

# **USAS Convention—Dallas, Texas September 16–18, 2010 United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates—Minutes**

**Thursday, September 16, 2010, 10 a.m.**

President Jeff Moxie called the 2010 House of Delegates to order at 10:00 a.m. CDT. Secretary C.J. Rushman called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified.

**Introduction.** President Jeff Moxie welcomed delegates to the convention and reminded them that the theme of the convention was —CORE. He introduced the members of the Executive Committee who were sitting at the head table; none had anything to add to their written reports in the pre-convention packet. **MSA – to approve the minutes of the minutes as written.**

**Parliamentarian’s report.** Bill Tingley explained that all our meetings are run according to *Robert’s Rules of Order*, our rule book and our standing rules, copies of which had been distributed to all delegates. Bill then clarified some of the procedures in the standing rules. **MSA the standing rules.**

**Convention coordinator’s report.** Victor Buehler gave the hospitality room number of 2628. The workshops for today have been moved up to start at 5:15 pm. For new delegates, please be sure to attend the wrap up meeting because this helps making the convention better. Victor Buehler thanked the North Texas volunteers, especially Frank McIntire for helping getting things taken care of while at the Hyatt.

**Executive Directors address** – Jeff Moxie introduced Rob and thanked Rob for he has done over the last year. Rob Butcher, Executive Director addressed the House of Delegates. Two years ago, USMS was operating as a “virtual” organization. With the help of several long time staff members, Tracy Grilli, Jim Matysek, Mel Goldstein, and Margaret Bayless, the board of directors, executive committee and committees day to day operated the organization. And then an Executive Director gets hired. It was, and in many ways, continues to be a transition time for all of us. At the 2008 Convention, a four-year Action Plan was presented and adopted by you, the House of Delegates. The Action Plan at its soul called for and would require a partnership. The partnership would be between the volunteers that govern and the professional staff that would carry out the operations. This Action Plan provided us road map in continuing to fulfill our mission and meet our objectives. In broad speak, the Action Plan called for a number of items. Some we’ve fully met and some continue to be in progress:

- 1) Centralization and establishment of a headquarters
- 2) Invest in the member experience
- 3) Invest in Infrastructure Development
- 4) Investing in Coach and Club Education Programs such as Masters Certification
- 5) Rebranding our identity to be inclusive of fitness swimmers, open water swimmers, tri-athletes and competitive swimmers

6) And Marketing of our brand by joining the 21st Century digital and social media age with exciting video coverage of events, clubs and volunteers

A four-year budget pro-forma was presented to support our Action Plan. The pro-forma indicated we would tap into our reserves in Year 1 and Year 2 to meet our goals. Well, the good news on our financials is fourfold;

- 1) Some of the costs have not been as much as expected
- 2) We've had better cumulative membership increases than projected
- 3) The Finance Committee, board and staff have exercised fiscal discipline
- 4) And we've added to our overall net reserves. Our reserve fund today stands at its highest mark ever of nearly \$2 million dollars.

Let's now take a look at a video recap of the past year... All of you deserve a round of applause for these accomplishments. So... where then do we see opportunity?

I. Membership has increased nearly 15% the last two years but our non-renewal rate of nearly 36% is both a problem and an opportunity. In 2009, 2010 and 2011 combined, we will turn over our entire membership with 60,000 non-renewing members. Membership is nearly 75% of USMS revenue and in most cases 99% of LMSC revenue. Membership renewal and membership growth affects all of us. To learn why our members renew and why they do not, this winter we will administer a comprehensive survey. While there are many hypotheses as to what we can do about membership retention and membership growth, the survey will enlighten us on what the renewing and non-renewing membership thinks and perceives. We must all be prepared to confront the findings. They may reveal that we need to make changes to our business, changes that could go against some of our traditions and reshape how we govern and operate. But if membership retention and membership growth is important, then we will need to make these changes so they are in the best interest of our member wishes.

II. We are successfully integrated more technology into key areas of our business such as online membership registration and event results. Our End-to-End Event Management Task Force has been carefully studying and making recommendations for how we further automate our business such as event sanctioning. The efficiency of operation and information to be gleaned and applied from automation are of significant benefit to USMS. On sanctions, if we dig just a little deeper, for the most part we own the adult competitive pool space. But sanctioning of open water events is a different story.

