

USMS Officials Committee 2019/20

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 1	Report#: 3
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Mike Abegg	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 4/18/2019 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: Absent: 2 **Number of other delegates present:** 10

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, John King, Diana LaMar, Herb Schwab, Marie Vellucci,

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

Committee Members Absent: Steven Goldman, David Watterson

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM EST. Minutes of 2/19/19 meeting approved.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** Total number of officials who have been certified, is 178 S&T, 88 88 Starters, 13 have sought Referee credentials. Discussion on encouraging Recertification, have many people expiring 12/31/18 and bigger number for 12/31/19. Many committee members want list of expiring officials in their LMSCs, Teri to send list to all. Discussed contacting those not in our LMSCs, Judy volunteered to email to see if they are retiring or just let it slip by and will renew with encouragement.
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **Spring Championships – Mesa:** Applications have slowed, 31 total received. First ever USMS Championship with “USMS certified officials” working the deck, have no other affiliations. 4 have applied, hoping for more. Poor AZ response, Judy will email again for support.
 - **Summer Championships:** Teri created Application to Officiate and shared with Omar, to fine-tune over next week and get it posted. Omar has already generated much interest in supporting the meet and anticipates a large number of applications once its available.
 - **2019 FINA Masters World Championships:** USMS received the FINA Committee decision on officials, Teri was selected as the Swimming Judge, USMS also has a Diving and Artistic Swimming judge, the largest number of USMS officials at a World Championship to date.
 - **College Club Swimming.** Jerrilynn and Teri attended the meet in Columbus, OH and reported back. HUGE meet, with 2-pool prelims. Very fast swimming (Pro/National cuts) and not similar to other USMS competitions, much closer to a Speedo Sectional or NCAA deck. Impression that our “only USMS” certified officials would be uncomfortable with advanced technical aspects of the competition, need high-level swimming experience. Our 3-person presence (Jerrilynn, Anne Lawley, Teri) made a significant difference in officiating team as close to bare minimum were on hand. How to encourage more support next year? Greensboro 4/10-12/2020 (Easter weekend). Need ongoing discussion with Onshalee and CCS Board.

- **National Sr Games:** 6/15-19/19 Albuquerque NM. Judy hoping to attend, has been in touch with the MR Teddy Decker.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** Discussion on how to generate more nominations, Herb will send out an email to all LMSC Officials Chairs, Teri to provide email listing.
 4. **Peer-2-Peer call:** 2/12/19 5:30 PM PST. Dedicated to the Officials Certification / Referee Certification program. 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. Teri to email everyone on the list and ask if they want their email address withheld before the list can be made public. Mike will pursue getting it added to the Officials page.
 5. **USMS Officials website.** Mike reported that effort made on “Who visits and why?” to provide the best content. Need Rules clarifications, have catalogued current content noting misdirected links. Applications to Officiate and link to the Officials Award need to be added. Work ongoing.

New Business:

1. **Convention Workshop:** Consensus is ‘yes’, keep pushing certification program, get Open Water involved, importance of Timing issues (Marybeth Winthrop?), importance of sufficient officiating due to huge number of records being set each year.
2. **Rule proposals:** Donn reminded committee any proposals are due to Rules by June 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM PST. Next meeting 7/9/19, 5:30 PM PST
