

Committee Name:	Coaches Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Bob Jennings	Vice Chair:	Kenny Brisbin
Minutes recorded by:	helen naylor	Date/time of meeting:	May 13, 2019 8pm EST

Motions Passed:

Number of committee members present: 14 + 2 ex-officio	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 1 (VP)
<p>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Chair: Bob Jennings (Dixie), Vice Chair: Kenny Brisbin (Southwest), Ex-Officio: Bill Brenner, Ex-Officio Marianne Groening Ex-Officio Steve Hall, VP Skip Thompson (Great Lakes), Scott Bay (Dixie), Chris Campbell (Oceana), David Clark (Great Lakes), Doug Fetchen (Dixie), Dean Hawks (Great Lakes), Molly Hoover (Great Lakes), Chris McPherson (Dixie), helen naylor (Dixie), Kerry O'Brien (Oceana), Jeff Taylor (Southwest), Tim Waud (Northwest), Steve Weatherman (Dixie)</p> <p>Not present: Terry Heggy (Breadbasket), Christine Maki (Southwest), Trey Taylor (Dixie)</p> <p>Others present:</p>		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

- Welcome**
- Update from Dawson** – Dawson asked to address the committee to talk about the Open water task force (OWTF) and open water (OW) education. He said that the feedback from those who have taken levels 1 and 2 was “overwhelmingly positive.” He also said that the open water committee and the OWTF/National office are working on OW education. In the survey to coaches, OW was #5 on the list, behind other ideas, such as writing workouts and wanting more technique training. However, the task force feels OW is important, and therefore the National office is talking to other organizations about OW education. He wants everyone “on the same page” and asked our committee “not to go off and build things on our own.” He said questions and concerns should be directed to himself or Bill Brenner.

Scott noted that the education subcommittee wanted to work with the national office to “freshen up” the current curriculum. Dawson said if updates need to be made, we should talk to Bill. Doug suggested a collaboration with tri coaches on OW education. Dawson replied that he is working with USAT at an event level, coaches training, content, and marketing and said that they worked with USAT to give tri coaches credit for the national coaches clinic. National office is interested in shorter OW events with more mass appeal (1-3 mile mostly).

Dawson reiterated his take on the high performance camp (HPC) discussion from last month’s call. He said they never finalized an agreement with Hill [Carrow] regarding using our brand. Since the HPC page on the website was often outdated, USMS will link to their page now instead. Dawson admitted to dropping the ball when it came to the agreement with the HPC. He wants to move it around and make it shorter, thus next year will be the last year of the camp in its present form.

- Subcommittee and Task Force Reports** – Summaries of each committee provided below by the subcommittee chair

Awards – Bob encouraged everyone to submit nominations for Kerry O’Brien awards and Coach of the Year.

Education – Marianne just sent survey results to Bob.

Fitness – Skip Thompson mentioned that the fitness committee had not met since our last call. The strategy for their next call was how to get more people to do the fitness series. The next one is July 15-31.

High Performance Camp – See #2 above

Level 4 Applications – Scott mentioned we have one application under review. helen added we've started initial email discussions and the application might just need a few tweaks. Kenny concurred.

LMSC Communications – Molly Hoover sent the minutes to all LMSC Coaches Chairs. She will also encourage nomination for awards.

Mentor – Chris McPherson said the program was up on the website. They have had one application for mentor. The committee was going to encourage certain people to apply. They do not want to market it too much as a result. They want to train the mentors and then market the program to mentees. Bill added that they did not want to turn people away if they received more applications than slots. So, they will hand pick/select coaches to apply. Kenny had emailed Chris about selecting mentors from this committee. The subcommittee will have a conference call later this week. Christine also had several good suggestions.

Publications – No update this month (Terry not on the call).

On Deck Coaching – David Clark said that the on deck coaching went well more or less. They did not have a pace clock for the pools open during the day, and the backstroke wedges did not arrive until the middle of the second day. The 65 and over lane after the second day was well received. Discussion ensued about potential pace lanes in the future and how the meet was run. In the past, it had been run by someone else, and this year it appeared the personnel were great but overwhelmed. One coach suggested only coach either the morning or the 30 minute warm up so they were not tired for their own events.

Open Water – helen naylor. OW committee calls are the Sunday following the coaches committee calls. No update given due to Dawson's comments earlier.

Web Workouts – Molly Hoover updated us that all was running smoothly!

2019 FINA World Championships – Tim Waud is checking entries to see if we were close to surpassing the 250 mark, which would trigger an overbudget request for a second coach. He has a call with Howard Lee after our coaches call. It appears like Howard is keeping up the face book page, etc. and answering questions. A question was asked about entry deadlines, so Tim was going to check into when entries close.

4. **Old Business** – Marianne noted earlier that the social at Nationals went well. They had about 15 coaches show up.
5. **New Business** – None

The Coaches Committee hold their meetings on the second Monday of each month at 8pm (Eastern)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.