Consider the following:

- In 1999, there were roughly 220 domestic open water events
- In 2009, there are roughly 850 domestic open water events, an increase of 300%
- In 2009, an estimated 183,000 individuals will participate in domestic open water events

The average age of the open water swimmer is 36. This is our demographic

You see it everyday at your local programs. More open water swimmers and tri-athletes looking for swimming help. And we are the only organization with the coaching and program structure to help them. While we do sanction an estimated 20 to 30% of the open water events, the larger number of open water events go unsanctioned or get a turnkey sanction from USA Triathlon.

The Open Water Committee has the mission of growing grass roots open water. They recommend creation of a consistent and mainstream application process. This is a position we should support.

III. We all desire and value communication.

It is provided to LMSC leaders and clubs.

But what about workout groups? How many of are there? Where are they? How do we communicate with them? How do we serve them and provide education opportunities?

At the moment, it's a guessing game. Let me be clear on this topic, our actions and intention is to provide service to every location that offers a USMS program. It is incumbent upon us to develop a method of communication and information exchange with workout groups that can benefit the membership.

IV. Our Endowment Fund in its current form has served its purpose. The time has come for us to develop our Foundation.

Members have proven over the last 10-years they will support our charitable efforts when provided a purposeful mission and asked. This year we received our largest ever contribution, \$100,000. The board just this weekend supported a redefined mission for our Foundation:

“We will focus our resources on the vital lifesaving and lifetime benefits of swimming. We provide needed funding to reduce drowning rates in the United States and to lead a nation-wide curative fitness and well-being initiative that is swimming central. In short, Swimming Saves Lives!” We will be requesting and seek your support of an allocation of resources to serve this mission.

And finally, one word of caution.

USMS is no longer a sleeping giant. We are visible to many. Our actions are watched. In today's media and Internet hungry world, even the most innocent of traditions could be questioned. Our litmus test for safeguards is the protection of our brand.

In closing, thank you to our board of directors. In particular, thank you to:

- Betsy Durrant

- Jeanne Ensign
- Michael Moore
- Meg Smath
- Laura Winslow
- and Jerry Clark

These 6 board members have reached their term limit. We greatly appreciate your service and leadership. We know your hearts are still with USMS and you will find other ways to be involved.

Lastly, thank you to our extraordinary staff. You are a passionate group and you “bring it” everyday. You are committed to our mission. It is an honor and a privilege to serve with you.

Thank you.

Rob Copeland member of the Election Committee spoke about candidates for the positions of Directors at Large positions and opened the floor to nominations. Jerry Clark from North Carolina nominated Maria E. Williams from South Carolina as the Dixie Zone At-Large Director candidate. Seconded. Mike Heather from Southern Pacific made the motion that all the unopposed candidates be made elected by affirmation. Seconded.

Jeff Moxie said we will move the Action of the Board to tomorrow.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- Nadine Day the Chair of Compensation and Benefit provided an update to the House. There are no minutes for the committee since they are in executive session. However they have provide recommendations to the Board of Directors which can be reviewed in the Board minutes.
- Dave Burigo the chair of the Investment Committee provided an updated. They are in process in selecting two additional members of the Committee. They have requested two Request Proposal from investment firms to be decided by the end of the year.
- Anthony Thompson spoke about the Governance meeting.
- Jill Gellatly of the Audit Committee gave her report on how the Audit committee is work with the Finance committee and staff to strengthen the controls.
- The Finance committee reports will be moved to tomorrow.
- Lynn Morrison of North Texas provided the House information about the social that will be held at the House of Blues. Information will be made available at NTMasters.org.

Jeff called the house to recess at 11 a.m. CDT.

