

USMS CONVENTION – San Diego, CA – 2003

Committee Name: Rules

Session # (if more than one meeting): 2

Cmte. report #: 28

Minutes recorded by: Kris Wingenroth

Date/time of this meeting: September 13, 2003 8:00 AM

ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

MSA to include a line item of \$600 to send the a member of the USMS Rules Committee to the USA-Swimming annual rules committee meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Present to the HOD the recommendations of the Rules Committee. (See Attached.)
2. Present to the HOD the following motion:
For the purpose of certifying a course for use in USMS competitions, pools measured prior to January 1, 2003 in accordance with the USMS policy applicable prior to that date shall be considered certified until such time as structural modifications are made that may affect the length of the course

Committee Chair: Leo Letendre

Vice Chair(s): Kathy Casey

Number of committee members present: 15 Absent: 2 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 21

Committee members present (list all): Tom Boak, Peggy Buchannan, Kathy Casey, Charlie Cockrell, David Diehl, Judy Gilles, Janet Kavadas, June Krauser, Joseph Kurtzman, Leo Letendre, Dennis McManus, Michael Moore, Jessica Seaton, William Tingley, Kris Wingenroth

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 8:00 AM

1. A discussion of the appeals sent to the committee chair over the last year was held. Only one was received although numerous interpretations were requested.
2. USMS executed a reciprocal agreement with USA-Swimming last year to place a member of each Rules Committee as an ex-officio member of the other's committee. A discussion was held as to the importance of attending the USA-Swimming Rules Committee meeting that is held to discuss the proposed rules changes. Based upon the experience of the respective Officials Committees over the last several years, it was MSA to request a budget item to fund the member to attend the meeting.
3. As specified during the January teleconference of the rules committee, a motion concerning the grandfathering of pool measurements made prior to January 1, 2003 was presented. The purpose of the motion is to allow the HOD to determine if we should grandfather these pools. The motion does not intend to allow pools that were measured prior to January 1, 2003 and that were determined to be short to now be acceptable. Only pools whose measurements indicated that the pool is long enough would continue to be acceptable. The differences between the requirements are shown below:

Specification	Prior to Jan 1, 2003	After Jan 1, 2003
Number of Lanes measured	3	All
Acceptable Tapes	Steel or Fiberglass	Steel

Much debate was held over the merits of grandfathering. The committee recommended by a 9 to 5 vote to recommend acceptance of the motion.

4. A discussion of the experience over the past year with respect to pool measurements was held. The experience was varied. At least three cases of bulkhead pools not being measured prior to their use with subsequent realization that the bulkhead was misplaced were received by the chair during the year. Based upon the collective experience, it was MSA that the Rules Committee form a sub-committee to work with those responsible for the LMSC handbook (Records and Tabulations, Publications and Legislation) to modify the directions with respect to pool measurements to reflect our experiences. Kathy, Kris and Charlie volunteered to act as the committee.
5. A discussion of the acceptability of results from non-USMS meets with respect to the measurement of the course was held. The committee MSA a motion that "All meets held in the United States must meet the

course measurement documentation requirements. Meets held outside the United States under sanction of other FINA members shall not be subject to the course measurement documentation requirement.

The meeting was recessed at: 9:05 AM (a subsequent meeting to consider USA-Swimming rules changes will be conducted and the results presented to the HOD.)

TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Accept and report proposed changes to Part 1
2. Establish a relationship with the USA-Swimming Rules Committee
3. Assist the publication of the LMSC handbook to reflect ongoing experience with course measurements.