

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Mollie Grover		
Minutes recorded by:	Julie Dusliere	Date/time of meeting:	2 Feb 2021 / 7:00 PM ET

Actions Taken:

1. n/a

Number of committee members present: # 13	Absent: # 0	Guests: # 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Carolyn Boak, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dusliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Mollie Grover (Chair), Ian King, Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Mark Marshfield, Barbara Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
Not present: n/a		
Ex Officio present: Bill Brenner (USMS National Office), Chris Colburn (VP of Administration), Charles Cockrell (USMS Legislation Committee), Steve Hall (USMS National Office), Terri White (USMS Officials Committee)		
Guests: n/a		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm ET.

Mollie welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the committee members for their service. Clair Letendre will send out Doodle pools for scheduling meetings and the meeting agendas. Julie Dusliere will serve as committee secretary. Christina Fox will lead compilation of the rules package for the House of Delegates. Mollie shared that her goal is to have everyone involved in committee projects this year.

The committee held a brief discussion around the omnibus legislation project that began in 2021, and opportunity to work collaboratively with Legislation and other committees throughout the year on this project and others.

Review Survey Results

1. Mollie thanked the committee for completing the 10-question survey and noted that it is available in the Dropbox. The committee reviewed the survey comments and possible projects for the year.
 - a. Consensus on the need for organization and clarity of rules – i.e. making sure that the rules make sense – and ensuring that the rulebook is easy to navigate.
 - b. Potential project for sub-group of the committee this year to work with History & Archives to digitize old rulebooks.
 - c. Opportunity to propose FINA rule changes this year based on the timing of the upcoming FINA Congress in 2022.
 - d. Opportunity to work with Chris Colburn regarding Board of Directors agenda items that may require input from Rules Committee.
 - i. The committee briefly discussed the recent announcement regarding the date changes to 2021 Nationals and whether the Rules committee would be required to suspend rule 104.1.
 - ii. UA subsequent discussion ensued around Top 10 and the intent of Records & Tabulation regarding any necessary rule suspension that might be needed in 2021.
 - e. The committee will use the Zoom platform for meetings and will continue to use Dropbox for document sharing.
 - f. Brief discussion around convention, potential plans for 2021, and the benefits of in-person discussion and interaction.

Meets & Events

1. The committee members briefly shared current status of meets and events around the country.
2. Mollie shared that USMS National Office sent out quite a bit of information last week regarding meets and hosting competitions.

Meeting Norms & Expectations

1. Mollie presented some meeting tips for Zoom platform and virtual environment. She also encouraged all committee members to speak up and share their thoughts during meetings.

Other / Wrap-up

1. The committee held a brief discussion about summer scheduling and preferences for set meetings.
2. Any committee members with thoughts regarding committee work and projects should share those with Mollie.

M/S (Carolyn/Ian) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm ET.