

Report on the 1981 Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of United States Masters Swimming, Inc.

The 1981 Annual meeting of the Board of Governors of U.S. Masters Swimming, Inc. met 9 AM- 7:30 PM October 3. The meeting began with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and then immediately began consideration of the rules and regulations amendments that had been proposed. In summary the following changes were adopted (a complete text is available from Russell Hall):

1. add rules requiring and defining procedures concerning membership, sanctions, participation in meets, competition outside the U.S., and representation of clubs.
2. add rules giving procedures and time deadlines for rule change proposals and approval.
3. define more clearly classification and requirements for records and top ten listings.
4. add long course season shall be until August 31 or the end of the long course nationals whichever is later.
5. eliminate AAU from all wording in the rules.
6. add a list of definitions of words to the rulebook.
7. adjust some national committee titles and memberships.
8. include recommendations about seeding and medical equipment at all meets.
9. clarify intent of rule about 2 swimmers per lane on 1500/1650 at national meets.
10. reverse order of 400/500 freestyle and 200 medley relay at the national meets so the relay will be first.
11. add to national committees a Planning Committee and an International Swimming Committee.
12. modify top ten rules to require that to be considered for top ten, the swimmer must be registered with U.S. Masters Swimming, Inc.
13. modify top ten relay rules to read the same as for U.S. Swimming. Also, added a separate relay top ten tabulation person.

A number of other rules changes were proposed but not adopted.

Next we considered bids for 1983 short course and long course nationals. There were no zone proper bids. The short course bid of Ft. Lauderdale was accepted with tentative dates of May 28-31, 1983. No bid for long course was accepted. The U.S. Masters Swimming executive committee will make the placement decision in January, 1982.

A report from Penn Mutual Insurance was presented detailing their involvement in Masters. They will be supporting the Masters Sports Festival, Inc. August 12-15, 1982 in Philadelphia as part of that city's 300th birthday celebration. They also have a 28 minute film available for Public TV use about Masters Sports.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of fee structure for 1982 and 1983. The national fee structure for 1982 shall be:

1982	1981
\$1.70 National Committee	\$1.95
.25 registration fee	2.00
.05 Swimming Hall of Fame	.05
.75 Medical (accident) insurance	.75
.50 Liability insurance	.50
<u>\$3.25 Total</u>	<u>local Sports Comm..75</u>
	total \$6.00

The 1983 fee shall be \$3.50 pending unforeseen changes that may mandate a change at the meeting next year. The registration year shall be January 1-December 31 with allowance given to new members that shall give them from November 1-December 31 as part of their upcoming new year.

The 1982 Annual meeting will be held in Memphis, Tennessee.

The committee reports are to be mailed to the Governors following the meeting. The registration forms will be mailed to the Governors approximately November 1, 1981. We will be registering directly with U.S. Masters Swimming with computer printouts of membership lists returned quarterly.

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