

Minutes from USMS Official Zoom Meeting

July 2nd 2023

Those in attendance: Michael Abegg-Chair; Teri White-Vice Chair; Emily Cook; Omar de Armas; Robert Duguay; Judy Gillies; John King; Mark Marshfield; Alina de Armas; Allison Abad-Ex Officio; Onshalee Promschitmart-Ex-Officio; Robin Smith-EC.

Absent: David Diehl; Jerrilynn Bayless; Chris Ottati

Michael called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM PDT

Approval of last meeting minutes April 10th, 2023 – approved

Chair's Report-Reminder that SC Yards meet is in Indy next June, Friday thru Monday.

On-going Business-

1. Teri- USMS Officials certification program-currently 422 officials, 222 starters, and 100 referees!
2. Championship Meets-Teri SC Nationals in Irvine- 45 Officials totally, but 4, 10 hour days. 36 people apply for reimbursement, and a total of \$30,000 was given out. There was a discussion of the delay in payments, and the work of gathering all paperwork and filing the paperwork. Due to the long 10 hour days, Teri has suggested an idea of two teams of officials, morning group and afternoon group. Something to think about.
3. Sarasota-LC this August. 51 applications to officiate! Mike will reach out to Ed Saltzman the Meet Referee about the high number of officials and how to best use them in the heat and humidity.
4. FINA- Teri White will be leaving the end of July for Japan. She will be Officiating the Open Water and pool swimming. John Fox will also be officiating Open Water.
5. College Club Nationals will be in Indy April 5-7 2024
6. USMS SC Nationals in Indy June 20-24, 20204, overlapping the last four days of the Olympic Trials. A discussion about it will be difficult to get officials for this meet.
7. Name Tag order-Teri is working on list for Irvine and Sarasota. She will send names to Onshalee. A discussion of a new way to do this, since some officials say they will work a National meet, we make them a name tag, and then they do now show up, and the tag needs to be mailed. Mailing costs are more expensive than making the name tag. Emily suggested making name tags with the words USMS Official on them to pass out to those who just show up. This will be discussed further.
8. Testmoz-Teri will print out and work on changes related to the new breaststroke ruling. She encourages anyone to write up or suggest a test question having to do with what we see at Masters meets that do not occur at USA-S meets. We are encouraged to send her suggestions.
9. Mark brought up clarification on the new backstroke ruling. Mike cleared it up "Once the swimmer passes the backstroke flags they can submerge or not or re-submerge, as long as they finish on their back."
10. Officials Award- Emily- We have a backlog list of officials who have been nominated. Emily will start with this list. Peter Guadagni has also sent in two nominations. Emily will get this list together and set up a voting form that will go out to all Officials Committee members. Mike brought up discussion of why a committee member cannot be nominated. It is a question of

bias. We do not want to appear bias in nominating one of our own. Also this year since we have a back log we are going to honor two officials with this award.

11. 2023 Rule change proposal- Rules Committee is tearing apart the Rule proposal our committee sent to their committee relating to 103.3.2. Some on the Rules Committee disagree with our ruling to have a Certified Referee run the meet. The Rules committee needs to realize this certified referee can be certified in any certification area, USA-S, YMCA, and NFHS. We may not find out what the Rules Committee did with our Rule proposal, until the Annual Meeting.
12. Administrative Official Role-Mike, Alina, Chris and Mark are working on this. Some suggestions from National Office that everything does not need to go into the Rule book. We can develop Guidelines or Operating Manuals for running meets. This would be a document that this committee would have total control of.
13. Open Water Slide Show-Mike is working on this and it is almost ready.

We had more on our agenda, but were running out of time. What was not discussed will go on the August agenda.

Motion to adjourn from Teri and second from Judy.

Mike will send a Doodle Poll to decide date and time of next meeting. This next meeting will be our official Annual Meeting. We will NOT meet as a committee at the Annual Meeting in September in Houston.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10PM PDT.

Submitted by Judy Gillies, 7/5/2023