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| <b>Committee Name:</b>      | Officials                         | <b>Session #:</b>            | 1          | <b>Report #:</b> | 1 |
| <b>Committee Chair:</b>     | Brian Albright                    | <b>Vice Chair:</b>           | Teri White |                  |   |
| <b>Minutes recorded by:</b> | Brian Albright / David Coddington | <b>Date/time of meeting:</b> | 1/30/2017  |                  |   |

**Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. None

**Motions Passed:**

1. None

**Number of committee members present: 13      Absent: 3      Number of other delegates present: 0**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Brian Albright, Steven Goldman, Teri White, David Coddington, Pat Baker, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Herb Schwab, Kim Boggs, Sandy Drake, Michael Abegg, Ex Officio: Laura Hamel, Chris McGiffin

**Absent:** Al Ness, Judy Gillies Ex Officio: Jim Holcomb

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:01 pm EST

Committee member introductions.

Certification Program – 30 officials certified.

Teri to work on a path to Referee Certification for USMS. Pat and Steve will help.

Dave Coddington will review proposed legislation changes. Michael will help.

Funds to help officials at nationals was discussed. Any attempt to take control of appointing the meet ref and any leads will mean that the committee will have to pay any travel expenses for at least the meet ref and admin, and hotels for the others. These expenses are currently picked up by the meet host.

The committee will reach out to the championship committee to talk about fee added to USMS Nationals event fees to help pay for official's expenses.

Omar gave an update on Short Course Nationals in Riverside, which he will be the meet ref for. The application is out and Laura will help promote it in Streamlines. Omar is concerned that another local meet will pull officials away from Riverside.

Herb is going to talk to the Awards & Recognition Committee on the process for creating a USMS Officials Award.

David & Brian talked about the application for Budapest. David created a questionnaire through Survey Monkey to gather more qualification info for each candidate. Chris McGiffin expressed concern about the timing of the process and making sure it is inclusive and transparent. Pat expressed interest in applying. Brian and David will get the applications reviewed and a recommendation to USMS (Chris & Patty) by the weekend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm EST.