**Friday, September 17, 2010, 8 a.m.**

VP of Administration Michael Heather reconvened the 2010 House of Delegates to order at 8:05 a.m. CDT. Mike Heather read the names of those that passed away since last convention;

Paul Hoffman	-	Southern Pacific
Larry Eschenburg	-	Wisconsin
Bonnie Kotzbach	-	Southern Pacific
Herbert Howe	-	Wisconsin
Bob Merrick	-	SPMA
Chaya Amiad	-	PNA
Barbara Quesenberry	-	Kentucky
Jack Bertram	-	Pacific
Jae Howell	-	Pacific
Don Galine	-	Pacific
Bob Welkin	-	Indiana
Joe Lechner	-	Missouri Valley
John Sloan	-	Illinois
Michelle Humanick	-	Potomac Valley
Walt Eggert	-	Pacific
Win Wilson	-	New England
John Merrill	-	New England
Billie Ann Burrill	-	New England
Lee Cass	-	Wisconsin
Matt Livesy	-	Virginia
Maggie Wells	-	Oregon
David Harrison	-	Colonial

Rob Copland started the election process for the At-Large Director for the Southwest Zone. Phil Whiten was elected to position At-Large Director for the Southwest Zone. Debbie Morrin-Nordlund made motion to destroy the ballots. Seconded. The ballots were destroyed.

Reports: Recognition of liaisons and special appointments; reports only by those who have additional comments not in the preconvention packet;

- a. FINA representative – Nancy Ridout - nothing to report.
- b. ISHOF Liaison – June Krauser - nothing to report.
- c. National Board of Review Chair – Laura Groselle - nothing to report.
- d. Rule Book Editor – Susan Ehringer – Last years Rule Book illustration turned great. The 2011 Rule book is dedicated to Tracy Grilli.
- e. USMS Liaison to IGLA – Jessica Seaton – Invited everyone to the 2011 in Hawaii.

f. USMS Liaison to USA Swimming – Ted Haartz – USA Swimming will be electing new officers. There is a new child protection policy that is going to be enforced.

g. UANA Representatives – Mel Goldstein and Jim Miller - nothing to report.

h. National Senior Games Liaison – Bill Tingley

i. USMS Liaison to USOC – Hill Carrow - nothing to report.

Tom Boak makes motion to approved minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(1) Fitness Education – Marcia Anziano – Asked for motion to approve minutes in the packet. Fitness award given to Nancy Brown from Maryland.

**MSA to approve the Fitness minutes.**

(2) History and Archives – Meegan Wilson – **MSA the minutes of History and Archives.**

(3) Sports Medicine and Science – Jane Moore asked for motion to approve the minutes. Erin Sullivan seconded the motion. **MSA the Sports Medicine minutes.**

(4) Recognition and Awards – Sally Dillon – Recognized Lynn Hazelwood as the Ransom Arthur award winners and the others that were nominees; Jerry Clark, Lucy Johnson and Kerry O’Brien. Sally asked for motion to approve the minutes. **MSA the Recognition and Awards minutes.**

- Hugh Moore – Pacific Northwest representing the Recognition and Awards Committee presented the June Krauser Communication Award to the Pacific Masters Communications team of Joanne Berven (newsletter editor), Caroline Lambert (Facebook guru), Tracy Barbates (chief tweeter), and Michael Moore (webmaster).
- The 2010 Club of the Year is Asphalt Green Masters from Metropolitan. They also received 250 dollars from Colorado Timing Systems.
- **Capt. Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award**  
Lynn Hazlewood – Potomac Valley LMSC
- **USMS Coach of the Year Award**  
Bobby Patten – Dallas Aquatic Masters

### **USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award**

Page Buehler – NW LMSC

Victor Buehler – Florida LMSC

Glenda Carroll – Pacific LMSC

Ralph Davis – Michigan LMSC

Doug Garcia – Colorado LMSC

Sally Guthrie – Michigan LMSC

Caroline Lambert – Pacific LMSC

Sue Moucha – Florida LMSC  
Tina Neill – Minnesota LMSC  
Fred Nelis – Michigan LMSC  
Ellen Parchen – Montana LMSC  
Jeff Roddin – Potomac Valley LMSC  
Ann Svenson – Potomac Valley LMSC  
Joel Wilson – Pacific LMSC  
Jill Wright – Snake River LMSC

**Kerry O’Brien Coaches Award**

Chris Campbell - Mountain View Masters  
Frank “Skip” Thompson - Michigan Masters  
Stu Kahn - Davis Aquatic Masters  
Patti Scott Baier - Tuolumne County Aquatic Masters  
Cokie Lepinski - Marin Pirate Masters  
Wendy Neely - Federal Way Masters  
Bob Babiak - O\*H\*I\*O Masters  
Suzanne Grebe - MAC Masters  
Mike Lynch - Peninsula covenant Masters  
Reed Barnitz - New Mexico Chargers Masters.

