

<b>Committee Name:</b>	USMS Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Edward Saltzman	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Pat Baker		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Marilyn Fink	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	July 28, 2014, via conference call		

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	8	<b>Absent:</b>	7	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>	N/A
<b>Committee members present:</b> Edward Saltzman (Chair), Marilyn Fink, John King, Al Ness, Fred Pigott, Mary Pohlmann, Kathrine Casey (Ex Officio-Rules), and Chris McGiffin (Ex Officio-Executive Committee).					
<b>Members/others absent:</b> Patricia Baker (Vice Chair), Brian Albright, Alina Perez de Armas, Sandi Rousseau, Herb Schwab, Laura Hamel (Ex Officio), Clark Hammond (USA Swimming Officials Chair), and Jim Carey (Meet Referee 2014 Summer Nationals).					

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The Officials Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM EST by Chair Ed Saltzman.

### 1. Status of Summer Nationals Preparation (Maryland)

- A. At this time, there is a shortage of on-deck officials lined up for the meet (9 officials + 2 swimmers). At least 12 stroke and turn officials are needed; currently have 2. Generally, about 25 officials are scheduled to work a meet of this size. There has not been good communication between the meet host/meet referee/local officials and the USMS Championship and Officials committees.
- B. The meet timeline is currently W 0800-1330, Th 0800-1500, Fr 0800-1630, Sat 0800-1730, and Sun 0800-1430. The officials meetings will be at 0700.

### 2. Review of Rule Change Proposal to Clarify the Number of Officials Required for National Championships (104.5B)

- A. The proposal has been posted on the Discussion Forum for review and comment.

### 3. Responsibilities of USMS National Championship Meet Referee and Administrative Referee

- A. Herb, Sandi, Kathy and Ed collaborated on written position documents for National Championship Meet Referee and Administrative Referee. These have been posted on the Discussion Forum for review and comment, before they are posted on the USMS Guide to Operations webpage.
- B. Ed will begin working on drafting document(s) outlining the responsibilities of USMS deck officials.

### 4. Who is planning to attend Convention in Jacksonville?

- A. Ed, Pat, Marilyn, Mary, Kathy, Brian, John, Alina, Sandi, Herb, will be attending. Fred will be unable to attend.

### 5. 2014 FINA Masters World Championships

- A. The meet starts this Saturday. USMS submitted the names of 6 highly-qualified officials to work the meet, several with international experience. None was accepted. The USMS president was not pleased, and wanted to pay for and send an official to work the meet; but there was no money in the 2014 budget to cover it.

- B.** For the 2015 Officials Committee budget, the USMS president requested a line item of \$4000 be included to fund an official to attend the 2015 FINA meet in Kazan, Russia. The committee consensus was that these funds would be better spent on drawing officials to our own national meets, and/or for training/subsidizing officials at the local level.

#### **6. Name Badges**

- B.** Ed had USMS officials name badges made for those very active in officiating the bigger masters meets with high exposure. He is working on a second order.

#### **7. Review of LMSC Standards Document – Officials Section**

- A.** Ed reviewed the required and suggested standards for officials. OS7 and OS10 which referred to required attendance at a USMS-sponsored LMSC Officials Workshop/Clinic. Participation in a USMS-hosted conference call for LMSC Officials chairs also fulfills this suggested standard. This requirement was removed from the Standards Document and replaced by receiving a copy of the "USMS Deck Officials Roles and Responsibilities document for Meet Officials" - to be developed.

#### **8. Convention (Jacksonville)**

- A.** Ed has posted the Officials Committee Report and Agenda on the Discussion Forum for review.

#### **9. Officials Certification Program**

- A.** The officials certification program demonstration is being worked on.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM EST.