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| Committee Name: | Rules | Session #: | 4 |
| Committee Chair: | Charles Cockrell | Vice Chair: | Kathy Casey |
| Minutes recorded by: | Mollie Grover | Date/time of meeting: | Saturday 9/24/2016 1:00 pm |

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. U1
2. U2

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to reject USA Swimming proposal U1.
2. MSA to accept USA Swimming proposal U2.

Number of committee members present: 14

Absent: 3

Number of other delegates present: 7

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Kathy Casey, Mollie Grover, Barry Fasbender, Karen Harris, Rand Vaillancourt, Steve Unruh, Brian Hoyt, Barb Protzman, Laura Groselle, Jessica Seaton, Claire Letendre, Matt Hooper, Lucy Johnson

Ex Officio: Meg Smath, Brian Albright

EC: Ed Tsuzuki

Committee Members Absent: Marilyn Fink, Ginny Trimble, Carolyn Boak

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Charles explained the purpose of this meeting, which is to go over the USA Swimming rules changes that affect USMS. Charles went over the content of the two proposals that affect USMS.
2. U1 – MS (Kathy/Steve) to recommended rejection to the HOD. This proposal is similar to HK4 (dealing with adding “vaild” to modify “watch” and “button” in 103.18), which was recommended for approval by this committee. Recommendation to reject passed.
3. U2 – Event limit change from 5 events to 6 events
 - a. Charles explained what clauses would have to be changed in the USMS rules in order to change the event limit to 6 events per day. 102.6 would be divided into 102.6.1 and 102.6.2, with language that is parallel to the other wording changes that have been proposed by the committee. Kathy stated that the wording as written by USA Swimming is how the wording must be presented to the HOD. The language can be made parallel to USMS language via housekeeping.
 - b. MS (Kathy/Rand) to recommend acceptance to the HOD. Rand asked if this change would prevent meet hosts from allowing a lower number of entries. Charles confirmed that it would not, in that the rule only sets a maximum number of entries allowed. Claire and Charles explained the rationale for the change, as per discussions in USA Swimming meetings. Charles mentioned that if the committee does nothing on this rule, USMS will automatically accept the rule change, as per 601.4.7.
 - c. Discussion was had on the health implications of increasing the daily event limit. The various federations' requirements were also discussed. Karen asked if there is any concern on the increase of the length of meets. Charles and Rand both reiterated that a meet host can allow a smaller number of entries if they so choose. Jessica stated that the committee needs to have a compelling reason to reject acceptance of the rule and that she has not heard anything compelling. The committee agreed with her statement. Kathy called the question. MSA (Kathy/Rand) to call the question. Charles then asked for the committee to vote. Motion to accept passed (13 yes, 1 no).
4. Matt asked if the transgender policy will come before the HOD at the final HOD meeting. Charles confirmed that it is now before the board, so that it will not be coming up in the HOD, unless it is pulled during the approval of meeting minutes.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Continue to update the meet situations database.
2. Update the Rules Committee policy document.