

USMS Officials Committee 2019/20

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 1	Report#: 2
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Mike Abegg	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 2/19/2019 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 1
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Jerrilynn Bayless, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, John King, Diana LaMar, Marie Vellucci,		
Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart		
Committee Members Absent: Michael Abegg (Vice Chair), Herb Schwab, David Watterson		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM EST. Minutes of 1/8/19 meeting approved as amended.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** Total number of officials who have been certified, is over 170. 80+ are Starters, 13 have sought Referee credentials. We have several people in the “training phase” of Referee training, have taken the tests and are now doing deck work. No one has pushed back on the Referee program.
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **Spring Championships – Mesa:** Good responses on Application to Officiate, Committee members include Alina, Omar, Judy and Diana. OQM Status approved, meet on Arizona and OQM calendar.
 - **Summer Championships:** Omar asked for Application to Officiate by 4/1.
 - **2019 FINA Masters World Championships:** 2 applications were Recommended to USMS for Consideration, one was withdrawn by the applicant. Awaiting FINA decision.
 - **College Club Swimming.** 3/29-31/19 in Columbus Ohio, new location and unknown support. Teri going to assess what our Committee can do to help the meet and work the deck. Jerrilynn and Diana can go if there it travel support, Teri to request more funds for the meet. Agreed that budgeted funds be spread among everyone attending.
 - **National Sr Games:** 6/15-19/19 Albuquerque NM. Judy and Diana might be attending. Teri shared MR Teddy Decker’s email address for contacting.
3. **Peer-2-Peer call:** 2/12/19 5:30 PM PST. Dedicated to the Officials Certification / Referee Certification program, Teri will present, many committee members on the line. Robust conversation on Certification and desire for our Certification listing with contact information. Several people expressed concern over “spamming” if list made public, will need to allow for ‘opt out’ option on listing and modify credential letter to alert new officials of the list.
4. **USMS Officials website.** Mike Abegg managing the group, along with Dave, Jerrilyn, Marie and Judy. Mike not on the call, nothing to report at this time. Judy circulated a letter to the group on the progress

that was made last year.

New Business:

1. We have a workshop on the schedule for Convention, do we want to keep it? Consensus is 'yes', keep pushing certification program, get more athletes-officials speaking to promote. Suggestion to offer a S&T clinic during Convention, time required (2 hrs) might be a problem.
2. Forum access, confirmed that all can access. Also Dropbox folder.
3. Smartwatches – Steven asked if we have concerns over athletes wearing devices that can physically alert the wearer on pacing. Teri checked with Rules and received information we can share. Basically, they are legal until you actually observe someone using them to provide pacing. Then a DQ and education opportunity. We should share Rules statement on the website.
4. Meeting schedule every 2 months currently, next meeting 4/18/19 though Omar, Alina and Diana will have a conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM PST. Next meeting 4/18/2019 5:30 PM PST