

## USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: CHAMPIONSHIP

Session #: 1

Agenda item #: 19

### ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **MSA-The committee will submit Rules proposals R#17, R#18, & R#19 to the Rules Committee.**
- 2) **MSA- The committee approved an early check-in policy and the use of heats sheets for Days 2-4 at 2003 SC Nationals in Tempe.**
- 3) **MSA- Submitted logos for the 2003 SC & LC Nationals were approved by the committee.**
- 4) **MSA-The committee voted to submit to the Rules Committee a new rules proposal regarding alternating men's and women's heats for distance events .**

Committee Chair: Barry Fasbender

Vice Chair: Jerry Clark

Number of committee members present: 18      Absent:1      Total delegates attending this meeting: 47  
Committee Members present: Lisa Watson (Recorder), Jeff Roddin, Michael Moore, Jerry Clark, Diane Stowell, Sally Maddox, Debbie Cavanaugh, Barbara Protzman, Gordon Gillin, Errol Graham, Sandi Rousseau, Jim Matysek, Carolyn Boak, Mark Gill, Mel Goldstein, Don Baker, Doug Church, Chair Barry Fasbender.

### MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: 1:15 PM

1. **MSA-The committee will submit Rules proposals R#17, R#18, & R#19 to the Rules Committee.** Prior to the Convention, the Championship Committee had numerous email discussions about possible methods of shortening the length of each day at Nationals and voted to submit the following rules proposals to the Rules Committee: R#17, which may require swimmers to meet NQT's for the 1500; R#18, which would increase the meet surcharge for LC meets that go 5 days; and R#19, which allows men and women to be seeded together for any event 800 meters and over. The Championship Committee prefers R#18 & R#19 over R#17, since that proposal may require swimmers to make an NQT in the 1500.
2. Awards and plans- for the 2003 National Championships were reviewed. **MSA- The committee approved an early check-in policy and the use of heat sheets for Days 2-4 at 2003 SC Nationals in Tempe. MSA- Submitted logos for the 2003 SC & LC Nationals were approved by the committee.** A 5 day proposed order of events schedule for 2003 LC Nationals at Rutgers was discussed and tabled until a later meeting.
3. New Projects-The committee discussed new projects and ways to improve things for future national championships. One item regarded a change in Meet Manager results on the Hy-Tek website. This results can now be listed without putting down swimmers' birthdates, to better insure privacy. Also discussed was the Officials Committee agreement with USA Swimming for National Championships. Carolyn Boak volunteered to write up procedure guidelines and work with USA & USMS Officials regarding this matter. Michael Moore volunteered to assist Carolyn.
4. New Business- 2 items were discussed. Mel Goldstein suggested that instead of providing split books at Nationals, the meet hosts can instead provide computer access for swimmers to get their splits. **MSA-The committee voted to submit to the Rules Committee a new rules proposal regarding alternating men's and women's heats for distance events.** Rationale for this proposal is that it would provide another option for the Championship Committee and allow them to delay a decision on the seeding of men and women together in distance events until entries are received and a timeline is generated for the meet.
5. Block #1 Topic-the committee address the 3 questions issued at the Block#1 Meeting. Responses to Question #1 (Role of Competition in Masters) included – motivation, goal setting, providing a competitive exciting atmosphere, promoting health & fitness through training for competition, and FUN! Responses to Question #2 ( How to make USMS more user-friendly) included- use of the Internet, having check-in in a convenient uncongested area, & getting fe-edback from new LMSC members. Responses to Question #3 (How to Improve the Championship Experience at all levels of competition) included- be willing to try new things, combine with open water events, & FUN!
6. Extra Meeting Scheduled- due to lack of time, an additional Championship Committee meeting was scheduled for 9 PM Thursday, Sept 12.

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 2:30 PM

## TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. This will be discussed at the next meeting.