**USMS Club of the Year**

Asphalt Green Unified Aquatic Masters – Metropolitan LMSC

**USMS Fitness Award**

Nancy Brown, Maryland Masters

**USMS June Krauser Communications Award**

Pacific Masters

**USMS National Championship Meets Award**

Mark Moore – Mission Viejo Nadadores

**Ted Haartz USMS Staff Appreciation Award**

George Simon

A special report of the Endowment Task Forces was given by Doug Church. Chris LaBianco presented the slides that were seen by the Board of Directors so people were aware of what was happening.

Rob Copeland – GA, made motion to accept the \$2 dollar increase in 2012. Seconded. Jeanne Ensign- PNA said that the house said that this was over. Lucy Johnson – Pacific believed that Jeanne was correct. Tom Boak – Gulf moved to table the motion. **MSA to table the \$2 dollar increase for 2012.**

- a. Compensation and Benefits
- b. Investment - **MSA to approve minutes.**
- c. Governance - **MSA to approve minutes.**
- d. Audit - **MSA to approve minutes.**
- e. Finance – **MSA to approve minutes.** Discussed non-budget topics such as FOG.

Michael Heather – VP of Administration called the house to recess at 9:10 a.m. CDT

President Jeff Moxie reconvened the 2010 House of Delegates to order at 3:35 p.m. CDT.

Susan Ehringer presented the winner of the 2011 Rule Book cover, designer Dave Oplinger from Indiana.

Jeff Roddin said that in your schedules you have a listing of the proposed meet rotation schedule that we will be voting on tomorrow.

Secretary C.J. Rushman called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(5) Coaches – Chris Colburn read off the names from the Kerry O’Brien Coached Award winner. Kerry O’Brien presented the awards to 3 winners; Chris Campbell of Mountain View Masters, Frank “Skip” Thompson of Michigan Masters, and Stu Conley of Davis Aquatic Masters. **MSA to approve the Coaches Committee minutes.**

(6) Records and Tabulation –Chris Stevenson presented the Records and Tabulation committee minutes. **MSA to approve the Records and Tabulation minutes.** Chris recognized John Bauman of Wisconsin for all his work over the years.

(8) LMSC Development – Doug Adamavich presented the LMSC Development committee minutes. **MSA to approve the LMSC Development minutes.**

(10) Finance – Sarah Welch asked for motion to approve the Line items presented in the preconvention budget packet. **MSA to approve the Line items presented in the preconvention budget packet. MSA to approve the minutes for the first meeting of the Finance committee.**

Jeff made announcement that the IMSHOF Banquet is tonight at 5:30.

Jeff Moxie called the house to recess at 4:00 p.m. CDT.

#### **Saturday, September 18, 2010, 1 p.m.**

President Jeff Moxie reconvened the 2010 House of Delegates to order at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

(7) Officials – Charlie Cockrell– **MSA the minutes of the Officials committee.**

(9) Registration – George Simon– **MSA the minutes of Registration Committee.**

(10) Championship – Jeff Roddin - **MSA the minutes of the Championship Committee MSA- to suspend rule to change the day for 2011 at Mesa Spring Nationals.** The House of Delegates received a presentation from Greensboro Aquatic Center for hosting the 2012 Spring Nationals and from Mark Gill representing Omaha for hosting the 2012 Summer Nationals. George Simon and Hill Carrow presented the national meet award to Mark Moore of Mission Viejo Masters.

A presentation of the Staff Appreciation Award was given to George Simon of North Carolina. Doug Adamavich asked the House to fill out a survey about the workshops that were presented. Jeff Moxie mentions to the House that people need to fill out the committee request forms and turn those in.

