

## 2007 USAS CONVENTION REPORT

SEPTEMBER 26 – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR REPORT

#### **CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

USA Swimming's Club Development push for 2007-2008 is their Make A Splash Campaign. USA Swimming is making a concerted effort to bring swimming lessons to all communities and lower the drowning rate amount children throughout the United States of America. USA Swimming thru retail partnership and individual donations will provide free swimming lessons to children who can't afford them. USA Swimming will also provide literature, t-shirts, posters, etc. for your program. USA Swimming is also working with over 25,000 schools/PTAs in the US and will these programs will receive educational material with water-safety curriculum to be incorporated into lesson plans.

**AS A SIDE NOTE – Did you know that World Record Holder and 2008 US Olympic hopeful Cullen Jones nearly drowned when he was 5-years old? The future star's inner tube flipped while on a ride at an amusement park, and he was pulled from the water, unconscious!**

Byron Davis also led a workshop for the Diversity Committee. He spoke of going outside the "comfort zone" and what would hinder your club into either going into the "needed" communities and promoting swimming. If no one has heard Byron Davis speak, he is an extremely charismatic and inspirational speaker. He has some short video clips and articles that he has written thru the years and one specifically called "Why do we give "hard" such a hard time?" which can be found by going to Byron's blog page @ [www.byrondavis.tv](http://www.byrondavis.tv) and linking onto the August 2007 archived articles.

#### **SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

Presented by the Safety Education Committee and USSIC – they talked of new changes for coaches' certification beginning in 2008. Coaches' Safety Training will be a required certification for all coaches within USA Swimming. In the past, if a coach was certified with Lifeguarding that encompassed First Aid and Coaches Safety Training – beginning in September 2008 those with Lifeguarding or WSI/Lifeguard Instructor certifications will still need to take the written portion of the Coaches' Safety Training course which can be done online. Cards will be available at your local Red Cross Chapters but there was talk of implementing a fee for the cards.

#### **BOARD OF REVIEW COMMITTEE**

I attended the LSC Board of Review workshop. At this workshop they reviewed the FAQs that LSC usually call into USA Swimming's NBOR. The National Board of Review stressed that most matters be tried by the LSC's Board of Review. They stressed the importance of documentation either by tape recording or by hiring a court reporter to take down the exact proceedings of the Review Meeting. If a Review Committee does not record at the LSC level – then all evidence at the National Board of Review level is inadmissible. Decisions of the LSC Board of Review can be appealed to the National Board of Review and must be filed in a timely petition (within 30 business days of the decision by the

LSC) along with a \$250 filing fee. The USA-S President and/or the National Board of Review Chair each have the authority to deny or reject an appeal which they deem to be without merit.

### **SPORTS MEDICINE/SCIENCE COMMITTEE**

I attended both workshops sponsored by the Sport Medicine and Science Committees. The first workshop was regarding shoulder problems (specifically the glenohumeral joint). The presentation was extremely interesting in that shed some new light on shoulder problem prevention. The presentation can be found by going to USA Swimming's website and linking onto: Coaches – Sports Medicine – Injury Prevention and Rehab – then link onto "Shoulder Stretching For Competitive Swimmers: Helpful or Harmful?" Physical Therapist George Edelman has done a study on the detriments of overstretching or use of the "traditional" stretches used over the years by swimmers.

The second workshop was presented by Russell Mark with USA Swimming where he did a comparative study regarding USA Swimming's Top 5 elite backstrokers and our success at the last several National Championships. Russell's power point presentation is available by emailing him at [rmark@usaswimming.org](mailto:rmark@usaswimming.org)

### **CONVENTION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Convention Education Committee put on a workshop regarding using the internet as a marketing and communication tool for your LSC/Club. This presentation entailed keeping information concise and to the point, easy to read, and generally "user friendly".

There was discussion regarding what type of information one puts on their websites and there was discussion regarding COPPA (Children's Online Protection Privacy Act).

What is COPPA: <http://www.coppa.org/coppa.htm3>

How To Comply With COPPA: <http://www.coppa.org/comply.htm>

### **CENTRAL ZONE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

This year was uneventful regarding topics of discussion for the Central Zones.

As Drew stated in his General Chair report – there was differing discussion on what was on paper in the final meet reports and what happened at some of the meets.

Indiana Swimming will be hosting the 2008 Mega Zone Championships (August 6-10, 2008). Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 – Hotels available via ICVA Passkey system – information to be mailed to the General Chairs.

Two bids were presented for the 2009 Central Zone Championships:

August 7-9, 2009 in Noblesville, Indiana (outdoor 50-meter facility)

\_\_\_\_\_ in Grand Forks, North Dakota (indoor 50-meter facility)

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

The 2007 Final Legislation passed by the House of Delegates at the USAS Convention can be found by linking onto [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org) – Volunteers – Convention – Drawing Board.

At the House of Delegates Meeting a memo was passed out by Bruce Stratton, Rules and Regulations Committee regarding “Interpretation of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 202”. I have included a copy of this memo.

I would like to thank Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. for allowing me to attend my 3<sup>rd</sup> USAS Convention. I would also like to thank Illinois Swimming for picking up my bar bill one night!

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Administrative Chair - Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

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USA SWIMMING  
RULES AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 202

*Effective September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

BACKGROUND REGARDING CONDITIONS FOR SANCTIONS AND APPROVALS

Article 202.1 gives the Local Swimming Committee (LSC), as the administrative arm of USA Swimming, the authorization to issue sanctions and approvals for all swimming competition and benefits, exhibitions, clinics and entertainment involving competitive swimming within its geographical boundaries. Articles 202.2, 202.3 and 202.4 provide specific conditions and requirements that must be met in order to issue a sanction or approval. The question is whether conditions or requirements may be imposed that are in addition to those listed in the Rule and Regulations.

INTERPRETATION

Additional requirements/conditions for sanction or approval may be established by the LSC provided the requirements/conditions have been approved by a majority vote of the LSC House of Delegates

AUTHORITY

Article 506.5.4 states in part that "the Rules and Regulations Committee, or its designees, shall have the sole authority to officially interpret Part One and the authority to interpret the remainder of these Rules and Regulations."

The USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee approved the interpretation shown above on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and is effective September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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Bruce W. Stratton, Chair

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee