

United States Masters Swimming  
Officials Committee  
Meeting October 1, 1998

**Action Items:**

- To review in 1999, the certification of those organizations that certify meet officials for USMS meets.
- Sanction form in the LMSC policy book to list the one certified official.
- Recommend to Executive Committee that George Ways be appointed to the FINA Officials List #3.
- To establish a policy "That one member of the Officials Committee be at National Championships to advise and observe during the Championship and participate in all Officials meetings.

**Agenda**

The Committee was introduced. The chair reported the swimming organizations that are currently approved to certify officials for USMS meets. They are:

United States Swimming  
YMCA  
National High School Federation  
San Diego Imperial LMSC

The committee discussed the criteria used by those bodies. The committee recommends to the House that all certifying organizations are reviewed in 1999 and that the organizations be reviews regularly.

The Chair appointed Eric Nordlund to review the National Federation of High Schools to compare the rule differences between USMS and NFHS. The Chair appointed Barney Hungerford to compare the YMCA and USMS rule differences.

The consensus of the committee was that once the rule differences were identified that the major differences be published in the USMS Rule Book.

Judy Gilles wrote a test that reviewed the rule differences between USS and USMS. The committee reviewed the test and no action was taken.

There was a discussion whether USS allows deck officials working at a USMS meet to receive USS credit. The consensus was that this was a local LSC option. The chair will contact all LSC Officials chairmen to find out which LSCs grant USS credit for USMS meets.

There was a discussion of the 1998 FINA rules changes. The consensus was that there have been few problems with the implementation of the new rules.

After a lengthy discussion the committee decided to table the USMS certification program.

There was a discussion of the USMS officiating requirements. The committee wanted to insure that each event had at least one certified official on deck. There was a motion and second that the Sanction form in the LMSC handbook had a space for the one certified official's name, address and phone number.

The officials committee recommends to the Executive Committee that George Ways of Georgia be added to the FINA Officials List #3.

Michael Lemke will revitalize the Officials Newsletter. The newsletter will be sent to the committee, the Chairman and Officials Chairman of each LMSC

Motion and second to recess to Friday afternoon at 12:45, room 209.

Reviewed rule proposals # R19, R24, R38, R45, R46, R50 and Rule Committee R55. Motion was made to approve and report out favorably.

There was a discussion concerning assisting the Championship Committee by supplying one member of the Officials Committee to advise and observe during the Championship and participate in all Officials meetings. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Michael Moore was appointed to assist at the Santa Clara National Championships and Ted Haartz was appointed to the Minnesota National Championships if the USMS National Championship Committee accepts the Officials Committee motion.

Brief discussion of local problems that affect Officials.