(11) Legislation – Sean Fitzgerald **MSA to approve L4 of the Legislation committee. MSA to approve L6 & L9 as amended.** Paige Buehler Inland Northwest pulls L7 because she felt the person that was banned by another NGB should not be banned if they were in good standing with U.S. Masters. Skip Thompson from Michigan agreed. Sean Fitzgerald from Georgia said that this would not be a lifetime ban from our sport. Al Prescott New England asked if there was an appeals process. Rob Copeland said that 4.03 of the Rule Book address this. Mary Pohlmann Ozark has issue with the grammar of the proposal. Patty Miller from VA did feel there is a lot of turmoil with this within USA Swimming. Given all the turmoil with this issue, in an emergency non legislation year, should we consider passing this? **MSF to approve L7.** Skip Thompson requested to pull L2. **MSA to approve L3.** Skip Thompson asked how 52 different LMSCs can share the same sanction. Lynn Hazlewood Potomac Valley said it would be a standard form. Mike Heather Southern Pacific asks what body will approve this form. Nancy Ridout Southern Pacific asked what is needed to be added to the form to meet requirements. It sounds like that a local person could go to the National office to get a sanction. Lynn Hazelwood said that the local sanction person would pursue the additional requirements. **MSA to approve L2. MSA the minutes of the Legislation Committee.**

(12) Open Water – Lynn Hazlewood **MSA the minutes of the Open Water committee.**

(13) Endowment Fund Board of Governors – Doug Church **MSA the minutes of the Endowment Fund Board of Governors**

(14) Long Distance – Heather Hagadorn presented the proposed changes to the Open Water and Long Distance Swimming Rules. Chris Stevenson Virginia pulled LD6. Nancy Ridout Pacific pulled LD10. Mike Heather Southern Pacific pulled LD24, LD36, and LD62. Leo Letendre pulled LD95. Chris Stevenson Virginia pulled L102 **MSA to take 15 minute recess to review the proposal from Long Distance.** Chris McGiffin pulled LD104. Jane Moore pulled LD 70 & 92. Ginny Trimble Ohio pulled LD 20. Susan Ingraham South Texas pulled LD31. **MSA the balance of the minutes of the Long**

**Distance Rule Proposal.** Nancy Ridout asked for clarification on what does it mean by event. Susan Ehringer KY wanted to strike out “a swimming event” and amend to proposed language. **MSA to approve LD10.** Chris Stevenson felt that all participants should be eligible for awards and recognition. Laura Collette -Pacific agreed with Chris. Bob Bruce Oregon felt that any participant should be full members in order to participate. Jeff Roddin – Potomac Valley said some events would be hurt if people could not participate in these events if we require them to join. Jeff Strahota-Potomac Valley agreed that non USMS members should be allowed to participate. Hugh Moore Pacific-Northwest would like to amend by removing the word compete and read as follows; receive place awards. Sally Dillon-Pacific Northwest was against the amendment. Dick Pitman-Wisconsin was against the amendment. Rob Ripp from Metropolitan spoke against the amendment because we are trying to boost USMS registration. The amendment failed. Al Prescott-NE said that a National Championship is an opportunity for non-members to join USMS. Lucy Johnson- SPMA and Sally Dillon-PNA both said that we should allow all people swim. Bruce Hopson-Ozark said we should have people join as full members. Nancy Ridout-Pacific said the USMS is a life long organization and should be treated as such. Jerry Lourigon-Wisconsin said could we divide the races into 2 categories. Nadine Day- Illinois said that this is a benefit to our organization. Nadine called the question. Katherine Longwell- Allegheny they eliminated one event registration in here LMSC. Connie Barrett-Southern Pacific is opposed to the proposal because one event registration is not a good recruiting tool. **MSF to approve LD6.** Ginny Trimble-Ohio said the age groups for the relays as stated in LD20 meet the FINA standard. Bob Bruce-Oregon said the we do not need to follow FINA age group rules. **MSA-to approve LD20.** Mike Heather-Southern Pacific asked who tracks the measurements. Bob Bruce- Oregon. **MSA-to approve LD24.** Susan Ingraham -South Texas pulled LD31 and asked . Bob Bruce- Oregon. **MSA-to approve LD24.** Mike Heather- Southern Pacific would like to remove all of section C 1,2, & 3 of 3.03.6.2 of LD36. Mary Pohlmann-Ozark would like to see these exemptions taken care of as policy. Bob Bruce-Oregon when the rule was original proposed does include exemptions. Sally Dillon said this helps swimmers that need to know what type of swim suit a person can wear and if an exemption is needed. Susan Ehringer-KY that the exemption is currently in the policy manual. The motion failed. Skip Thompson-Michigan asked why we are creating a more restrictive rule. Matt Hooper-Florida Gold Coast asked on 303.6.2, if the suit extends past the ankle is that okay. Heather Hagadorn said that Matt was reading the wrong section. Phil Dotson -Illinois asked what impact the swim wear has on records. Bob Bruce-Oregon said that there are 2 categories that were proposed, instead of the wetsuit and non-wet suit categories. **MSA to approve LD36.** Mike Heather-Southern Pacific said that he feels that the Long Distance committee should not be allowed to select the location. Bob Bruce-Oregon said it is the House of Delegates that awards the location. **MSA to approve LD36.** Jane Moore-Pacific Northwest made a motion to change the word from awarded to held. Jeanne Ensign made motion to move **MSA to approve LD70.** Jane Moore-Pacific Northwest made motion to amend the wording in LD92 to have the word Distance in front of Pool. **MSA to approve LD92 as amended.** **MSA to approve LD95 as amended.** Chris Stevenson asked for clarification on LD102 if this was similar to All Star and Top Ten rankings. Bob Bruce-Oregon said the purpose is for the Long Distance committee to have the authorization to create a ranking system.

