

USMS Convention — Garden Grove, California 2013

Committee Name:	Rules	Session #:	Report #:15
Committee Chair:	Kathy Casey	Vice Chair:	Leianne Crittenden, Matt Hooper
Minutes recorded by:	Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting:	9/13/2013 930 am

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. MSA to recommend U 6 to the HOD.
2. MSA to recommend U 7 to the HOD

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to recommend an amendment to L 15 to the Legislative Committee

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; Matt Hooper, Co-Vice Chair; Kris Wingenroth, Secretary; Carolyn Boak, Barry Fasbender, Marilyn Fink, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Brian Hoyt, Catherine Kohn, Jessica Seaton, Steve Unruh, Rand Vaillancourt		
Ex-Officio: Sean Fitzgerald, Legislation Committee Chair; Mike Heather, Executive Committee		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Kathy Casey made a clarification from the minutes of the Rules Meeting #1 concerning the High School rule which allows swimmers to take a dolphin kick on the start and turn at any time prior to taking the breaststroke kick. A question was asked about how to bring forward issues to the Our Kids Initiative. The Rules Committee Chair can bring forward issues to OKI.
2. **L 15** Motion to recommend the amendment to L 15 to the Legislative Committee. (Hooper, Unruh) There was discussion concerning the terminology of “Club Unattached” vs “club unattached”. Walt Reid feels that the word club is important but whether it is capitalized or not is not important. Matt Hooper made a friendly amendment to the amendment so that it reads “... registered with “the club Unattached” throughout the amendment.
MSA to recommend the amendment to L 15 to the Legislative Committee Unanimous
3. **U 6** Butterfly MSA to recommend U 6 to the HOD. (Hooper, Unruh) The first part is clarifying language. Line 87 is a change, by requiring hands to be separated at the touch. Hands may be touching, but may not be overlapped on top of each other. Effective 9/25/13.
MSA to recommend U 6 to the HOD. Unanimous
4. **U 7** Swimwear Motion to recommend U 7 (Hooper, Fasbender)
MSA to recommend U 7 to the HOD. Unanimous
5. Sean Fitzgerald discussed the items that were presented to Legislation by the Rules Committee that were not passed. It was pointed out that organizations can only join USMS through the National Office, not LMSCs.
6. Kathy announced that our next priority will be proofreading the Rule Book. We have the long term project of updating the FAQs and other documents.
7. There was discussion of a joint task force with the Legislation Committee to review the glossary for terms that are not used in the Rule book.
8. Kathy thanked the many people who worked on the transsexual policy and challenge during the past two years: Jessica Seaton, Chair, Carolyn Boak, Leianne Crittenden, Sally Guthrie, Leo Letendre, Patty Miller, Jane Moore and Mary Pohlman,
9. There was discussion concerning the backstroke start ledge. FINA rules will now allow a ledge apparatus for the toes during a backstroke start, but has not written the apparatus specifications yet. It is not clear exactly when this FINA change will occur.

The meeting was recessed at 10:29 am
