

MASTERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The subcommittee met on September 16, 2010. The items listed below were discussed. Two of the items will be voted on by the Masters Athletes at the Masters National Championships in October. The decisions of the athletes will then be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Masters Technical Elements

Barbara McNamee created a video of the new Masters Technical Elements, which is posted on YouTube, which can be found by searching for Masters Tech Elements or at the following link. [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOpbBPA3TY>] Jennifer Hawkins, from the National Office, projected the video for the subcommittee. The new elements are described in a file that will be e-mailed to the subcommittee.

The new elements were approved by the FINA Masters Technical Committee. [This basically is the main approval that has to occur with FINA.] The FINA Bureau will be meeting in December and are expected to accept the new elements.

Lea Bean moved, seconded by Elizabeth Knowles, that we adopt the new Technical Elements once the FINA Bureau accepts them. The subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

This will be referred to the Athlete Program Committee to approve for recommendation to the Board of Directors.

On-Line Registration for Nationals

Jennifer Hawkins projected the web site to show how the process works. She addressed questions from the subcommittee. She will answer questions on registration, either by phone or e-mail, until September 30.

Judges Funding for FINA World Masters

Costs to send judges to the FINA World Masters meet were quite high. When the number of competitors going to the meet is relatively low, the athletes have difficulty funding themselves plus judges. Only 29 athletes attended the 2010 meet and had to fund two judges. The athletes asked for a way to keep the costs down by both limiting the number of judges and raising the travel fee. The International Relations Committee is bringing to the Board of Directors a proposal that only one U. S. FINA Judge be selected per Club Option event, which will alleviate the main concern of the athletes. This subcommittee discussed how to address funding the Masters Travel Fund.

Lea Bean moved, seconded by Elizabeth Knowles, that we raise the total per swimmer surcharge to \$5.00 to cover the travel expenses for a judge to FINA World Masters and the stipend for the Masters Athlete Reps to Convention. The subcommittee unanimously approved the motion.

This motion will be referred to Membership for presentation to the Board of Directors to approve, pending approval from the clubs at our meet in October.

Time did not permit the discussion of further topics.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Masters Subcommittee Chair