

Report of the Ad Hoc Rule Book Committee.

1. The Committee met on September 18 at 4:00 p.m. Observers were in attendance and asked to participate in the discussions. Members of the Committee present were: Tina Martin, Chairman, Art Smith III, June Krauser, Gail Dummer, Chris Georges, Dave Gray, Nick Fazzano, Mel Goldstein, Bill Barthold, Dorothy Donnelly, Tom Boak, Tom Lyndon, Nancy Ridout, Kevin Kelly, Mike Laux, Jack Geoghagen, Dore Schwab, Mary Lee Watson, Ted Haartz.
2. The chairman reviewed the work of the Committee for the past year. A series of refined versions of the extraction of USMS Rules from Articles 101 and 102 of the USS Rule Book had been presented over the past several months to various members of the Committee for review, comment and correction. A further "cleaned-up" version, without those items to be deleted, with housekeeping changes made, was presented to the Committee as an example of the size of the project and to provide the next step in the preparation phase.
3. A general discussion was held regarding the Committee's sense of the need for such a project, the legislative requirements for adoption of the contents of USMS Rules and Regulations in a new format, possible marketing strategies, budget requirements, time line, relationship with USS, and other general concerns.
4. There followed a working session where the latest version was corrected and clarified and a general table of contents agreed upon. The Committee agreed upon items to be submitted to the House of Delegates.

The Ad Hoc Rule Book Committee agrees upon the need for the project and therefore requests the direction and approval of the USMS House of Delegates to do the following:

- a) develop a final table of contents for a USMS Handbook;
- b) work with the Marketing and Publications Committee to develop prices and procedures for soliciting advertising for the Handbook and to prepare a marketing strategy;
- c) solicit bids for printing and producing the Handbook;
- d) work with Long Distance Swimming to ensure that their rules for Masters Long Distance Swimming be included;
- e) choose a reference numbering system for the Rules and Regulations; that the numbering system be imposed upon the final working version of Articles 101 and 102, and Appendix 7 "Masters Swimming Rules".
- f) mail to the Committee and all members of the Rules and Legislation Committees the final, renumbered working version no later than February 1, 1988;
- g) direct the Rules and Legislation Committee to work with the documents for further refinement in preparation for submission as proposed Rules and/or Legislation amendments under the Rules of USMS and according to the time schedule now required;
- h) that the adopted version of the Handbook be prepared for submission to a printer according to the schedule required in order to have a Handbook ready for distribution no later than January 15, 1988.

Respectfully submitted:


Tina Martin, Chairman