

2020 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting – Virtual

Committee Name:	Officials Committee	Session #:	7	Report#:	7
Committee Chair:	Teri White	Vice Chair:	Mike Abegg		
Minutes recorded by:	Teri White	Date/time of meeting:	9/1/20 5:00 PM PST		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number committee members present: 10 Absent: 1 Number of other delegates present: 25

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, Celia Wolff

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

Committee Members Absent: John King

Minutes

The Committee's Annual Meeting business meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM PST via Zoom. General Zoom rules reviewed, attending delegates welcomed. Mike agreed to monitor for questions, raised hands and chat questions. Minutes of 7/14/20 reviewed, MSA.

Teri asked Committee members to introduce themselves to the audience, then thanked all for their hard work this past year on all projects.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 239 total Stroke & Turn, 118 Starters, 42 Referees, no changes since last meeting. Explanation of history of the certification program, length of credentials explained for audience. Asked for everyone to seek out good candidates for the program and encourage them to become Officials.
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **National Championships: 2021:** April 29-May 2, Short Course Championships Greensboro NC; Aug 5-8, Long Course Championship at the Spire Center in Geneva, OH. An Application to Officiate will be available for the Greensboro meet website by November 1. Teri reported that the Meet Referee is not yet known for either meet and encouraged all committee members to try to get one of the two meets on their calendars if possible. Also to encourage officiating friends near each venue to support the meets if possible.
 - **College Club Championships: 2021:** April 9-11, Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA, original site of the meet in its early years. Onshalee shared that the CCS Committee is working closely with the venue to see what COVID-19 measures/restrictions might be in place. Travel funds from USMS are available through this Committee for eligible officials.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** John F was thanked for his work in putting together the Google folder/ballot for our award this year. The selection has been made, though it was a tough decision and required two

votes to resolve a tie. In gathering feedback on the process, it was mentioned we could ask the nominees for a “USMS resume” to fill in gaps in the nomination, and perhaps review all information without the candidates’ names.

4. **USMS Officials website.** Mike reported that USA Swimming has changed the location of their testing site, along with the Stroke videos we use for our certification process. The videos are also on YouTube and links there are easier to navigate, those corrections should be up in next few days. Much content was updated this past year, but still materials to review. Thanks to Mike, Judy and Dave for their hard work!
5. **Nametag orders:** Jerrilyn reported no new nametags have been sent since our last meeting. The audience was informed that working a National Championship meet, becoming a USMS Referee, or becoming a member of the Officials Committee earns you a USMS nametag. Several members of the Zoom audience held up their nametags to show off!
6. **USMS Rulebooks:** Celia reported no action since last meeting, explained to audience that all new USMS Referees are sent a Rulebook, it is hoped that the LMSC will furnish them in future years. All Meet Referees should have a USMS Rulebook.
7. **USMS Officiating Apparel:** Alina brought up the logoed Officials shirts now available on the Suimoutlet.com website. Stunning shirts, with both Women’s and Men’s sizes/styles plus a unisex long sleeve quarter-zip. Customization with your first name is an option. Thanks to the N.O. for encouraging our vendor to offer this merchandise. Considerable interest and enthusiasm from the audience. Easy link on the Officials page at USMS.org.
8. **Testmoz site / USMS Supplemental Test:** No action since last meeting.

New Business:

1. Next meeting: Not yet decided, Teri to send out Doodle poll to determine suitable date.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM PST.
