

USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

Committee Name: Officials	Session #: 1	Report #: 7
Committee Chair: Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair: Ed Saltzman	
Minutes recorded by: Caroline Lambert	Date/time of meeting: 9/17/10 1:30pm	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. MSA to recommend that the name of the meet referee be added to the standard application for sanction.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to accept minutes from May and August conference calls.
2. MSA to accept report from 2010 LCM Championships from Fred Pigott.
3. MSA to work towards selection of the leadership team for Greensboro by the end of the calendar year and to begin the process of selection of the leadership team for 2012 LCM Championships in Omaha.
4. MSA to request the national office to expand the USMS online discussion forum list to include LMSC officials chairs and officials committee members.
5. MSA to maintain and update training and education resources for LMSCs within the Guide to Operations.
6. MSA to ask the rules committee chair to review the tests for stroke and turn and starter certification for rule references and then add the tests to the LMSC Guide to Operations online.
7. MSA to recommend that the name of the meet referee be added to the standard application for sanction.
8. MSA to use our 2010 committee budget for supplies to purchase copies of the USA-Swimming Stroke and Turn DVD, if sufficient funds remain, and make them available for loan to LMSC.
9. MSA to explore the purchase of radios and headsets, to be stored at the national office and shipped to each championship meet site, to support officials at championship meets.

Number of committee members present: 11

Absent: 5

Number of other delegates present: 10

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Ed Saltzman, Eric Nordlund, Dave Diehl, Caroline Lambert, Pat Baker, Lee Carlson, Fred Pigott, Judy Gillies, Leon Kief, Jim Sheehan (Ex-Officio)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

1. MSA to accept minutes from May and August conference calls.
2. Pat Baker provided a report on the USA-Swimming Officials Committee meeting. Mostly routine issues were discussed. Numbers are down for women's officials. USA-Swimming should have a new Officials Committee chair following convention, so we will work to continue a good relationship.
3. National Championship Officials. Report from 2010 championships. MSA to accept report from LCM Championships from Fred Pigott. Ed Saltzman provided a verbal report on SCY Championships.
4. Discussion on key assignments for 2011 Championships. Pat Baker will be the meet referee for 2011 SCY Championships in Mesa, Arizona. We will update the application to officiate and distribute, using the application from Atlanta as a template. Judy Gillies will be the officials liaison for Mesa. We are working with the meet host and Championship Committee to select a meet referee for 2011 LCM Championships in Auburn. Ed Saltzman will be the liaison for Auburn.
5. Discussion on planning for 2012 Championships. Greensboro has been awarded the 2012 SCY championships. We began working with the meet host today. MSA to work towards selection of the leadership team for Greensboro by the end of the calendar year and to begin the process of selection of the leadership team for 2012 LCM Championships in Omaha.

6. LMSC training and education. The LMSC guide to operations is now on the USMS web site. Ed Saltzman is responsible for reviewing, maintaining, and updating the operations guide.
7. Discussion on continuing the LMSC officials newsletters. We will send one out after convention. Leon Kief will be responsible for maintaining the e-mail distribution list and sending electronic newsletters. LMSC Officials Chairs are encouraged to distribute the information to their officials, particularly meet referees.
8. Discussion on use of the USMS online discussion forum for officials and officiating. The discussion forum exists, but is not widely used. Eric Nordlund volunteered to be the forum moderator. MSA to request the national office to expand the USMS online discussion forum list to include LMSC officials chairs and officials committee members.
9. Discussion on the "check box" on the USMS registration form for people to identify themselves as officials. (Nadine Day later reported that the registration committee is leaving the "check box" for officials on the registration form. The officials committee can request a database report.)
10. MSA to maintain and update training and education resources for LMSCs within the Guide to Operations. Lee Carlson volunteered to coordinate training and education resources.
11. Discussed pre-meet interaction with and post-meet reports from Meet Referees. MSA to recommend that the name of the meet referee be added to the standard application for sanction.
12. Fred Pigott is developing a post-meet referee report for open water.
13. Discussion on certification of USMS officials and test requirements. We have finished reviewing the tests. MSA to ask the rules committee chair to review the tests for stroke and turn and starter certification for rule references and then add the tests to the LMSC Guide to Operations online. Caroline Lambert will continue to lead the certification effort for the committee.
14. Discussion on rules proposals from the officials committee. During the discussion, we clarified the intent of training requirements with respect to the proposed R24 and R25.
15. Discussion on burning issues for officials from audience members.
16. Discussion on budget. We have requested support for national championship officials in 2011. The committee agreed to revisit appropriate support for 2012 and beyond.
17. MSA to use our 2010 committee budget for supplies to purchase copies of the USA-Swimming Stroke and Turn DVD, if sufficient funds remain, and make them available for loan to LMSC.
18. Discussion on the need for radios for championship meets so officials can communicate effectively on deck. MSA to explore the purchase of radios and headsets, to be stored at the national office and shipped to each championship meet site, to support officials at championship meets. The officials committee budgeted funds in 2010 to support national championship officials and we did not spend the entire budget, so it is possible that we could purchase some in 2010.
19. Discussion on future meeting format. Committee members expressed an interest in continuing with quarterly conference calls with additional conference calls to include LMSC Officials Chairs as appropriate.
20. USA-Swimming Officials Chair Jim Sheehan was introduced and commented on significant issues for USA-Swimming officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.
