## **USMS Officials Committee 2021-22**

Committee Name: Officials Committee Session #: 4

Committee Chair: Teri White Vice Chair: Michael Abegg

Minutes recorded Judy Gillies Date/time of meeting:

**by:** 6/2/2022

# **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. Rule Change proposals for 102.13.4 to change the wording from assigned lane to same lane.

2. 102.12.1 A, B, &C to accept the same language as USA swimming. This section is regarding swimsuits.

### **Motions Passed:**

1.

Number of committee members present: 9 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates present: 2

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White, Chair; Mike Abegg, Vice Chair; Jerrilynn Bayless; Emily Cook; David Diehl; Judy Gillies; Michael Moore, Omar De Armas; Mark Marshfield; Robin Smith, EC; Onshalee Promchitmart, Ex.

Committee Members Absent: Alina De Armas, John King, Lisa Phillips, and Jeff Sargent.

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at .6:05 MDT. Minutes of 4/20/2022 accepted as submitted.

### **Old Business**

1. **Officials Certification program:** 324 certified USMS officials, 181 Starters, 67 Referees. No updates regarding Referee or Administrative Official training modules.

### 2. National Championship Meets:

- a. **2022 Spring Championships**, 4/28-5/1 San Antonio. Very successful meet! Total of 38 officials worked, 85% were USMS certified, only 5 local officials. Many compliments from swimmers and other volunteers to officials for their good work. 27 Officials asked for assistance with stipend., largest pool ever.
- b. **2022 Summer LC Nationals** 8/3-7/2022 Richmond VA. The Application to Officiate is up on the National site, and will be up on Officials site. Ten officials have already applied. Alina De Armas will be the Admin Referee, Teri will be Head Starter.
- 3. **Excellence in Officiating Award:** We have around 5 nominations from previous years. No new nominations yet this year. Teri asked if we should go with the ones we have so far. After a short discussion, we agreed to go with what we have, and do a vote and honor an official in 2022. Teri also asked if we should still agree that those currently on the committee could not be considered. We all agreed to this.. Teri will send out the current names and their letters of nomination after the deadline of July 1 for nominations.
- 4. **Website**: Michael Abegg mentioned again, that those looking for Open Water Officiating go to our site first many times. We agreed to have a LINK on our website directing people to the Open Water site.

- 5. Administrative Official: Mark Marshfield is working on finding information on Admin Official that we can modify and use for Masters. Mark said he has looked on the Colorado site but did not find anything. Omar said he would direct Mark where to look and help him. We are looking for training and certification info on AD official for our website. Omar and Alina have volunteered to help Mark with this.
- 6. **Rule Change proposal:** both have been presented to the Rules Committee.
  - a. **102.13.4** It will go to HOD as coming from Officials, Pacific and Southern California LMSCs. It is a word change *from assigned lane to same lane*. This will eliminate an automatic disqualification if no interference or unsportsmanlike conduct is involved.
  - b. 102.12.1 A & B: to accept the same language as USA swimming. This section is regarding swimsuits.
- 7. **Annual Meeting** 9/16-18/22 in Denver. Those attending from our committee will be Teri, Judy Michael Moore, Robin, Emily, John King, and Jerrilynn.

New Business		
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None.

Next meeting Thursday July 7, 6:00 PM MDT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:63 PM MDT