

Coaches Committee Meeting, 10 AM Wed. 9-19-90

The Coaches committee congratulated the chairmen of the four sub-committees for the great job of providing their services to Masters swimming. They were Julie Paque for On Deck Coaching, Bill Tingley for Coach of the Year, Clay Evans for National Lecturer and Kerry O'Brien for Stroke Drill Manual.

The relationship between the USMS Coaches committee and the Masters Aquatic Coaches Association was discussed. The areas of responsibility were more clearly defined. The Coaches committee is a committee of USMS and has as its basic responsibility the welfare of all USMS swimmers as written in the USMS rule book. The Masters Aquatic Coaches Association (MACA) as an affiliate of American Swim Coaches Association (ASCA) has a basic responsibility to provide programs and services to Masters coaches.

Coaches certification was discussed and the committee felt that this topic should be handled by the Masters Aquatic Coaches Association and the American Swim Coaches Association.

The Coaches committee discussed the establishment of a National Librarian. The Coaches committee wants the National Librarian to make available to all USMS swimmers the increasing number of excellent video tapes, as well as stroke drill manuals, workout manuals and the other printed materials now available to Masters swimmers. Since, some of the larger LMSC's have now established their own libraries and have worked out many of the problems associated with distributing the materials, the Coaches committee feels that this is the right time to extend this service to all Masters swimmers. The Coaches committee has agreed to provide "seed" funds to purchase an initial supply of videos and to begin to acquire printed material relevant to Masters swimmers. The committee envisions that this service will support its self through the rental, shipping, and service fees charged. Additional funding and materials will be sought from swimmers, publishers and swim related companies.

A discussion followed concerning the problems of liability insurance and pool availability. Our input was given to the Insurance committee chairman.

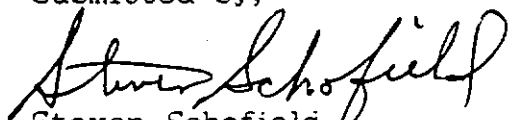
Major rule changes were voted on by the coaches committee as follows:

1. Yes to support R4; 19-24 Age Groups at Nationals.
2. No to R6, Cumulative age groups in yard relays.
3. No to R38, Elimination of club scoring at Nationals.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

National Librarian → Dan Wilson (Potomac)

Submitted by,


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