

## USMS Officials Committee 2019/20

<b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report#:</b> 4
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Teri White	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Mike Abegg	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Teri White	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 5/14/2019 5:30 PM PST	

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### Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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### Motions Passed:

1. None

**Number of committee members present:** Absent: 2      **Number of other delegates present:** 0  
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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, John King, Diana LaMar, David Watterson, Marie Vellucci,

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Steven Goldman, Herb Schwab

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### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM EST. Minutes of 4/18/19 meeting approved.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** Judy reported that she had checked with many recently expired USMS officials, most indicated they were not continuing for a variety of reasons, some agreed to pursue recertification. We need to encourage recertification constantly to everyone we work with as most don't know the process. As of 5/14 we have 137 total, 75 Starters, 14 Referees. Teri suggested that we automatically renew all officials who work 4 or more sessions at our National Championship meets as they attend detailed briefings and receive continued mentoring and excellent competition to judge. MAS, Teri to update credentials and send new cards.
2. **Championship meets:**
  - **Spring Championships – Mesa:** Recap and review. Teri recapped, 1994 athletes, nearly 10,000 splashes, only 80 DQs (20 DNF) 834 relays, brutal heat. Alina (AR) – great people, wonderful facility people, Admin really worked well, no follow up emails complaining of relays or entries. Judy - had to leave early but really enjoyed the officials we had. Omar – stressed “GREAT” officials, good experience on deck, good socializing. Diana – cool neck cloths & umbrellas made a huge difference for the heat. Going forward maybe if the host can't provide the ‘minimum’ officials for each pool per session then the host will be liable to pay for hotel rooms for out-of-town officials. CCS members at Mesa, they enjoyed the competition!
  - **Summer Championships:** 8/7-11/2019 Mission Viejo – application is up on web site and on our officials' page, encourage people to apply! Block of rooms reserved near the pool at a great rate! Mark is providing Hawaiian shirts (6/24 deadline for names).
  - **2019 FINA Masters World Championships:** No update other than requested uniform measurements are causing Teri concern that nothing will actually fit.
  - **College Club Swimming.** No update at this time.
  - **National Sr Games:** 6/15-19/19 Albuquerque NM. Judy definitely attending.

3. **USMS Officials Award:** Herb sent an email to all USMS LMSC Officials Chairs seeking nominations. July 1 deadline for submissions.
4. **Peer-2-Peer call:** USMS officials list, sorted by LMSC to be posted on USMS site. Teri updated that emails had been sent to all asking about email address suppression, 5 received to date, deadline this Sunday. List to be posted very soon and notifications sent to LMSC Officials Chairs.
5. **USMS Officials website.** Mike updated - investigated links, get bad information down (e.g. original "Lochte rule" versus updated version), organize better, Teri to get Meet briefing documents to Mike. Work ongoing.

**New Business:**

1. **Convention Workshop:** Group agreed the focus should remain on the Officiating program and where we are now. Try to coordinate with OW (Donn thinks they will want 5 minutes of our time slot). Teri to revisit last year's program and update for review.
2. **Convention – attending?** Teri, Mike, Judy, John, Jerrilyn, Omar & Alina, Diana,

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

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