

USMS Convention—Dearborn, Michigan 2006

Committee Name: Officials	Session #: 1	Report #: 13
Minutes recorded by: David Diehl	Date/time of meeting: 09/15/06 11:30AM	

Proposed Expenditures

1. None

Action Items

1. MSA to recommend to the Recognition and Awards Committee that special consideration be given to recognize Bob and Helen Brown for their extensive service to USMS. Bob and Helen are retiring after serving as the administrative referee and deck referee for numerous USMS National Championships for the past several years. Their departure will leave a big hole in the operations of our future National Championships.

Committee Chair: Edward Saltzman	Vice Chair(s): David Diehl	
Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 22
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Edward Saltzman (Chair), David Diehl (Vice chair), Charles Cockrell, Judy Gillies, Ted Haartz, Jan Kavadas, Mike Lemke, Steve Schofield, Joan Smith, Dennis Wilson, Eric Nordlund		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:35AM.

1. Approved the Officials Budget
2. Discussion of the proposed Rule changes. The committee voted not to support proposed rule change R1 (25 Y/M for national Top 10/record consideration) nor LD 5 (open water drafting). It was our opinion that R1 would create logistics concerns for meet operations in relation to timing configurations, etc. With LD5 it was the opinion of the committee that it would be impossible to enforce this rule from an official's viewpoint.
3. Discussed criteria to be used in the consideration of people for the FINA Officials List #8 due to be submitted to FINA by October 15, 2006. Fred Pigott (Illinois Masters) was a name thrown out to the committee by the Officials Chair for consideration. Committee members were charged to submit names to the committee chair by the end of the convention.
4. Discussion of relationship between USA-S and USMS for certification of National Championship Level Officials (N3) using the two USMS National Championships. Dan McCallum (co-chair of the USA-S Officials Committee) spoke to the group about the USA-S officials certification process.
5. Discussed process used by the USMS Officials Committee liaisons to the two USMS National Championship meets and reviewed draft liaison report form to be used. Committee would like to formalize the process and add more structure. Process would be used to help strengthen officiating at the USMS National Championships and help identify areas that needed improvement. Would also be used to identify officials who could be counted on for future National meets.
6. Discussed the USMS certification process implemented a few years ago. Determined there was a need to revise the procedures and more actively promote it throughout the LMSCs.
7. Jan Kavadas and Judy Gillies were named to be the Officials Committee liaison to the 2007 SCN meet and LCN meet, respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. The committee appointed a subcommittee (David Diehl and a Championship Committee rep) to work with the USA-S Officials Committee to revisit and revise the agreement between USA-S and USMS to use the two USMS National Championship meets as a vehicle for certifying USA-S officials at the N3 level.
2. The committee appointed a subcommittee (Charlie Cockrell, David Diehl and Judy Gillies) to revise the policy and procedures for certification of USMS officials through the LMSCs. It was discovered that while a program had been developed two years ago to allow LMSCs to certify their own officials, there was no process put in place to roll out this program.