

USMS Convention — Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012

Committee Name: Coaches	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Scott Bay	Vice Chair: Stuart Kahn	
Minutes recorded by: Stuart Kahn	Date/time of meeting: September, 14, 2012, 1:30pm	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 7	Number of other delegates present: 72
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Scott Bay, Stuart Kahn, Dennis Tesch, Tom Mester, Mark Moore, Heather Howland, Jacki Hirsty, Chris Campbell, Kristin Gary, Jody Smith VP Community Services		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm.

1. Committee Chair Bay welcomed all delegates and provided background and purpose of the committee. The Committee members introduced themselves. Bay then asked each of the Sub-Committee Chairs to review the year.
2. FITNESS - Dennis Tesch, committee liaison to Fitness introduced Chris Campbell who provided a recap of the Fitness swim practice from Friday morning that was written by Tom Mester. Dennis also noted that Fitness had created a new challenge for 2013 named the 'Pick Six". Detailed information will be on the USMS website.
3. INTERNATIONAL COACHING – On behalf of Frank Marcinkowski, Kristin Gary provided a recap of the USMS experience in Riccione. Despite crowding problems associated with high-level European competitions, Gary offered a positive overview of the event. Suggestions were entertained from the floor regarding improvements in communication and administration of the USMS team.
4. AWARDS – Heather Howland offered ideas on how to increase the number of nominations for both Club of the Year and Coach of the Year. As a timely assist, SWIMMER will publicize in the May/June issue a snapshot of both award winners from 2012.
5. PUBLICATIONS – Cokie Lepinski,, on behalf of Mike Collins, made an appeal to those present to please consider providing content to both *Streamlines for Coaches* and *Streamlines for Swimmers*. She also described a wide variety of acceptable content options.
6. COMMUNICATIONS – Cokie Lepinski, on behalf of Ahelee Sue Osborne, described the challenges facing this sub-committee. Poor communications and transient office holders make it difficult to establish, much less maintain, ongoing contact from USMS to the LMSC Coaches Chairs. Suggestions were entertained from the floor regarding improvements in this area.
7. HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP – Stuart Kahn gave background on the camp and how, after a 7 year hiatus that ended last year, USMS has relinquished total control to Hill Carrow and the Triangle Sports Commission. He also described the staff selection process and how 2 coaches will rollover each year to provide continuity and historicity.
8. ONLINE COACHING – Stuart Kahn evaluated the expansion in 2011 from 4 to 7 coaches as an unmitigated success. Pending approval of the 2013 budget, the number of coaches for next year remains the same. The application period for 2013 coaches will be from October 15-November 15, 2012.
9. CERTIFICATION – Bill Brenner described the current schedule and administration of the Level 1 and 2 courses. Totally revamped in 2010 and revised again in 2012, the two courses have been taught 19 times in 41 LMSC's to 334 coaches. The Level 3 course premiered on Wednesday at the USAS Convention. Bill entertained and responded to questions from the floor regarding course fees, scholarships, and outside USMS participants. Levels 4 & 5 are to be unveiled by the end of 2012 and will be based on the pillars of Contributions, Leadership, Achievement and Education.

10. Jody Smith, VP of Community Services, thanked all of the Committee members for the time and energies over the past 12 months and asked the visiting delegates to consider future contributions and participation.
11. Hill Carrow, offered a quick overview of the 2012 HPC and expressed his excitement for the ongoing event.
12. Chairman Bay opened the floor for suggestions to changes and improvements in the 2013 committee vision and agenda. Numerous contributions were received and noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.
