## **USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002**

Committee Name: OFFICIALS Agenda item # 6

## **ACTION ITEMS**

A proposed policy for the naming of officials for the SC and LC National Championship meets was developed for review and approval by the Championship Committee and USA-S

The Officials Committee passed the USMS Officials Certification Procedure (see attached).

Assigned the Officials Committee liaisons to the 2003 Short Course and Long Course National Championship meets as follows: Ted Haartz to Tempe, AZ and David Diehl to Rutgers, NJ.

Committee Chair: David Diehl Vice Chair: Judy Gillies

Number of committee members present: 16 Absent: 3 Total delegates attending this meeting: 27

Committee Members present: David Diehl, Carol Berendsen, Joan Smith, Cindy Baxter, Rick Windes, Charles Cockrell, Ted Haartz, Mike Lemke, Ed Saltzman, Barnet Hungerford, Adrienne Pipes, Jan Kavadas, Dennis Wilson, Eric Nordlund, Steve Schofield, Judy Gillies and Pat Baker (USA-S Liaison Representative).

## **MINUTES**

Time Meeting Called to Order: 1:09 pm

- 1. Called to order and introduction of Committee members. Brief review of action items from last year.
- Discussed and reviewed the use of USA-S officials for the USMS SC and LC National Championship meets for USA-S National certification. An item needed to be resolved regarding the coordination of assigning officials and a proposed policy was developed for review and approval by the Championship Committee and USA-S.
- Discussed and passed the USMS Officials Certification Procedure.
- 4. Discussed the proposed rule changes and recommends to the Rules Committee that R1 be passed. No other rule changes affected the Officials Committee.
- 5. Assigned Ted Haartz as the Officials Committee liaison to SC Nationals in Tempe and David Diehl to LC Nationals at Rutgers.
- 6. Discussed the Block #1 questions and developed responses as follows:
  - 1- Help ensure consistent and uniform competition throughout the country. Competition is a measure of fitness and a tool to encourage ongoing participation.
  - 2- The presence of officials makes competitors feel that they will get uniform treatment.
  - 3- The new proposed USMS Officials Certification Procedures will allow for more qualified officials on deck. Write articles for newsletters and other publications regarding rules interpretations and case studies

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 2:20 pm

## TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

- 1. Obtain formal agreement between USMS and USA-S Officials Committees and the Championship Committee regarding the assignment of officials for the USMS National Championship meets.
- 2. Finalize and implement the USMS Officials Certification Procedures.
- 3. Provide Officials Committee liaisons for the SC and LC National Championship meets.