

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Mollie Grover		
Minutes recorded by:	Claire Letendre	Date/time of meeting:	20 APR 2021 / 8:00 PM EDT

Actions Taken:

1. Approved minutes from Rules Committee meeting on 2-February-2021.

Number of committee members present: # 12	Absent: # 1	Guests: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Judy Gillies, Mollie Grover (Chair), Ian King, Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Jason Weis, Kathrine Casey, Christina Fox, Mark Marshfield, Jessica Seaton, Marilyn Fink, Barbara Protzman, Julie Dussliere		
Not present: Carolyn Boak		
Ex Officio Present: Chris Colburn, VP of Administration, Steve Hall (USMS National Office), Terri White (USMS Officials Committee)		
Ex Officio Not present: Bill Brenner (USMS National Office), Charles Cockrell (USMS Legislation Committee), Clark Hammond (USA Swimming Liaison)		
Guests:		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm ET.

Approval of Minutes

M/S (Ian/Jason) to approve the minutes of the February 2 meeting with amendment to meeting conclusion time. Passed unanimously.

Rules Discussion Topics

1. Part 2 Reorganization
 - a. Mollie opened up discussion about Part 2 reorganization.
 - b. Chris Colburn suggested that we do not do an omnibus motion and that we work with Long Distance and work together.
 - c. Mollie asked if this is something we want to tackle this year.
 - i. Christina suggested we do tackle it this year.
 - ii. Chris Colburn suggested providing some information to the House of Delegates.
 - iii. Marilyn suggested that the Rules Committee should focus on the part the Rules Committee can change.
 - iv. Chris Colburn is encouraging both committees to work together on this piece of legislation.
 - v. Kathy Casey suggested that we do tackle it this year.
 - d. 11 members voted yes to tackling this project.
 - i. Subcommittee: Kathy, Christina, and Judy.
 - e. Majority of the committee wanted to worry about only our purview.
2. Discussion regarding suspension of article 105.1.2 (Deadlines for Top 10)
 - a. National Championship Meets have been moved outside of their respective seasons.
 - b. Suspension of these rules by Board of Directors and USMS legal counsel.
 - i. Rules committee can advise on this matter.
 - c. One suggestion was that the rule suspension would only change for Nationals and not any other meet.

- i. Teri White suggested that it should be all meets and not just Nationals. Judy and Kathy are in agreement with this.
 - ii. Mark Marshfield stated not everyone is the same across the country. Some LMSC can swim in meets while others cannot.
 - iii. Marilyn asked if we suspend Top 10 as the number of meets is different across the country. Chris Colburn stated this has not been talked at the board level.
 - iv. Mollie clarified that times at Nationals will count for Top 10 as they will count for next season. Next year Top 10 will include two championship meets.
 - v. Records and Tabulations met and as a committee voted 4 to 3 against a change to the Top 10.
 - vi. Majority of committee is in favor of suspending the rule for Top 10 for short course only. This is not a binding decision; just a sense of the committee. The Board is the only entity that can suspend this rule.
 - vii. Kathy brought up about people change ages for the different National meets. However, people with May birthdays this sometimes happens in a “normal” year.
3. Potential Rules Proposals 2021
- a. Pacific is going to propose a rule about lane numbering. Pacific has their meeting tomorrow. Ian will get more information tomorrow. Discussed the different ways to modify the existing numbering to comply with the rule.
 - b. Part 2 Reorganization.
 - c. An email from Legislation, Open Water, and Rules will go out to members to remind LMSCs about the June 10th deadline.
 - d. Kathy posted a list of proposals to the Dropbox.
 - i. Most are housekeeping.
 - ii. Zone and LMSC championships.
 - iii. February 15th is the date Championship Committee published for local vs. regional club category. Kathy suggested that this rule would be changed to a number of days before the start of a championship meet.
 - iv. USMS championship award – would add a parenthetical reference.
4. Rules Committee projects for 2021
- a. Rule book digitalization
 - i. Kathy (Walt), Marilyn, Claire (Leo)
 - b. Rules Corner (Rules Blog)
 - i. Mollie, Claire, Teri
 - 1. The rules committee will serve as editors for this.
 - c. Part 2 Reorganization
 - i. Kathy, Christina, Judy
 - d. Part 1 of USMS and Part 1 of USA Swimming rulebook
 - i. Jessica, Claire, Kathy
 - e. Acronyms are not accurate in the rulebook
 - i. Julie
 - f. Word smith and proofread proposal as they come in
 - i. Christina, Jason
5. Summer Meeting Dates
- a. Claire will send out a Doodle poll to decide which day of the week is best.

M/S (Judy/Ian) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm ET.