

KY-LMSC Minutes
November 17, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Tingley at 10:50 a.m. In attendance were Melinda Schmitt, Treasurer; Bob Adams, WKGG; Gail O'Malley, WILD; Tom Mester, CHMS & Fitness; Meg Smath, WILD & Officials; John Graham, CHMS; Joanne Tingley, Secretary & Registrar. Proxy from David Morrow, LOUY.

SECRETARY: The minutes of the July 14, 1996, meeting were passed to the members. Under Old Business the following changes were made: 1) the word "expense" is to be "grant," 2) adding the word "one" before "Quikset block.." Motion to accept as corrected made by Melinda, seconded, passed.

TREASURER: Report passed to members. Money left in grant is \$552.14. Melinda has not been invoiced for clock parts from CHMS. Tom will check into this. Moved by Joanne to accept the report and budget as presented. Passed.

Bill stated the need to establish 1997 budget. Joanne will check airfare to Burlingame, Calif., where 1997 USMS Convention will be held to be presented for 1997 budget.

REGISTRAR: As of 11/15/96 have 105 registrations, 82 re-registrations, 23 new. Clubs registered 7, one is new Blairwood Caritas Masters, 6 renewals and 2 not renewed—DMS and MEM. Registrar contacted Paul Klingensmith by phone re club registration and will contact Robert Tesch re MEM.

TOP TEN: David Morrow sent proxy. Joanne read his Top Ten report. See attached. Change Abraham Solano's record from national to world record. Report accepted with correction and passed.

SANCTIONS: Received sanctions from New Albany HS for 12/14/96 meet and Lakeside Mile for 12/15/96. Would like all sanctions to include copy of meet information on hard copy AND disk so Meg can place meet information on our home page in Internet. Joanne will contact WKGG for this information and Meg will forward WILD March meet information to Joanne. Meg caught relays on NAHS were incorrect—this was corrected for Internet. Joanne will contact Becky Schmitt, New Albany, to note this error and announce change at NAHS meet.

OFFICIALS: Meg will report under convention.

FITNESS: Tom will report under convention.

SAFETY COORDINATOR: Joanne presented safety letter (see attached) for each club. Certified life guard needed but if USMS coach is on deck, insurance coverage viable.

MINI-MEETS: Today's meet successful. Forty in attendance. Sanction fee from sponsor KY-LMSC. Future mini-meets will be held February 16, 1997, SCY at Crescent Hill,

WILD at Lancaster Center, and WKGG in Bowling Green. Bob Adams to contact Ron and let Tom know if WKGG will hold SCY meet. Tom will contact these clubs. Swimmers need to swim at their regional mini meets. Bill and LMSC will define regions. Bob announced Ron Finley's new job is more time consuming; i.e., commuting to Nashville, and his time is not as free. July 12 or 13 or July 19 or 20 for LCM at Lakeside and perhaps WILD. Mini meets important because swimmers have opportunity to compete without traveling, also new swimmers have opportunity to compete. Tom to have UNAT list to send meet information.

OPEN WATER: No report.

CHAIRMAN: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

LOUY BLOCK: Block has been received at Downtown Y, but is not installed as of this date.

CHMS CLOCK: Because of management change at Meagher Natatorium, project is incomplete. Tom is in touch with interim manager, Sherrill, to complete clock parts purchase. Melinda requests invoice when parts for clocks arrive.

LAKESIDE TENT: Has not been purchased.

WILD PRINTER: Meg reported it has been purchased and paid for.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES: Tony Ambrose reworked these and a copy was given to each LMSC member in attendance. (See attached)

INTERNET: Meg reported Top Ten should be on. Carl House, Gold Coast, doing. Bob suggested contingency in 1997 budget if Kentucky needs to pay for Internet server out of Lexington. This will be included in 1997 budget.

NEW BUSINESS

CONVENTION REPORTS:

Meg reported on Officials, Rules, and Rule Book (see attached). (Story of Meg & Joanne fulfilling their genetic imperative—shopping). Rules chairman, Tom Boak, interprets backstroke start in a freestyle event to be OK, though rule book states forward start to be used. Helps older swimmers.

Joanne reported newly designed relay cards should be ready very soon and to be invoiced to Melinda, 200 each of pink, blue, and white.

Tom reported on Coaches, Long Distance, and Championship. See attached. Overview was well said.

Joanne reported on Registration, Awards/Recognition, Fitness, and Insurance/Safety. Regarding marshals at all meets: Kentucky will request each meet host to place a large sign at the warm-up/warm-down area stating NO DIVING IN THIS AREA. See attached.

TROPHIES: Meg opened discussion regarding storage of team trophies. Suggest each meet host has a plaque which lists past and maintain each year's winners. Club determine list of team winners and the type of presentation. Team scoring important.

ANNUAL MEETING: To be held in January. Plan to hold meeting 45 minutes following the WKGG meet in Bowling Green. This is an election year.

