

1986 LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT TO HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Cable Swim Manual. Dr. Jim Miller presented a semi final draft of The Organization and Conduct of Cable Swims. Copies were distributed to members of the ad hoc Committee for review. A projected date of December 15 was established for completion of the final draft. The committee voted to submit the manual to USS LDS for publication. Subsequent discussion with Dale Petranec indicated the manual would have to be sent to USS Publications Committee for review and that the manual and proceeds from sales would become property of USS. We may wish to re-think our publication plan and keep it "in house" in light of probable separation of USS and USMS Long Distance control.

National Long Distance Calendar. A renewed effort with Gary McDowell as chair of the ad hoc committee will be made to collect and compile a calendar of long distance swimming events in this country. Reference will indicate clearly if listed events are USS, USMS or Not Sanctioned events and a statement will be made to explain the significance of the above sanction classifications. A form for sponsors to fill out and return has been developed for Gary's review/modification.

USMS Long Distance Autonomy. The committee voted to establish a goal of January 1, 1988 for separation from USS with respect to complete control and authority to govern long distance swimming for Masters. A green light has been indicated by USS LDS. The financial impact of this re-organization appears to be positive. Considerable legislative work will have to be completed including completion of a Policy and Procedure Manual for the USMS Committee and revision of the LDS rules as they presently appear in Part 8 of the USS Rule Book.

National Long Distance Championship Bids: Bids for 1987 Championships were accepted at the 1985 USAS Convention and were as follows. Bids for 1988 Championships were received and approved at this year's meeting.

	1987	1988
1 Hr Postal	DC Masters	DC Masters
10K Postal	Ariz. Masters	Ariz. Masters
1 Mile	SPMA (OW)	Huntington (cable)
2 Mile on ¼ mi cable	Virginia Masters	Arizona Masters
Open Water 1½-3 mi	Seal Beach	Niagra LMSC
" " 3½-5 mi	SPMA	Central LMSC
Marathon 6 + mi	Seal Beach	Seal Beach
6,000 yd Team	no bid	no bid

Dates are pending for both years. This should be scheduled by Dec. 1986 with coordination with USS events where possible.

Long Distance Swimming Rules. Several rule changes affecting USS events only were reviewed by the USMS committee. The following rules affecting Masters were approved/recommended by the USMS LDS group;

Rule VI C (4) (a) The word "hon" should be removed in front of the word porous. This will prohibit use of rubber type suits in national championship events.

Rule VI C (4) (c). The words "neoprene caps" will be inserted to further clarify that their use is not allowed in national championship events.

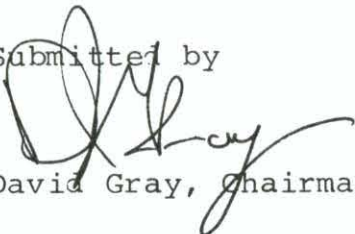
Rule ~~IX C~~ ^{VI E} Entry Fees. The maximum entry fees for national championship events is raised to \$10 for individual and \$15 for teams. A rule requiring the host to forward \$1 for each individual entrant in national championships was approved. USS chair indicates this will be in policy, not in rule. There is some question pending on when this could be effective and where the \$1 fee collected for USMS Championships will be sent.

Rule X A. The present wording will be revised to indicate that team age groupings will be 25+, 35+ etc, not necessarily the same as other masters swimming relays (119 & under, 120 + etc.).

Championship Medals for 1987. Some event sponsors have significant supplies of the old championship meet medals. It was recommended that for 1987 Championships for masters, event sponsors could use either the old design or the new design (when available). All events will use the new championship patch since old inventories are exhausted. All 1988 events will use the same awards as USMS SC and LC championships.

Reduction in number of USMS All Americans in LDS. USS LDS requested that Masters examine the number of AA awarded by USS. What was once listed completely on one certificate must now be listed on two (men and women separately). This matter was discussed. There are 224 possible AA from LDS and well over 1,000 from pool events. The matter was tabled since any decision would not affect the 1986 list which is being compiled. This matter will be addressed in the policy manual and or rules when revised to separate USMS LDS from USS.

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