Ginny Trimble-Ohio said this first looks like a requirement there are other considerations like water temperature, currents that could affect the results. Jeanne Ensign-PNA was surprised to see a rule go into the rule book to develop this. **MSF to approve LD102.** Chris McGiffin-New Jersey asked about the fee increase and those services that will be covered by the fee. Sarah Welch-PNA said that the fee was resulted from the Finance committee to provide a way to help the meet hosts with their budgets. Mike Heather-Southern Pacific mentioned that in the rule book we have made concerted effort to remove any reference to fees. Mike makes a motion to move the word fee of and all dollar amounts taken out of the amendment. Ed Tsuzski-NJ seconded and gave a friendly amendment to remove the word per from the motion. Carolyn Boak – Gulf asked who has the authority to set fees. Heather gave point of clarification and quoted 5.08 of the Rule Book states that fees are set by the House of Delegates. Mike Heather stated that dollar amounts are removed they go into the policy manual. The motion passed. **MSA to approve LD104 as amended.** Leo Letendre called for a point of order for LD6. **MSA to approve LD6 as amended. MSA the minutes of the Long Distance committee.** Heather Hagadorn announces the winners of the 2012 Long Distance and open water events were as follows;

The 2012 Long Distance Postal Championships, as follows (winners in BOLD):

- a. OHP – Federal Way Masters.
- b. 5K and 10K , Hammerheads Aquatics.
- c. 3000 and 6000 – Long Beach Grunions.

The 2012 Open Water National Championships, as follows :

- a. 1-Mile OW – Hickory Nut Gorge Olympiad, Lake Lore, NC.
- b. <1/>3 Mile OW- Tom Wear Memorial Swim Committee (Garden State Masters), Lake Hopatcong, NJ (2-mile).
- c. <3/>6 Mile OW – Team NASTI, Noblesville, IN (5K).
- d. >6 Mile OW – Rogue Valley Master, Jacksonville, OR (10K).
- e. 2-Mile Cable - COMA, Sweet Home, OR.

(10) Finance Committee – Sarah Welch gave her report on the budget along with a presentation. The Finance Committee has reviewed the details of the budget and the high level updates from the Financial Operating Guidelines presenting them to the House of Delegates for approval. Jim Clemons-Southern Pacific pulled line item 4075. Paige Buehler pulled 5012. Jeanne Ensign Pacific Northwest makes motion to approve all items not pulled for review - **MSA to approve all budget items that have not been pulled for review.** Jim asked why the decline from the past year magazine advertising revenue. Sarah said that the staff involvement has taken over has moved the budget item to another bucket. **MSA to approve line item 4075 as written.** Paige Buehler asked why the membership numbers were different. Sarah said that this includes the one event registrations. **MSA to approve line item 5012 as written.** Jeanne Ensign makes a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded. **MSA to approve the minutes for session 2 of the Finance Committee. MSA to approve the minutes for session 3 of the Finance Committee.** Jeanne Ensign wanted to recognize Sarah Welch for filling in for Homer

Lane. Ralph Davis -Michigan wanted to thank Homer and our corporate controller Susan Kuhlman and Margret Bayless for their efforts. Nancy Ridout Pacific thanked the Finance committee for keeping the delegates informed which helped facilitated a quick review of the minutes.

