

USMS Convention — Garden Grove, California 2013

Committee Name:	Rules	Session #:	1	Report #	15
Committee Chair:	Kathy Casey	Vice Chair:	Leianne Crittenden, Matt Hooper		
Minutes recorded by:	Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting:	9/12/13 12:30 pm		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. MSA to recommend U 1 to the HOD.
2. MSA to recommend U 2 to the HOD.
3. MSA to recommend U 3 to the HOD.
4. MSA to recommend U 4 to the HOD.
5. MSA to recommend U 5 to the HOD.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve 2014 budget including \$500 for rule books to take to Nationals.
2. MSA to consider L60 as an indivisible package.

Number of committee members present: 13

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present:

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathy Casey, Chair; Leianne Crittenden, Co-Vice Chair; Matt Hooper, Co-Vice Chair; Kris Wingenroth, Secretary; Carolyn Boak, Barry Fasbender, Marilyn Fink, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Brian Hoyt, Catherine Kohn, Steve Unruh, Rand Vaillancourt

Ex-Officio: Susan Ehringer, Rule Book Coordinator; Sean Fitzgerald, Legislation Committee Chair; Mike Heather, Executive Committee; Ed Saltzman, Officials Committee Chair

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

1. MSA to approve 2014 budget, including \$500 for rule books to take to Nationals. (Boak, Fasbender) unanimous
2. Committee considered whether to accept a proposed legislation amendment (L60) that also falls under the jurisdiction of the Rules Committee due to the first sentence on p. 1, as an indivisible package. The Legislation Committee has not discussed it yet. This proposal recommends changing the effective date for rules from Jan.1 to March 1. The rationale is that rule books may not be in the hands of officials yet. USA-S uses May 1st for their effective date. Two rules are impacted: p. 1, Part 1, first sentence, and 601.5 p. 105 (L 60). There will be two votes: one to recommend as an indivisible package, a second vote on whether to recommend the change. Motion to approve putting L60 forward as an indivisible package (Fasbender, Crittenden). Discussion: Leo: rules and regulations dates do not need nor should they be, tied together. Ehrington: the new rule book is on-line by Jan. 1. Boak: it would be confusing to have separate dates Boak: called the question, MSA to call the question.

MSA the motion to consider L60 as an indivisible package. (Crittenden, Hooper) unanimous

The other article that would be changed if L 60 passes is on p.1, Part 1, which states that "Swimming Rules, unless otherwise specified, are effective beginning January 1, 2013." That would change to "effective beginning March 1, 2014." Discussion showed concern over having people swim under two sets of rules during short course season. It was clarified that Jan. 1 is the start date for top ten times for short course meets. It was also felt that if getting rulebooks published by Jan. 1 was a problem, we should deal with that. The book is available on-line by Jan. 1 and changes are e-mailed out to officials. Moving the date to March does not give swimmers enough time to be ready for a new rule for the big meets. Some officials complain about not having the book by Jan. 1. Ehringer, deadlines to the Committees could be bumped earlier if we wanted to have the Rule book ready earlier. We have in our USA differences document that our rules change on different dates. Judy Gillies called the question.

MSF the motion is to recommend this indivisible package for approval to the House of Delegates (change date to Mar. 1).
Not approved (unanimous against)

3. Our Kids Initiative meeting. Carolyn Boak represented the USMS Rules Committee at the meeting. Carolyn reported about the meeting.

She reported that an interesting rule change by the NFHS (high school) allows the swimmer during breaststroke to take one dolphin kick at the start and turn at any time rather than after the hands separate.

3. USA Swimming proposed amendments. Amendments to USA Swimming articles 101, 102, and 105 are automatically adopted by USMS unless the USMS HOD votes to reject those amendments.

U 1 Motion to approve U 1 (Crittenden, Hooper) (Housekeeping) which was an error by not including the reference to Figure 2. MSA to recommend U 1 to the HOD. (unanimous)

U 2 Motion to approve U 2 (Crittenden, Hooper) USA is recommending the name change from Administrative Referee to Administrative Official. MSA to recommend acceptance of U 2 to the HOD. Unanimous

U 3 Motion to approve U 3 (Crittenden, Hooper) This is not automatically adopted by USMS because it deals with facilities. USA-S has researched this and found that it is against state law in every state to turn off the pool circulation. MSA to recommend acceptance of U 3 to the HOD. Unanimous

4. FINA Technical rule changes that will be inserted by USA Swimming.

U 4 Motion to approve U 4 (Crittenden, Hooper) For backstroke, FINA is removing the words “at the finish” where a swimmer is allowed to be completely underwater. At the finish actually means “at the touch,” the swimmer can be underwater at the touch but not at any time before the touch. MSA to recommend acceptance of U 4 to the HOD. Unanimous

U 5 Motion to approve U 5 (Crittenden, Hooper) For breaststroke, this clarifies that the swimmer may turn in any manner, after the touch, as long as the body is on the breast when leaving the wall. Additionally, the word flutter is changed to alternating movement and it has been added that, at the turn or finish, an arm stroke not followed by a leg kick, is permitted (adds clarity to the current rule). MSA to recommend acceptance of U 5 to the HOD. Unanimous

The meeting was recessed at 1:48 pm.