ADJOURNMENT: Gail O'Malley moved to adjourn. Seconded and passed 1:00 p.m.

UNITED STATES AQUATIC SPORTS CONVENTION XVII
Or Notes from La-La Land (Orlando 1996) By Tom Mester

Committees:

Championship

Chair: Sandi Rousseau

Much of the meeting was spent reviewing the National Championships conducted this year. The focus was on meet length and safety.

As always, the distance events were the objects of discussion. There were numerous ideas to limit the distance events, from absolute time standards (not a “free” event) with written proof of past performance to, believe it or not, actually stopping a swimmer after a certain cut-off time!!!! From someone who competes regularly in distance events, I would not go gently if pulled at 1400M in a 1500M race. Thank goodness more rational decisions were made. The Championship Committee will accept a 5 day meet schedule as Orlando requested and “In the 800/1000 and 1500/1650 free, all men and women swimming slower than a standard to be set by the Championship Committee will be seeded together by time only.” The battle against elitism and for recognition of distance events as legitimate competition goes on.

The safety discussions centered around having lifeguards at each pool and better marshaling of the warmup/cooldown pool. Training “toys” were rejected because of liability and some experimentation will be used as far as lane assignment for smoother transition in the warmup area. It’s difficult to argue any improvement in safety; however, it will cost more to the host club.

Coaches

Chair: Mike Collins

By comparison, the Coaches Committee was pretty tame.

In addition to the video library, a book library has been set up; Ed Nessel, 10 Irene Court, Edison, NJ 08820-1024. Ed has a number of books but will gladly accept any offers.

Increased use of the new USMS web site was encouraged, including a request that the Coaches Manual be digitized.

The Mentor Coach/Swimmer Clinics were deemed a success and plans are to expand as interest builds.

A Coaches/Club Info Packet will be mailed to help inform all Masters of the various projects of the Coaches Committee.

Long Distance

Chair: Sally Ann Dillon

Long Distance, for the most part, used their time to clean up some of the rulese covering Distance/Open Water Swimming. They also had a record number of bids for National Championships and on a “timely basis.” They have decided that “timely” and “in area” bids will always get preference. It seems this part of Masters Swimming is gaining popularity.

1998 National Championships selections were made.

On the down side, the Clermont Classic Cable Swim is being criticized for inaccurate cable length for the second year in a row. That echoes the complaints I’ve heard from one of my teammates who went up to Cincinnati this year. What a shame, since this event is

so close to our LMSC. With a little more experience, I think we should be able to host a well run cable swim locally.

Sports Medicine, Health & Safety

Exec. Liaison: Dr. Jim Miller

Much of the meeting dealt with listing topics for upcoming SWIM magazine articles. Some of interest will be: a two part questionnaire on heart disease, HIV & swimming, training different energy levels, training equipment, importance of warmup & cooldown.

Use of swim camps to aid self-supporting research is to be pushed.

Many members were concerned about the safety conditions at the recent Nationals and requested the Championship Committee to address these matters.

Rules

Chair: Thomas Boak Jr.

Being a "Rules" year seems to bring out some "creative" ideas from people.

One recommendation (not particularly new) was to set up relays for all three courses to be cumulative in age as it is for meters now. It barely missed passing.

A lot of argument about the backstroke start (starter may say "place your feet" after the whistle). It was decided that in freestyle events it is acceptable to start facing the wall when in the water. And the proposal I most wanted rejected: that the frog kick be a disqualification on a graduated age basis through the year 2042. Considering the history of the stroke, I'm glad it failed. I believe it will generally disappear by attrition, but we need not to become so "elite" as to exclude many hardworking contributing members from swimming the stroke as they learned it.

Great Lakes Zone

Chair: Skip Thompson

Most of the meeting reviewed the business end of our zone.

It was decided that Michigan may request the Mentor Program in our zone, but that does not mean that another LMSC or club may not.

Zone championships were awarded. Regretfully, Lakeside was not able to bid for the 1997 LCM because of a scheduling problem. It will be nice to get it back.

Overview:

As the two I've attended previously, this convention was well run. The choice of site only enhanced the obvious months of preparation.

There still lurks an elitist attitude just below the surface, that I hope never dominates.

The "extracurricular" activities seemed to have mellowed a bit (or I couldn't find the wild one). Morning workouts were well coached and attended with bagels and juice afterwards. Special thanks to Lucky Meisenhemier for his hospitality; the barbecue on Friday night and the perfect end to the convention with a Sunday morning lake swim in his backyard!

Clapping Mildly!

Tom Meester

1996 Convention Reports

Officials Committee

The committee's policy of distributing "business cards" with a short list of the differences between USMS and USS rules to USS officials will be continued. The committee will explore laminating the cards as well.

An informal survey was taken to determine how many LMSCs use the Officials Committee's meet report. Currently in Kentucky we do not fill out a meet report as such. Would this be beneficial?

