

2019 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 1	Report#: 8
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Mike Abegg	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 10/17/2019 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: Absent: 1 **Number of other delegates present:** 2
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg (Vice Chair), Jerrilynn Bayless, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, John King, Diana LaMar, David Watterson, Marie Vellucci,

Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart

Committee Members Absent: Herb Schwab,

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 9/12/19 reviewed, MSA.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 173 total, 95 Starters, 26 Referees
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **Spring Nationals** – San Antonio TX 4/23-26/2020. Discussion on which Committee members might be able to attend, Alina, Omar, Judy, Diana, Steven, Donn and Teri expressed strong interest. Application to Officiate to be created soon to attract early interest and commitments.
 - **Summer Championships:** Richmond VA 8/12-16/2020, – Teri reported meeting with the Meet Host at Convention (Charlie Cockrell) and the Meet Referee (Robert Rustin). They asked for help with the Admin Referee position, Alina was recommended and accepted. Asked for support with Head Starter/deck assignments and rotations, requested Teri and was accepted. Expect strong support from local officials, want the Application to Officiate up early in 2020 to help people “save the date”.
 - **College Club Swimming** – National Championships Greensboro NC 4/10-12/2020. Onshalee reported that order of events might change due to Easter Sunday weekend. No Committee members planning on attending at this time.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** Steve reported: Nominees still being generated within the Committee versus from LMSCs. Need to encourage more from LMSC sources. Teri asked about active Committee members being excluded from being nominated/considered as we determine the winner and seems like nepotism. General agreement on this, will reconsider with new committee and make final decision.
4. **USMS Officials website.** USMS Officials website (Work Group) report - Mike New Home Page circulated by Mike along with updated Officials Certification Program page and the S&T job description. David updated the S&T document, thank you David! Open Water to develop a list of

certified Referees and Safety Directors to post on the web similar to ours. Suggested adding a list of the Committee members and their emails if people wanted to contact any/all of us. Reported that the FAQ section is daunting – 24 pages. To be sent to Rules for final review and determine what to include. Mike to follow up with Rules, Teri & Judy to review and pick “top 5” to list on the website. Teri reported that suits with ties (other than male suits) were reported at a large meet in Florida, general discussion on how to communicate this better. Judy noted that a proposed Rule clarification will put this in the 2020 Rulebook for easier clarification. Huge thanks to Mike for all his work on the website, and to Judy for being primary support. Judy shared that she has a “Coaches & Athletes meeting” at each USMS meet to cover key rules, legal suits, tape, etc.

5. **Thank You to all committee members!** Teri thanked everyone on the 2019 Officials Committee for their efforts. Many significant projects were accomplished, meets personally supported, hours of time invested for the support of USMS members and Goals. Much agreement that it had been a productive year and good cooperation.

New Business:

1. **Measuring success of Officials Certification program.** Steven asked that we look for ways to measure the success of our program from the LMSC Officials Chairs/Meet Directors point of view. Further discussion and work group formation at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM PST.
