

Members present: Kathy Casey, Chair, Leanne Crittenden Vice-Chair, Kris Wingenroth, Secretary, Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Matt Hooper, Leon Keif, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble

Members absent: Carolyn Boak, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Cathy Kohn, Leo Letendre, Jessica Seaton, and Kelly Sharitt

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kathy Casey, at 5:03 pm PST.

1. Committee members needing USA Swimming Rule books are: Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Matt Hooper, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble, and Leianne Crittenden. Committee members needing FINA rule books are: Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Matt Hooper, Leon Kief, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble, and Leianne Crittenden.

2. Rules Liaison(s): Committee members attending short course nationals are: Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Skip Thompson, Peggy Buchanan, and perhaps Matt Hooper. Kathy Casey will arrive Thursday night. Committee members planning to attend long course nationals are: Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Kathy Casey, and perhaps Ginny Trimble. A Rules Committee member will be selected for the Protest Committee at each nationals.

3. Committee Tasks for 2011:

A. Compare USMS articles 102 and 103 with USA-S article 102 as USA-S reorganized and rewrote 102 (upon which USMS 102 and 103 are based). Those include running a meet, timing, and officials. Committee members will work on the review of articles 102 and 103 and USA-S 102 in pairs with one person in charge and another as a backup.

1. Barry Fasbender has completed matching the articles in USMS 102 and 103 with the articles in USA-S 102 and will send them to Kathy.

2. Decide how to reorganize USMS articles 102 and 103 in comparison with USA-Swimming's reorganization of USA-S 102.

3. Look for language changes that need to be proposed based on new USA-S language.

4. Kathy will send out a list of assignments, with the new material needed, and the USMS article numbers and the corresponding USA-S article numbers.

REMINDER: This project will not be treated as emergency, even though it is not a “Rules Year”, based on approval of the HOD at the last convention.

B. Review USMS Parts 2 – 6 for needed updates/changes in those parts that impact rules under our jurisdiction or our work.

C. Review and update the Differences documents in Appendix B:

1. NCAA: Bill Tingley, Kris Wingenroth (original author) will help
2. NFHS: Kris Wingenroth, Judy Gillies, Bill Tingley (original author)

D. Committee members will keep notes as they read their rule books during the year looking for language that doesn’t make sense, language that needs editing, rules that are in conflict with other rules, entries that should be added to the index, any errors found, etc., and send those notes to Kathy Casey, who will compile them all and submit them to the Rule Book Coordinator.

E. Proofread the rule book after convention.

4. Current convention schedule for Rules Committee meetings (not a “Rules Year”):

Sally will send the final convention schedule to Kathy.

5. New business

A. Matt Hooper mentioned that new FINA/USAS open water rules may be forthcoming due to a recent death in an elite international open water event.

B. Due to difficulty getting a bulkhead pool in Canada measured, Skip Thompson recommended that swimmers take a laser (or steel tape) to measure pools when swimming outside the USA. He stated that lasers are now cheaper and easier to use. USMS maintains an online list of pools certified for length. For a list of pools outside USMS that have been certified for length, contact the FINA Masters recorder, Walt Reid. For USMS purposes, anyone can measure a pool; an engineer is not required. That difference between USMS and USA-S rules is in Appendix B.

Bill Tingley reported that NCAA rules require the host school to measure bulkhead pools before dual meets, requiring hosts to have a laser on site.

6. Next meeting: Bill Tingley suggested a tentative date of Sunday, March 27, 5:00 pm PDT.

7. Adjournment: Bill Tingley moved, Leon Kief seconded, and the committee approved adjournment at 5:45 pm PST.