

# USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida. 2011

<b>Committee Name:</b> Championship	<b>Session#:</b> 2	<b>Report #:</b> 13
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Jeff Roddin	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Sandi Rousseau	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Lisa Watson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/17/11	8 AM

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## **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

None

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## **Motions Passed:**

1. MSA to withdraw emergency rules proposals R1b and R1c.
2. MSA to have USMS pay for hospitality passes for USMS sponsor vendors at Nationals rather than the meet host.

Number of committee members present: 22

Absent: 3

Number of other delegates present: 24

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jeff Roddin (Chair), Sandi Rousseau (Vice Chair), Ed Saltzman, Tom Boak (appointed), Mark Moore, Robin Segnitz, Kim Crouch, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jack Groselle, Jim Clemmons (appointed), Michael Moore, Barry Fasbender, Jody Smith, Paul Smith (ex-officio), Jeff Strahota, Lisa Watson, Michael Heather (ex-officio), Kris Houchens, Chris Stevenson (ex-officio), Tyler Blessing, Jim Matysek (ex-officio), Jane Moore (ex-officio).

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1. MSA to withdraw emergency rules proposals R1b and R1c. Instead, the Championship Committee will ask the house to suspend Rule 103.12.2C and to suspend the requirement for 2 timers per lane at 2012 Summer Nationals as required by Rule 104.5.10C.
  2. CAFDA Meeting (Competitive Aquatic Facilities Directors Association)  
Jeff Roddin and Jeff Strahota attended this meeting on Thursday and Jeff Roddin addressed the committee, telling them the benefits of hosting a USMS National Championship meet.
  3. 2013 NATIONALS  
The winning bids for 2013 Nationals (Indianapolis and Mission Viejo) will be making their presentations to the House of Delegates this afternoon. Meet Director Mark Moore informed the committee that he recently found out that USA Senior Nationals will be held in nearby Irvine on the same dates as the Mission Viejo National meet, and asked the committee's advice on a potential conflict. It was noted that this also occurred in 2005 and did not detract from the success of the meet. The committee felt that this might even be an attraction to potential swimmers who could also watch the Senior Nationals competition in addition to competing. The committee felt that moving our dates a week later would be inappropriate because it would be a direct conflict with 2013 IGLA Championships in Federal Way.
  4. SPORTS MEDICINE LECTURE  
The Sports Medicine Committee has decided to cancel the lecture usually given at National meets, citing low attendance. Instead, they will offer some type of health screening and can also put up travelling displays of various sports medicine related topics. It was noted that a skin cancer screening was provided at Mesa and was very popular.

5. **RANSOM ARTHUR AWARD (RAA)**

Jeff addressed the Recognition & Awards Committee about the RAA presentation at Nationals. One concern is that it is a service award given out at a highly competitive event. As such, the winner is often not present. Furthermore, it is rare that the presentation is audible at the venue, and as a result, swimmers pay no attention to the presentation. Jeff feels this is disrespectful to the award and the recipient. The Recognition & Awards Committee will look into this issue.

6. **HOSPITALITY**

There was much follow up discussion from last year's policy change that made clearer requirements for coaches to receive hospitality passes. One suggestion was to separate hospitality from the Gold Medal Sponsors, so that the GM sponsors would be paying for sponsoring events in a true sponsor fashion, and hospitality would be paid for separately. Another suggestion was to have coaches sign up ahead of time to help the meet hosts plan better for catering accommodations. There was also discussion regarding vendor hospitality. Recently, there was a contractual change regarding who received income from the USMS sponsor vendors. That income now goes to USMS rather than the meet host; however, the host is still currently responsible for vendor hospitality. MSA to have USMS pay for hospitality passes for USMS sponsor vendors at National meets.

7. **AUTOMATIC SPLIT REQUESTS**

We usually do automatic split requests at Nationals which means all initial distance splits and all relay lead-off splits get submitted for Top Ten consideration (with some exceptions). However, these times don't always appear in the USMS event rankings database. Swimmers often get concerned that their splits were not submitted because they have no confirmation. Previously it was a tedious process to upload individual split requests. Thanks to new USMS website tools, adding these individual requests to the event rankings database is a much easier process. Jeff suggested going back to individual split requests for initial distance splits at Nationals where the host would have to capture these requests (but not actually submit the times). A volunteer on the Championship Committee would most likely have the responsibility to add these times into the event rankings database and submit them for Top Ten consideration. All relay lead-off splits (with some exceptions) would be added to the Event Rankings database and be submitted for Top Ten consideration. The committee will continue to have further discussion on this topic this year.

8. **RELAY ONLY SWIMMERS**

A subcommittee submitted a proposal to allow Relay Only swimmers to enter Nationals after the entry deadline. There was much discussion on this topic. MSF on a proposal to allow a late entry deadline for Relay Only swimmers with a \$100 surcharge (USMS collects their normal swimmer fee).

9. **DISTANCE EVENTS AT NATIONALS**

Jack Groselle proposed that we allow swimmers the option to enter both long distance events at Nationals, providing they make the NQTS in both events and the timeline allows. There was much discussion. MSF on the proposed motion. A subcommittee chaired by Jack was formed to look into this further. Other subcommittee members include: Michael Moore, Jeff Strahota, Jim Clemmons, Debbie Cavanaugh, Lisa Watson, and Jim Matysek.