The Officials Certification Manual is an ongoing project of the committee. Meg Smath will be part of a subcommittee to update the manual.

Goals of the committee:

1. In 2 years submit a rule change requiring that all officials at national championships be certified
2. In 4 years submit a rule change requiring that all officials at all meets either be certified or in training
3. Continue to improve communications with all LMSCs and with USS
4. Within 4 years have an Officials Chairman for all LMSCs
5. Within 2 years have all LMSCs establish a relationship with their USS counterparts

The committee plans to recommend officials for the FINA Masters Officials List in order to ensure qualified officials at the next World Championships.

A subcommittee will write articles for *Swim* magazine on educating swimmers about officiating.

The committee will try to establish an Interpretation Board to interpret rules questions. This board would not solve any immediate problems at particular meets, but would establish precedents that could be used when the same circumstances arise in the future.

Rule Book Committee

The bid to print the 1997 and 1998 rule books was awarded to Gateway Printing of Hamburg, N.Y.

The cover design was chosen from 10 submissions. The winning designer is Gregory S. Newcomb, Art Director at Graphic Services of Tampa, Inc.

The committee completed a style manual to set policy for the rule book. The key points:

1. Capitalize titles only when they immediately precede a personal name (e.g., President Goldstein). Titles following a personal name or used alone in place of a name are lowercased (e.g., the president; Mel Goldstein, president).
2. Express physical quantities such as distances, lengths, areas, volumes, etc., as numerals rather than spelling them out.
3. Do not use "sexist" pronouns.
4. Use the serial comma (butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle, *not* butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle).

5. Put periods and commas inside quotation marks; put colons, semicolons, exclamation points, and question marks outside quotation marks, unless they are part of the quoted material.
6. Use “that” to define and “which” to explain (i.e., say “the fruit that was rotten” if the fact that the fruit is rotten is what distinguishes it from other fruit, and “the fruit, which was rotten” if the fact that the fruit is rotten is only an interesting sidelight).

We decided to dedicate the 1997 rule book to Jack Geoghegan, USMS’s Legal Counsel for the past 14 years. Jack has decided to step down at the end of 1996, so the honor was particularly appropriate.

Rules Committee

Major changes for 1997:

Entry Fees: LMSCs now set policies for fees for local Masters Swimming events. This will allow meet directors to set the fees themselves, instead of having the LMSCs set the fees for them. (Article 102.7)

Certification of Officials: The referee must be certified as a stroke and turn judge, starter, or referee by USS, YMCA, or any other USMS-approved certifying body. (Article 103.2) Note: Many of the rules dealing with officials and their duties have been moved from Articles 102.17, 102.18, and 102.19 to Article 103.

Backstroke Starting Commands: The starter’s command “Place your feet” has been made optional and is no longer mandatory. (Article 103.2.3B)

National Championship Meet Program: A 5-day program may now be offered at national championship meets instead of the traditional 4-day program. (Article 104.5.2)

Order of Events at National Championship Meets: In odd-numbered years, men’s events will be odd-numbered; in even-numbered years, men’s events will be even-numbered. The purpose of this rule change is to alternate which gender swims the distance events early or late in the day. Previously, women had always swum in the early morning, and men had always swum late at night. (Article 104.5.2B(1))

Alternate National Championship Meet Schedules: Bidders for national championship meets may offer different schedules than those listed in Article 104.5.2A. (Article 104.5.2C)

Altitude Adjustment for National Qualifying Times: Times achieved at an altitude of 3000 feet or higher may be adjusted for NQT purposes by subtracting a defined amount of time from the actual time achieved. Times submitted for records and Top Ten purposes may *not* be adjusted. (Article 104.5.3C(2))

Long Course Meters Season: The end of the long course meters season has been extended from September 15 to September 30. Times submitted for records and Top Ten consideration must still be submitted to the Records and Tabulation chairman by October 20. (Article 105.1.2)

Relay Lead-Off Swims for Records and Top Ten: Relay lead-off times cannot be counted for records or Top Ten consideration if the second relay swimmer starts in the water. This is because the second swimmer may interfere with automatic timing systems. (Article 105.3.7D)

Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability: These guidelines are now contained in a new article in Part One. This article replaces the former Appendix G, “USMS Adapted Swimming Guidelines.” (Article 108)

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KY-LMSC Top 10 Report

- 7/14/96 Date of last report to LMSC.
- 10/14/96 Mailed Walt Reid a hard copy and disk of Kentucky's 1996 Long Course Meter Top 10. Also mailed a copy of Abraham Solano's passport documenting his date of birth. This was needed to establish a world record Mr. Solano set at Nationals in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 10/30/96 Received a listing from Walt Reid of Kentucky LMSC swimmers who made the national Long Course Meter Top 10. Copied this list to Bill Tingley and Meg Smath.
- 2/5/97 Kentucky LMSC short course meter Top 10 due to USMS Records/Tabulation Chairman.

Submitted by David Morrow