

USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: International Session # (if more than one meeting): 2 Cmte. report #: **23**

Minutes recorded by: Mary Pohlmann Date/time of this meeting: Saturday, September 17, 2005, 9:30-10:45

ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED EXPENDITURES- None

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- 1. MSA: USMS needs to immediately contact all USMS swimmers regarding possible consequences of participating in the 2005 All Americas LatyCar competition.**
- 2. MSA: USMS should contact the organizers of LatyCar to obtain the names and contact information for all USMS swimmers entered in the competition in order to notify them of their risk of sanction if they do not withdraw from this competition.**

Committee Chair: Sandi Rousseau Vice Chair(s): Myriam Pero

Number of committee members present: 16 Absent: 7 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 82

Committee members present: Sandi Rousseau, Myriam Pero, Mary Pohlmann, June Krauser, Walt Reid, Peggy Buchannan, Shannon Sullivan, Kim Crouch, Nancy Miller, Anthony Thompson, Mark Gill, Michael Moore, Sean Fitzgerald, Karol Welling, Jacki Hirsty, Laura Winslow

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 9:33 am

1. Roll and introductions
2. Michael Moore introduced the LOC for XI FINA Masters World Championships and named the coordinators for the other swimming sports included in the Championships. The event is scheduled August 1-17th with competition starting August 4th. The red meet brochure contains the schedule of events and qualifying times. Two 50 meter pools will be used with men competing in one pool and women in another, switching pools every other day. An individual may enter a maximum of five swimming events and no more than two events per day. There is a separate relay day. You can swim a maximum of three relays. Diving and synchronized swimming will be held at the Avery Aquatic Center. Water polo will be held in outlying pools, with finals at the Avery Aquatic Center. Open water swim competition will be 3 km and held at Robert Crown State Beach on San Francisco Bay.

Michael explained the FINA organization. The FINA Masters Committee will be meeting at Stanford Nov 4-6th. They provide the oversight for the meet. The FINA Congress will be held August 3rd, 2006 (the day before the start of the competition).

Hotel information was addressed by Anne Cribbs. Room requests for more than 20 rooms should go through Shannon Sullivan. Book your hotel rooms soon. Parking arrangements and limited shuttle service are being arranged.

There will be a Sports Medicine Conference to address issues concerning the aging athlete. Twelve to fifteen speakers and panels are being planned.

Tours of the San Francisco area are also being planned. Many social events will be available. The ISHOF Dinner will be held on August 6th. An ice cream social and trading events are planned, as well as several eating and dining opportunities and a separate Alcatraz open water swim.

Anne Cribbs announced that Speedo will be the primary sponsor. Other vendors are being invited, but they cannot sell swim apparel. Speedo will have a line of licensed merchandise products to sell.

Officials and volunteers are needed. Several sponsorship levels are available to individuals. Patron Sponsor membership for \$2500 includes parking pass, social events, entry fees, special events and merchandise, including a Speedo Fastskin swimsuit. Other sponsor levels are Friend for \$500 and Seal for \$100.

We were encouraged to spread the word about FINA Masters Worlds among our LMSCs and clubs. We need full participation by USMS swimmers. Entrants must be a member of a registered club. Unattached swimmers cannot enter. Qualifying times must be achieved at the meet in order to be listed in the meet results. You cannot enter NT and the time you enter must be the same or better than the qualifying time. No proof of qualifying time is necessary.

www.2006FINAMasters.org is the official website.

Questions from the delegates present were entertained and the detailed FINA World Masters Championship meet booklet was distributed to those present.

3. Sandi explained that Dale Neuberger, President of USAS, has given Jim Miller a directive to inform our membership that any USMS swimmer who swims at the All Americas LalyCar competition in Brazil in October 2005 may risk being suspended from FINA competitions for a minimum period of one year. Swimmers throughout the world run the risk of being ineligible for FINA Masters Worlds in Stanford.

The committee isn't happy with this turn of events, but feels we must safeguard our membership. We don't really have enough information regarding the reasons for this directive. The committee is greatly concerned for the athletes regarding the timing of this and the implications that it has for our swimmers and other members of the Masters swimming world community. We need real facts and recommend that the appropriate members of the USMS leadership request clarification of the situation.

MSA: USMS needs to immediately contact all USMS swimmers regarding possible consequences of participating in the 2005 All Americas LalyCar competition.

MSA: USMS should contact the organizers of LalyCar to obtain the names and contact information for all USMS swimmers entered in the competition in order to notify them of their risk of sanction if they do not withdraw from this competition.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22:

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