

Committee Name:	Officials	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Brian Albright	Vice Chair:	Ed Saltzman		
Minutes recorded by:	Brian Albright	Date/time of meeting:	4/24/2016		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD: N/A

Motions Passed:

1. Motion approved to set the minimum age for USMS certified officials at age 18.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 7	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Brian Albright, Steve Goldman, Michael Moore, Al Ness, Mary Pohlmann, Teri White, Ed Saltzman, Dave Coddington, Judy Gillies Marilyn Fink		
Absent: Pat Baker, Omar de Armas, Alina de Armas, Herb Schwab, Ex Officio: Jim Holcomb, Laura Hamel, Chris McGiffin		

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm EST

Approved minutes from committee meetings on both 1/3/2016 and 2/1/2016.

It was announced that the USMS BoD has approved the committee’s proposal for an officials certification program. One detail we needed to finalize was setting a minimum age for USMS Officials. A motion was put forth to set the minimum age at 18, and was unanimously approved in voice vote.

Discussed the upcoming USMS Short Course nationals. The committee had a lengthy discussion about the ability of the committee to have some control over the officiating at nationals. The situation about an official not being allowed to officiate at nationals was discussed.

A task force to review current rules regarding the appointment of officials at nationals was appointed. The members included Teri White and Steven Goldman, and Dave Coddington was appointed chair.

The payment of officials travel to nationals was discussed. The chair had mentioned in previous discussions the possibility of LMSCs contributing to the travel of officials from their area to volunteer at nationals. Some members of the committee said their LMSC had no interest in giving money for officials travel while the local host was profiting from the meet, while other committee members had received help from their LMSC to travel to nationals. Any help is appreciated.

A meeting will be scheduled before the July 15 deadline for rule change proposals to be submitted to the USMS Rules Committee. Any proposed rule change(s) will be submitted to the committee and a vote taken on referring the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm EST.