

Minutes of Masters Committee Meeting – September 15, 2004

Members present-Chairman-Nan Zack, Elizabeth Knowles, Becky Meitin, Barbara Eaton, Sue Ahlf, Dawn Bean and athlete reps – Scotti Nichols and Amy Immerling.

Sue Ahlf stated that the 2004 Masters Nationals to be held in Roseville, Ca in October will have a western flair with BBQ, bands and Olympians will present the medals to the winners with approximately 300 athletes expected. Sue also asked whether the athletes wanted the high point trophy that is being donated by Evermore Water to be a perpetual trophy. Seconded and passed. Dawn Bean and Don Squire discussed the concern of the elimination of male athletes competing in the World Championships and Dawn stated that Synchronized Swimming is considered a women's event only by FINA. Dawn said that approximately 330 athletes participated in the World's in Riccone, Italy and everyone had a wonderful time.

Legislation-2004-Nan discussed the survey taken at the 2003 Nationals and Scottie stated that the athletes want to go with FINA changes. It was suggested to keep figures for the athletes that want to participate in figures only. New time limits for tech routines are being considered by FINA and it was suggested that combo routines be added as a separate event and not count toward the high point team trophy. The motion was to amend the rule to conform with the FINA book plus figures and combo routines. Motion passed.

Dawn presented the proposed rule changes for 2005 FINA-
Appendix II
Duet/Trios Required Elements

Element 1-5 same

6. A JOINED ACTION where the swimmers are connected. (Joined) in some manner by (hands, by feet), to perform ONE of the following,
a connected figure
a connected float
or connected stroking
7. Element 1-4 MUST be performed in order
Element 5-6 may be executed at any time during the routine.
8. With the exception of the deck work, entry and the JOINED ACTION, all Elements, required and supplementary MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction of all swimmers, mirror actions are not permitted except in the JOINED ACTION

Team required elements

Elements 1-5 as listed

6. CADENCE ACTION – identical movement(s) performed sequentially one by one, by all team members. When more than one cadence action is performed they must be consecutive and not separate by other optional or required element.
7. A JOINED ACTION - where the swimmers are connected (joined) in some Manner (by hands, by feet), to perform one of the following
a connected figure
a connected float
or connected stroking
8. Pattern Formation must include a straight line and a circle
element 1-4 MUST be performed in order
9. With the exception of the deck work, entry, Joined Action and Cadence Action, all elements, required and supplementary MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all swimmers. Variation in propulsion and direction facing are permitted only during pattern changes. Mirror actions are not permitted with the exception in the Joined Action.

Judging Funding – Nan read the balance of the Masters Restricted Fund of which the Masters Committee decides how the funds are to be used. Scottie moved that the Masters Committee should direct use of the restricted funds and should submit annual recommendations no later than one month before convention. These recommendations shall be forwarded to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the Financial Procedures Manual. Seconded – passed. Several requests have been made from several officials for help in funding of travel to various Masters World meets. Karen R. moved to reimburse the international judges for \$600 per person for reimbursement for part of their expenses at the 2004 World Masters Championships for the year only and then to obtain information from the International Relations Committee with a report back to the Masters Committee at the 2004 Masters National Championships. Seconded and passed.

Nan asked if Masters wanted to have an Awards Committee for nominations for ISOF and this will be presented at the Masters Nationals and forms are available from ISOF.

Masters History – Clubs are requested to send in information concerning the start of their clubs, championships entered, inception of the club and any other important information concerning the clubs activities.

Meeting adjourned 12p.m.

Team required elements

Elements 1-5 as listed

10. CADENCE ACTION – identical movement(s) performed sequentially one by one, by all team members. When more than one cadence action is performed they must be consecutive and not separate by other optional or required element.
11. A JOINED ACTION - where the swimmers are connected (joined) in some Manner (by hands, by feet), to perform one of the following
a connected figure
a connected float
or connected stroking
12. Pattern Formation must include a straight line and a circle
element 1-4 MUST be performed in order
13. With the exception of the deck work, entry, Joined Action and Cadence Action, all elements, required and supplementary MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all swimmers. Variation in propulsion and direction facing are permitted only during pattern changes. Mirror actions are not permitted with the exception in the Joined Action.

Team required elements

Elements 1-5 as listed

14. CADENCE ACTION – identical movement(s) performed sequentially one by one, by all team members. When more than one cadence action is performed they must be consecutive and not separate by other optional or required element.
15. A JOINED ACTION - where the swimmers are connected (joined) in some Manner (by hands, by feet), to perform one of the following
a connected figure
a connected float
or connected stroking
16. Pattern Formation must include a straight line and a circle
element 1-4 MUST be performed in order
17. With the exception of the deck work, entry, Joined Action and Cadence Action, all elements, required and supplementary MUST be performed simultaneously and facing the same direction by all swimmers. Variation in propulsion and direction facing are permitted only during pattern changes. Mirror actions are not permitted with the exception in the Joined Action.