Jeff Moxie gave an update from Mel Goldstein;

- UANA ~Pan American Masters Championship are in Rio De Janerio Brazil November 10-13 2011
- YMCA Nationals are in Ft. Lauderdale April 14-17, 2011.
- Swim Fest 2011 bids are due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mel Goldstein.
- Jim Wheeler- Pacific gave a brief presentation and the role of the delegates during the banquet tonight.

**MSA to recess until 4:30 p.m. CDT.** Jeff Moxie called the house to a 15 minutes recess at 4:15 p.m. CDT.

(15) Rules – Kathy Casey presented the proposed changes in here packet of the USMS Rules of Competition. We started with the section Recommended for Adoption. Bill Tingley pulled R37. Carolyn Boak pulled R38. Kathy Casey asked for motion to approve the minutes of all items in section Recommended for Adoption that has not been pulled for review. Bill Tingley - KY seconded. **MSA to approve the minutes of all items in section Recommended for Adoption that has not been pulled for review.** Bill Tingley withdraws the pull of R37. Bill Tingley makes motion to adopt R37. **MSA to approve R37.** R38 is the order of events which Jeff Roddin spoke to the meet schedules listed on the handout that was provided to the members of the House of Delegates. The House will vote on the three schedules. Sandi Rousseau recommended that we immediately vote schedule C down. Chris Campbell spoke against moving the relays to the end of the day because swimmers are leaving. Jennie Quill-Illinois said that Barry Fasbender published a list of how to schedule during a Championship meet. Phil Dotson-Illinois said that the 500 free should be at the end. Sally Dillon-PNA said that having relays at the end of the day could prevent the team score from being published. A vote was taken and schedule A, and received 9 votes. Schedule B received 6 votes. Schedule C received 83 votes. Schedule D received 26 votes. Schedule E received 22 votes. Schedule C was removed from the list. The second vote was taken and schedules A received 20 votes, schedule B received 10 votes, schedule D received 47 votes, and schedule E received 70 votes. Schedule E was removed from the list. Jeff Roddin make motion to accept the schedules to be A, B and D. **MSA- to make motion to accept the 2012-2014 Short Course and Long Course schedules A, B and D.** Kathy Casey asked for motion to approve the minutes of all items in section Recommended as Amended. **MSA to accept the Rules in the Section of Recommended as Amended.** The next section that was reviewed was the section Not Recommended by the Rules committee. Tom Boak makes motion to accept the recommendation of the Rules committee those that pulled. **MSA to accept the recommendation of the Rules committee on those that were not pulled for consideration.** Phil Dotson - Illinois is for R10 because believe that this proposal is self explanatory. Richard Hess-Colorado was in favor of the rule. Leanne Crittenden-Pacific

