

A motion was made to disapprove all proposals rejected by the committee, except R29. MSC.

R29 Motion was made to approve as follows: "104.5.2B1 In odd-numbered years, men's events shall be odd-numbered; in even-numbered years, men's events shall be even-numbered." MSC.

A motion was made to approve R25. MSC.

Motions were made to disapprove USS Rules US1 and US4. MSC.

CONTROLLER, Roy Abramowitz.

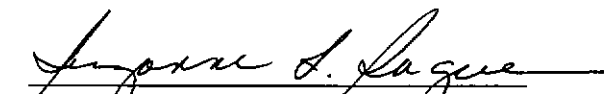
INTERNAL AUDIT, Jeanne Ensign.

FINANCE, Jeanne Ensign. A motion was made to retain September 1 as the date on which USMS membership dues are reduced. MSC. A motion was made to increase Club dues from \$10 to \$20. MSC. A motion was made to accept all line items in the 1997 budget. MSC. A motion was made to accept FOG as amended. MSC.

Mel congratulated all Committee Chairs and members for all their hard work during the year. He mentioned the sites for future conventions: September 23-28, 1997 -- Burlingame; 1998 - Cincinnati; 1999 -- San Diego.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the House of Delegates at 4:35 P.M. MSC.

Respectfully submitted,


Suzanne Rague, Secretary