

1999 Legal Counselors Committee Minutes

September 16, 1999

Action Items

*** A "Want Ad" for USMS member-lawyers will be created and distributed nationally.

*** The Committee will research and recommend appropriate action on a privacy policy for the organization.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 8 Number of committee members absent: 4

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 12

Attach the roll to the minutes that are given to the Secretary.

Minutes

Minutes should follow the order of the committee's agenda.

- I. **Welcome and Introduction of Members**
- II. **Old Business:**

USMS still would like to develop an informal directory of swimmer-members with legal expertise so that the organization can tap these talents when needed as various legal issues arise. **The Committee unanimously determined that it would create an "advertisement" that each LMSC could place in its newsletter or the National Office could place in Streamlines asking these swimmers to identify themselves in order to create such a directory.**
- III. **New Business:**
 - A. Y2K: The organization's preparation for Y2K was discussed. Legal Counsel will follow up with our financial institutions and National Office.
 - B. On-Line Registration for Membership and National Championships. The Committee discussed these issues at length. Our insurance representative, Sandi Blumit, attended and provided our insurers' perspective. While the law is evolving, at this time a hard copy of the liability release will need to be signed by swimmers who seek membership in USMS and swimmers who want to enter our national championships. Championship and Computer On-Line have been apprised of this and will develop the procedural mechanism to obtain such signatures. Legal Counsel will work with those committees on the necessary language and procedures.
 - C. Review of ByLaws Discussion in LMSC Handbook: This section of the LMSC Handbook was reviewed. The Committee determined that this discussion should not be expanded at this time.
 - D. Privacy Issues/Policy: The Committee discussed at length privacy issues implicated by

publication on the USMS website of personal information. There are various resources available regarding suggested standards for internet privacy. **The Committee will research this issue and pursue the drafting of a privacy policy for the organization.**

- E. Miscellaneous Issues: The Committee discussed USA Swimming's use of its lawyers on an LMSC Review Committee and fielded questions regarding alleged discrimination against non-citizens.

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

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