

Committee Name: Coaches Committee: 2025 June Meeting
Committee Chair: Molly Hoover
Minutes recorded by: Jacky Merianos
Vice Chair: Aaron Schneider
Meeting date/time: June 10th, 8PM EST

Roll Call

Number of committee members present: 8 **Absent:** 4 **# of other delegates present:** 0

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Aaron Schneider (Vice Chair), Bill Brenner (Ex-Officio), Blake Woodrow, Gretch Sanders, Jacky Merianos, Laurie Hug, Mike Hamm, Rob Duguay

Not present: Molly Hoover (Chair), Kenny Brisbin (VPCS), Trey Taylor, Chris McPherson

Others present:

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:14pm Eastern Standard Time.

1. Welcome Coaches!
2. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

NCC/Relay (Aaron):

Aaron shared the session list for Relay and requested that we send him any ideas we have for presenters.

Thoughts: Jacky nominates Mike Hamm! The committee agrees that Blake should present with Marty.

Web Workouts (Gretch)

Everything is running smoothly! Coaches are consistently posting their workouts without any issues. Things should remain calm until October, when the selection process for new coaches gets underway.

Awards (Aaron):

We have received one application for Coach of the Year and three applications for the Kerry O'Brien award. Award nominations will remain open through July 1st.

Education (Mike Hamm)

Nothing new to report. All classes for 2025 can be found on the [Coach Certification Schedule](#).

Level 4 Applications (Laurie)

One individual has submitted their application for 2025. Laurie, Mike, and Chris to review.

Jacky noticed on the USMS website that [Level 4 registration](#) is currently listed as closed. Laurie will email the national office to update the link.

LMSC Communication (Blake)

Email communication continues to be sent out regularly to Coaches Chairs. All responses have been positive. Nothing further to report this month.

Mentoring [Rob/Bill]

Still working on an article for Streamlines. No requests for mentors have come through.

Some Level 4 coaches approached Rob asking why they received an email with information about the need for a mentor. This is due to emails being sent to all coaches, as there is only one USMS Coach email distribution list.

Discussion was had about reaching out to Level 1 and 2 coaches to assess their need for mentors, as well as engaging Level 3 and 4 coaches to see if they are interested in serving as mentors. While we agree this approach would be effective, we do not believe the National Office has the capacity to create and maintain these separate email distribution lists.

On Deck Coaching (Chris)

The Sign-Up Genius for Summer Nationals On-Deck Coaching is now live! Similar to Spring Nationals, the link appears quite small on the webpage. Would it be possible to have the national office adjust this for better visibility?

Blake to market On-Deck coaching in his next Coaches Chair Communication.

Publications (Laurie)

Nothing new to report.

Peer to Peer (Jacky and Blake)

Our Discord trial has gone well! Thank you to all committee members for actively participating on the app this past month.

Jacky suggests that, moving forward, each of us posts one workout per week to Discord. Not only will this keep us engaged on the app but it will also serve as a source of inspiration for us coaches.

Blake will prepare a rollout plan that will determine when and how we want to introduce Discord to our USMS coaches. He will provide further details at our next meeting.

Worlds (Jacky and Rob)

Jacky, Rob, and Chad (Worlds Coach) have been working with the National Office to promote Worlds and ensure that Chad and our USMS athletes are well-prepared for a successful meet. Completing some of the Worlds tasks took longer than expected; our committee has noted this delay. To ensure better preparation moving forward while minimizing stress on the National Office, we plan to begin this process earlier in 2026.

The only remaining loose end is our ongoing challenge in obtaining our list of athletes from World Aquatics.

Aaron: Reach out to Dawson. I believe he needs to make the request to World Aquatics.

3. Liaisons

D&I (Kenny): Kenny not present. No update given.

ALTS (Mike)

An ALTS II program is in the works to help bridge the gap between ALTS and Masters.

ALTS is encouraging LMSCs to contribute baskets to the Golden Goggles silent auction, as proceeds from the event support our ALTS program. Mike Hamm will send us further information on these baskets.

.LMSC Development (Jacky)

Other than Aaron's relay updates, nothing new to report.

Long Distance (Gretch)

Gretch reached out to the Long Distance Committee asking to sit in on their meetings. They were uncertain if she could attend and said they will follow up with her. Aaron and Molly will check in with the Long Distance Chair for further clarification.

4. Old Business

Award Winner Bios -[Awards Bios Assignments](#)

The committee is slowly but surely making progress on this. Thank you to everyone who has completed their bios—please continue to prioritize this effort!

5. New Business

None.

5. This meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM Eastern Standard Time