

Board of Directors
Minutes
Sunday, September 30, 2007
Garden Grove, California

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 USA Swimming President Jim Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on
3 Sunday, September 30, 2007 with the following in attendance:

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5 **Board of Directors and Ex-Officio:**

6 George Block, Wayne Burrow, Peter Carney, Ed Dellert, JoAnn Faucett, Shannon
7 Gillespy, Ted Haartz, Larry Johnson, Michael Lawrence, Pat Lunsford, Vicki Marsh,
8 Dale Neuburger, Richard Pockat, Linda Riker, Bill Rose, Jim Ryan, Trent Staley, Tyler
9 Storie, Mary Jo Swalley, Alison Terry, John Wilson, Jim Wood..

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11 **Board Members and Ex-Officio Not Present:**

12 Sandy Baldwin, Tom Dolan, Mark Henderson, Bryan Jones, Bill Maxson, Arlene
13 McDonald, Wells O'Brien, Bill Schalz, Ron Van Pool, Ross Wales, Carol Zaleski.

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15 **AGENDA REVIEW**

16 (*Attachment #1*).The following additions to the agenda were made:

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18 **New Business** Appointment of 2 Task Forces Jim Wood
19 Underwater Cameras Mike Unger
20 Delegates to FINA Congress (Manchester) Jim Wood
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22 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

23 *"Is any member aware of any conflict of interest (that is, of a personal interest or*
24 *direct or indirect pecuniary interest) in any matter being considered by this*
25 *meeting which should now be reported or disclosed or addressed under the USA*
26 *Swimming Conflict of Interest Policy?"*

27 If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the
28 course of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and / or action is being
29 taken, a declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.

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31 **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

32 Western Zone – Coach, Larry Johnson (Second Term)
33 Eastern Zone - Non-Coach, JoAnn Faucett (Pete Gannon outgoing)
34 Southern Zone – Coach, Shannon Gillespy (Duffy Dillon outgoing)
35 Central Zone – Coach, Bill Schalz (Eric Nelson outgoing)

36 **CONFIRMATION OF EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Baldwin, Sandy	Henderson, Mark	Rose, Bill
Crippen Maddy	Jones, Bryan	Van Pool, Ron
Dolan, Tom	Maxson, Bill	Wales, Ross
Haartz, Ted	Neuburger, Dale	Zaleski, Carol

Henderson, Mark

37 **MOTION:** *To approve the above list of ex-officio members; Maddy Crippn is the new*
38 *USOC AAC Alternate Representative. **APPROVED.***

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40 **2007 – 2008 MEETING DATES**

41 The following Board of Directors meeting dates are presented:

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43 November 17, 2007 - Los Angeles
44 January 18-19, 2008 – Colorado Springs (changed to Jan. 25-26 in Omaha)
45 April 25-26, 2008 – Colorado Springs
46 August 3, 2008 (Executive Committee) – Minneapolis (see comments below)
47 September 23, 24, 28, 2008 (USAS Convention) – Atlanta
48 November 2008 - New York – Sunday, November 16 in conjunction with Golden
49 Goggle Awards.

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51 There was discussion on the January 2008 meeting dates and time. There was
52 agreement to change the meeting dates to January 25-26, 2008 and meeting location to
53 Omaha.

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55 There was also discussion on the August 3 date for the Executive Committee Budget
56 Meeting. Many will have already left for Beijing. It was suggested to hold this meeting in
57 conjunction with the test event at the Omaha Grand Prix Meet June 5-8, and propose
58 June 9 for the meeting date. It was decided to discuss this further during the November
59 meeting.

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61 **PARALYMPIC TASK FORCE**

62 Mary Jo Swalley supplied the names for the Paralympic Task Force: Gail Dummer,
63 Jarret Perry, Bea Hartigan, Mark Rieniets, and Randy Julian. An athlete will need to be
64 named. This task force is charged with working on the issue of classifications of which
65 American Records are being recognized by whom. Pat Lunsford and Mary Jo Swalley
66 will work together to determine the Chair, and to establish the objectives.

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68 **CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - USA SWIMMING FOUNDATION**

69 The search is continuing and candidates are actively being pursued. Hope to be able to
70 name the person being hired during the November meeting. This person will serve as a
71 member of the Senior staff team, and will supervise Rowdy Gaines and his team.

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73 **UNDERWATER CAMERAS**

74 FINA has decided not to use the cameras at the World Championships in Manchester,
75 and also not to use them in Beijing during the Olympic Games. The start date for usage

76 of these cameras will be in 2009 in Rome. The International Relations Committee
77 approved and is proposing to the Board of Directors to fund additional testing of this
78 system prior to its likely use in Rome in 2009.

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80 This additional testing would take place at two major competitions:

- 81 1. National Championships – Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2007 – Atlanta;
- 82 2. U.S. Olympic Team Trials – June 29 – July 6, 2008 - Omaha

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84 At each of these competitions, USA Swimming would partner with DV Sport in order to
85 capture the video appropriately. The approximate cost of each meet is \$30,000. USA
86 Swimming will inquire of FINA as to whether it is agreeable to assist USA Swimming
87 with this funding of the testing. If help from FINA is not possible, it is proposed that the
88 funds for both meets come from the Organizational Relations International budget.

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90 **SIX FOOT DEPTH TASK FORCE**

91 Duffy Dillon will Chair this task force and additional members will be named at the
92 November meeting.

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94 **GENDER EQUITY TASK FORCE**

95 There are some concerns of the percentage of female leadership in the volunteer and
96 coaching groups. Members will be named at the November meeting.

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98 **MOTION:** *To approve the formation of the Six Foot Depth Task Force and the Gender*
99 *Equity Task Force. **APPROVED.***

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101 **EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS**

102 On Friday the International Relations Committee nominated 2 people to be the USA
103 Swimming Congress Delegates to Manchester: Jim Wood and Fernando Canales.

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105 **MOTION:** *To approve Jim Wood and Fernando Canales as the USA Swimming*
106 *Delegates to the Extraordinary Congress in Manchester in 2008. **APPROVED.***

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108 **IRC LEGISLATION**

109 The IRC legislation has passed that it's now a policy manual issue and not a rulebook
110 issue. Jim Wood, Jeff Gudman and a few others will discuss, and will bring
111 recommendations to the Board at the January or April meetings, as to how IRC
112 members are selected.

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114 The IRC has created a co-chair position. Ron Van Pool will remain as Chair, and Denny
115 Pursley has been designated as co-chair.

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117 **MISCELLANEOUS**

118 Linda Riker thanked Alison Terry, Tyler Storie, and John Cruzat, for their work on the
119 athlete clinic that took place on Friday. Tyler reported that about 50 kids participated in
120 the clinic. About 25 of the athletes attending convention participated and spoke on

121 swimming experiences as a child, motivational items, staying determined and focused
122 on goals.

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124 **WASSERMAN MEDIA GROUP**

125 Chuck Wielgus gave an update on the Wasserman Media Group relationship.
126 (*Attachment #2*)

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128 Karen Hamilton from WMG was present and spoke to the Board.

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130 **ADJOURN**

131 This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Executive Coordinator

Jim Wood
President

For a copy of an attachment, please contact Kathy Parker –
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Attachments

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Attachment #1 Page 1 – Agenda

Attachment #2 Page 4 – Wasserman Media Group Presentation