

Committee Name:	Coaches	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Scott Bay	Vice Chair:	Stu Kahn
Minutes recorded by:	Cokie Lepinski	Date/time of meeting:	6.12.13 8:00 PM Eastern

Motions Passed: None

Number of committee members present: 13	Absent: 6	Number of other delegates present:
<p>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Scott Bay (Chair), Stu Kahn, (VC) Chris Campbell, Michael Collins, Kristin Gary, Bob Jennings, Kim Lloyd, Cokie Lepinski, Frank Marcincowski, Erin Matthews, Tom Mester, Executive Committee Jody Smith, Bill Brenner (Ex Officio), Ex Officio Jillian Wilkins</p>		
<p>Not present: Ken Brisbin, Lisa Dahl, Alben Fisher, Jared Foster, Emmett Hines, Heather Howland, Associate Member C.J. Rushman</p>		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. eastern

1. Level 4 Review. Cokie reviewed with the Committee the comments on the Level 4 application submitted by others. The committee agreed to put out a draft copy of the proposed application (clearly labeled as such) for the Coaches Committee members to walk through (as if they are applying). We need this back by our next call in July. In addition, we need input on how the eventual applications will be reviewed (who will be on the committee) and what the fee should be to submit an application. The idea behind that is to pay an honorarium to the committee members that will review Level 4 applications. Scott would also like comments to him about the process and workflow. Cokie will rework the document and get the draft copy out to Scott by June 13th.
2. Nationals On Deck – Erin gave us a review of how the online sign ups went for the SCY Nationals. Other than having the t-shirts at the announcers stand instead of a back room, she said things went smoothly. She has set up the online sign up for Mission Viejo. You can sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4EADAB2CAA8-mission>. We'll request this be added to Streamlines and Cokie will add this link to the LMSC Communications.
3. Convention: We will have 8 lanes long course, 5 lanes short course. There will be a Fitness theme workout; Stu Kahn & Frank Marcinkowski will do a Dryland a 35-40 min program in a classroom; and there will a Nutrition workshop. Thursday-Friday-Saturday we will be looking for coverage for the 8 lanes long course and 5 lanes short course along with the clinics. We want to make sure we coordinate with Sports Medicine and Fitness. Jody will look into getting a room for the Dryland workshop.
4. International Coaching Update. The committee on this determined that a fair price to compensate the coaches for their work is roughly \$300 a day. That is about \$3500-\$4000 per coach to represent USMS at the FINA Worlds. They would like to move forward with this for Montreal in 2014 and for Russia in 2015. Reasonable and customary expenses for travel; per diem to cover food; half the hotel rate (doubling up in a room). Russia could be more as it costs more to fly there and operate there. Would like to be able to budget two years in advance (2014 and 2015) so we can be properly prepared for the meet. This compensation really is just for the meet – it does not compensate the coaches for the before and after work. If we go forward with a budget request at Convention, include actual cost, and cover about \$2000 in compensation or salary and the rest in travel reimbursement. They recommend selecting coaches as soon as possible. Frank says it comes down to four main responsibilities at FINA Worlds:

logistics; communication; team attire; scheduling and that coaches could be hired individually for each task.

5. Last Call for Budget Items 2014. If you have anything, email Scott Bay. Everything in there now is what we have funded before such as: online coaching; international coaching; COY awards.
6. SwimFest. If there is an increase in revenue (based on the idea of the \$30 coaches membership), one of the suggestions is to bring back SwimFest or something like it. Cokie felt that the benefit to USMS is enormous with an impact like that of a droplet of water, spreading its reach out far and wide. It is an investment. More discussion on this in future calls with the idea of taking a SwimFest and turning it into a destination type of event, move it around the country, conducting it annually.

7. Subcommittee and Task Force Reports

[International Coaching](#) – covered above.

[Web Workouts](#) – Stu Kahn – nothing new to report. Three coaches terms expire at the end of this year. Scott will make sure to get some announcements out in the Streamlines publications.

[LMSC Communications](#) – Cokie – nothing new to report. Will be sure and add in the Nationals On Deck sign up link to the next communication where we distribute the minutes from our calls.

[Certification](#) – covered above.

[Awards](#) – no report.

[High Performance](#) – Cokie – Paul Smith had to withdraw as one of our coaches and we have brought on Coach Dominic Latella from Fairfax County Masters, the largest masters team in the U.S.

[Publications](#) – Cokie - we are filled out through the end of the year! New articles are still being accepted. 😊

[Web Content](#) – Scott, nothing new to report

[Triathlon / Open Water](#) – No report

[Fitness](#) – No report

8. Old Business - no report

9. **New Business** – Frank Marcinkowski talked about taking Level 3 in Alexandria, VA. A question came up that he could not answer. Why are we required to be a member of ASCA? Bill clarified that USMS and ASCA have partnered in our certification process. ASCA grades the test, issues the actual certificate, and maintains the records. Bill noted that we are teaching about 500 coaches each year and ASCA's record keeping is helpful. There was discussion about whether ASCA is adequately embracing masters coaches, whether we should maintain a relationship with them, or possibly separate from them. This will be discussed in future committee conference calls.