

2020 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 2	Report#: 2
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Mike Abegg	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 3/17/2020 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number committee members present: 11 Absent: 0 Number of other delegates present: 2

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, Dave Diehl, John Fox, Judy Gillies, Susan Hengstenberg, John King, Celia Wolff

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

Committee Members Absent:

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 1/28/20 reviewed, MSA.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 235 total, 118 Starters, 38 Referees, 42 new officials since 1/1/2020. 30% are USA certified. Work Group (Omar, John K, John F) recommended changes to program:
 - * 4 year certification period,
 - * accept all other recognized certifying bodies credentials for S&T and Starter once passing USMS test received.
 - * LMSC OC or Committee member recommendation still required for USMS Referee statusMSA to accept changes to program retroactive to officials expiring 12/31/2020. Teri to reissue credentials and email to all officials, cc'ing LMSC OCs.
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **Spring Nationals** – San Antonio TX 4/23-26/2020. Meet has been cancelled per USMS for Covid-19 concerns.
 - **Summer Championships:** Richmond VA 8/12-16/2020, – Application to Officiate online. Selections of key Leads by host are Teri (Head Starter), Alina (Admin Referee), Mike (Assist Admin). Omar plans to attend. Meet still in jeopardy of being cancelled, no non-refundable travel plans should be made.
 - **College Club Swimming** – National Championships Greensboro NC 4/10-12/2020. Meet has been cancelled per USMS for Covid-19 concerns.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** New work group formed – Alina and John F. Agreement that ‘currently serving committee members’ should not be considered for that year’s award as Committee selects the recipient. Need to recruit more nominations! John & Alina will email all LMSC OCs to help solicit nominations.

4. **USMS Officials website.** USMS Officials website (Work Group) report – Mike. USMS is in the midst of transitioning to a new website layout so updates are not getting into place. Officials page is high on priority list and new materials are on the beta site. Mike working through the page to make sure everything is right. No date on release. We need photos of officials at USMS meets to use as needed.

New Business:

1. Testmoz site. Teri to review current questions, remove old USAS reference numbers, and get all USAS testing database Masters questions. Mike suggested writing questions stressing our best practices. All encouraged to develop question topics. Will send out revised questions for comment via email over next several weeks.
2. Peer-2-Peer call Feb 12. Teri reported on call, good turnout and good reception on PowerPoint presentation. Focus on helping USAS officials better understand how USMS meets work and key points to stress to Meet Referee/Deck Referees and Starters. Many Committee members on the call, presentation will be available on the USMS site.
3. Nametag order management: Jerrilyn volunteered to manage this for both National Championship meets and new USMS Referees. Eighteen new nametags on order for USMS Referees and new Committee members.
4. Rulebook management: Celia volunteered to manage getting all USMS Referees a current Rulebook (standard, not mini).
5. USMS Officials shirts on SwimOutlet.com. Judy had a hard time finding the shirts on the website, not intuitive. We will have a link on the Officials page we can easily reference.
6. Next meeting May 5, 5:30 PST.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM PST.
