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TO: Officers, Board of Directors, Board of Governors, LMSCs, Editors of
Swim-Master and Swim-Swim, A.A.U. Officers

FROM: Ted Haartz, President

1) The annual meeting of the United States Masters Swimming Board of Governors will be held Saturday, October 3, 1981, at the United States Aquatic Sports Convention in Snowbird, Utah. We will meet in Alpine from 9:00-12:00, 2:00-5:00 with the option to meet Sunday morning should the need arise. The U.S. Masters Swimming officers, zone and national committee chairmen will meet Friday, October 2 in Alpine at 9:00a.m. to prepare for the general board meeting on Saturday. I will be there on September 28 to attend U.S. Swimming board meetings, and must plan to leave no later than 1:00 p.m. Sunday to make flight connections.

2) Because of the earliness of the Long Course National meet, the normal shortness of the long course season, and because some meets are regularly scheduled the latter part of August, the 1981 Long Course Top Ten will be based on all meets swum up to Labor Day (Sept. 7, 1981); the results of which must be received by Tabulation Chairman, Enid Uhrich, 25 Lafayette Road, Newton, MA. 02162, by October 12, 1981. The 1982 Long Course tabulation will begin with any long course meets on or after Sept. 8, 1981.

3) Registration 1982: We will do our own club and individual registrations in 1982. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- a) Although the A.A.U. in Indianapolis has submitted a proposal for 1982 that is to all intents and purposes the same as 1981, evidence is accumulating that we are not receiving accurate registration information or all the monies to which we are entitled. We have one known case (plus another probable) in which registration fees paid into the local A.A.U. office were never forwarded to national A.A.U.. That Local Masters Swim Committee was unable to secure its share of fees. I have asked a lawyer - a Masters swimmer in that area - to see what, if anything, can be done.
- b) At another local A.A.U. office, the various sports committees' funds have been frozen; monies which the LMSC wished to use to send a delegate to Snowbird are not currently available to them.

- c) We have some documentation which indicates Masters swimmers were registered to U.S. Swimming and therefore, on the national level at least, the registration fees are in the U.S. Swimming fund. I have names of some 350-400 swimmers who are registered in U.S. Swimming, a number of whom I personally know to be Masters swimmers. Almost no association is exempt from these clerical reporting errors.
- d) Because U.S. Swimming is embarking upon its own registration program in 1982, the considered judgement of U.S.S. and U.S.M.S. executives is to keep both registration programs separate. Both expect to have some problems but they will certainly be more reconcilable if kept separate from one another.

Personalities aside, the objective is to provide for accurate, efficient and cost - effective registration of Masters swimmers and clubs. To this end, it will be proposed to you at Snowbird that U.S.M.S. employ the computer services of Enid Uhrich to supply a registration program which will provide among other things:

- 1) Registration forms which will provide information to our national and local offices, the insurance underwriters and the swimmers, using simpler forms and with less paperwork;
 - 2) A monthly printout to each LMSC of all registered swimmers in that area;
 - 3) An ability to interface with most LMSCs also using computers;
 - 4) Area printouts by name, age, sex, etc.;
 - 5) It is anticipated the total costs for this service in 1982 will be no higher than this year's and may be less;
 - 6) The program will be documented in such a manner as to be transferrable to another computer service is necessary for any reason. Specific details will be presented at Snowbird.
- 4) A reminder that convention information is available from convention chairman Ray Weakley at U.S. Aquatic Sports, Inc., 502 Devon Court SE, Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124, should you need it.