was not in favor for the rule because the definition of the strokes needs to confirm to the FINA definitions. Leo Letendre -Connecticut said the only NCAA and high School has not adopted, but the NCAA will be adopting this shortly this so why go against this. Phil Whiten-AZ said the rule did not indicate how far you can go underwater on your stomach. Al Prescott- New England said we need to learn how to perform proper turns and no kicking into the wall. Hugh Moore-PNA made motion to accept R10 as drafted. Leo Letendre seconded. **MSF - R10 was defeated and not adopted.** Anthony Thompson pulled R11 because he thinks it would be more uniform across other National Governing Bodies'. Anthony Thompson makes a motion to accept R11 as drafted. Jeff Roddin-Potomac Valley said that he does not want swimmers to be more confused about the age issue. Laura Winslow-AZ said Emmitt Hines-Gulf said it would be good for adult swimmers to challenge their minds. Ginny Trimble-Ohio said that Senior Games adopted this rule as well and if the rule is adopted you will know who your competition is. Sally Dillon-PNA said that adopting this rule would help swimmers and is in favor. Lynn Morrison-North Texas likes the rule because it helps different people at different times of the year. Skip Thompson-Michigan said that USA Swimming use the day on which you were born. **MSF - R11 was defeated and not adopted.** Dan Cox- Lake Erie makes motion to accept R12. Seconded. Dan Cox said that this helps the small teams putting relay together and should increase participation. Carolyn Boak-Gulf spoke against both R12 and R13 because by having the opportunity have better relays on a 5 year basis instead of a 10 year basis. Skip Thompson-Michigan also agreed with Carolyn, and when you have 4 individuals at the same age allows people to swim in their age group. Ginny Trimble-Ohio said that small teams do not have the diversity of having older age groups. And records would not be affected just noted that the event is no longer contested. Phil Dotson-Illinois said it was not a disadvantage to have younger swimmer. **MSF - R12 was defeated and not adopted.** Leo Letendre makes a motion to call the question on R13. **MSF - R13 was defeated and not adopted.** Sandi Rousseau pulled R41b and moved to approve R41b. Seconded. Sandi gave a brief explanation why this was requested by a swimmer becoming unattached during the meet. Leo Letendre said that at the highest level of swimming we should not be determining the rights of the athletes based on the ability in the software. Jeff Roddin – PV gave his opinion that when the rule came about, the swimmer may declare unattached status, they may do so at anytime, but not during the middle of a swim. **MSA to adopt R41b.** The next section that was reviewed was the Emergency section. Sean Fitzgerald clarified that the Rules Committee incorrectly voted on the Emergency Rules R64 and R63. The Rule committee met to discuss matter. The Rules committee feels that a 90 percent vote is required. Chris Stevenson-Virginia said that not measuring of the pools will cause records and meet results be thrown out and LMSC should make this part of the sanctioning process. Tom Boak-Gulf said that this happened to a master's swimmer in Texas lost a record because a bulkhead was not measured. Kathy Kohn-Ozark said in her LMSC had a floating bulkhead and they meet host had issue with inconsistent measurements. Connie Barrett-Southern Pacific spoke about the accuracy of measurements and the importance of accurate data. Bill Sherman-Missouri Valley saw a bulkhead move while at a meet in a different LMSC however this would not added any more work for meet host. Bill Tingley-KY said it would be a lot of work on the meet host, but it is required to measure at the end of the meet anyway, measuring prior to the meet is not an issue. Bill Tingley moved called the question.

Motion is seconded. Hugh Moore asked why the word must is used instead of shall. The Rule committee said it was a housekeeping item. **MSA to adopt R64.** The last section for discussion was the USA Swimming Amendments that affect USMS rules. The Rule Committee recommends acceptance on U1 and U2 and rejection of U3 which is going with 3 watches per lane and rejection of U4 which would not require a counter for the 400 meter freestyle event, but require it for the 500, 800, 1000, 1500 and 1650 freestyle. USA Swimming revised Article 1.02 of the Rule Book, which is Article 1.02 and 1.03 of the USMS Rule Book. The Rules Committee voted to recommend to the House of Delegates that the Committee to be given a year to go through the reorganization and come back to the House of Delegates next year. Tom Boak-Gulf makes motion to accept the recommendations of the Rules committee regarding the USA Swimming Amendments that affect USMS rules. Seconded. Jim Miller-Virginia asked if having two watches will the times submitted for meters meets be allowed by FINA for Top 10 or World Records. Leo Letendre and Walt Reid-PNA said going for a record, you will have to have three watches if the watches are the primary timing system. The result would be recognized for a Top Ten time. Robert Mitchell-Southern Pacific asked for clarification which one article the House is voting on next year. Kathy Casey said that would be on article 1.02 and 1.03. Bill Sherman- Missouri Valley asked not to put a three watch requirement at the little LMSC's because it makes it harder to get volunteers timers. Kris Wingenroth - Gulf said by leaving this as the rule currently reads is not a change to what is currently being done. Katherine Longwell- Allegheny said by have the requirement would cause meets to have more timers than swimmers. **MSA to accept of the Rules committee recommendation regarding the USA Swimming Amendments that affect USMS rules. MSA the minutes of the Rule committee.** Jeff Moxie asked for a motion to adjourn the House of Delegates. Bill Tingley made the motion to adjourn the House of Delegates. Seconded by the House. President Moxie thanked the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, the House of Delegates and staff for their contributions over the past year. He also thanked Rob Copeland for being a mentor as past president. **MSA adjourning at 6:05 p.m.**

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