

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Officials	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Brian Albright	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Teri White		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Brian Albright	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	5/10/2017		

**Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. None

**Motions Passed:**

1. Proposal for USMS Officials Award approved to send to Awards & Recognition Committee
2. Rule proposal package approved to send to the Rules Committee
  - a. Clarify that officials report to the meet referee, not the meet director.
  - b. Meet referee at USMS Nationals must submit a meet report to the officials committee
  - c. Allow for the selection of USMS Nationals meet referee by the officials committee chair

**Number of committee members present: 12      Absent: 4      Number of other delegates present: 3**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Brian Albright, Teri White, Pat Baker, Kim Boggs, Omar de Armas, Alina de Armas, Sandy Drake, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, Al Ness, Herb Schwab    Ex Officio: Chris McGiffin

**Absent:** Michael Abegg, David Coddington    Ex Officio: Jim Holcomb, Laura Hamel

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:34 pm EST

Omar gave a review of USMS Spring Nationals in Riverside. Officials numbers were tight, but they made it through. Review of DQ numbers. Times were fast. Swimmers who missed their event were not allowed to swim. Discussion about check in issues.

Jeff Roddin and Kim Crouch, respective chair and vice chair of the Championship Committee, got on the call to discuss some issues for nationals. They addressed the check in issues, and Herb and Judy backed them up. Committee members, in coming up with ideas to help officials staffing at nationals, asked about a meet fee to apply to nationals, with the money going to the officials committee stipend for nationals. Jeff informed the committee that they could ask for an increase in the budget, but proposing a fee would be out of order because the finance committee would determine where the money would come from if approved.

The proposal for a USMS Officials Award was considered and approved to send to the Awards and Recognition Committee.

Three rules proposals to send to the Rules Committee for consideration at convention were considered and approved. They were:

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Steven is going to start working on a proposal for a path to a USMS Referee certification to go along with the USMS Stroke & Turn Official and USMS Starter.

Judy was going to consider ideas for advertising the officials certification process and recruiting officials.

Donn Livoni was on the call as a guest because he is running for the VP position that would be the liaison to the executive committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm EST.