

USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 2	Report#: 2
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Herb Schwab	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 2/6/18 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 5	Number of other delegates present: 3
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg, Virgil Chancy, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Chris Lysinger, Ailna Perez de Armas, Ex-Officio: Onshalee Promchitmart, Laura Hamel, Donn Livoni (Vice President)		
Committee Members Absent: Herb Schwab (Vice Chair), Pat Baker, Dave Coddington, Steven Goldman, Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio)		
Committee Members Absent:		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 1/9/18 meeting approved with 1 correction.

1. Referee Certification Program. Mike presented Certification program details from Work Group. Committee agreed to consider 'concept and criteria' for the vote with wordsmithing on final program to come later. MSA unanimous.
 - Lively discussion with many good comments. Concerns over how much experience someone needs before being allowed to take the test if following only USMS track or not currently a Referee from another recognized body, and decision was 4 sessions after certifying as Starter.
 - Reminder that this does not replace current Rulebook wording allowing any certified official from another recognized body to be appointed the Referee "with instruction". Committee hoping to remove that wording after this tract has been successfully in place for several years.
 - Agreement on required tests, a supplemental USMS Referee test to be created from the USA Swimming testing database of questions specific to USMS competition. May be an opportunity to use an online testing site for free or nominal cost, being investigated. Agreement on requiring Timing Judge and USMS Referee supplemental test for candidates regardless of USA Referee credentials. Referee Certification test can be waived by LMSC Officials Chair.
 - Illinois has Referee training materials that we might be able to adapt and use, to be shared with the entire Committee. Desire to create self-education PowerPoint or educational materials.
 - Work group thanked for significant effort and excellent recommendations.
2. Application to Officiate – Indianapolis Spring Championships. Teri reported application is up and live on the USMS Meet site (Events / National Championships). This is a Google Doc form and automatically emails information to the Meet Referee and Officials@usms.org addresses. Onshalee and Casey created the form working from both Dave's standalone form and the application used for Minneapolis last summer. Application to also be put on the Officials page. Thanks to all!
3. Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs: Judy and Alina are reviewing PP presentations created by Teri for clinics done last January in Idaho. Positive feedback so far, Teri to post on Forum for entire committee feedback.
4. Committee Goals for 2017/18, were the Work Groups correct? Committee checked names, one correction noted and volunteering for additional groups as workloads lighten.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Referee Certification: Work on final clean wording, evaluate/develop educational materials for interested candidates, evaluate online testing site for hosting the USMS Supplemental Referee test. How to handle LMSCs with unfilled Officials Chair position?
2. Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs: Continued review, goal to share with LSMC Officials Chairs soon.
3. Peer-to-Peer conference call on 2/13/18 hosted by Teri for LSMC Chairs, Vice-Chairs & Officials Chairs. Hoping to share progress on Referee Certification program and our Training Materials on that call.
4. National Championship meet support: encourage participation for Spring Championships in Indianapolis in May. Several Committee members have applied already. Checking with Donn about College Club meet at Georgia Tech in April – how do we encourage supporting this meet?
5. USMS Officials website review: Work group to continue analyzing for content – what to keep, update, remove and what's missing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM PST. Next call Tuesday 3/6/18 5:30 PM PST.
