

USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 3	Report#: 3
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Herb Schwab	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 3/6/18 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 4	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Herb Schwab (Vice Chair), Pat Baker, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, Chris Lysinger, Ex-Officio: Casey Keiber, Donn Livoni (Vice President)		
Committee Members Absent: Michael Abegg, Virgil Chancy, Dave Coddington, Ailna Perez de Armas, Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 2/6/18 meeting approved.

1. Referee Certification Program. Continued discussion on Referee certification program. Mike Abegg not present to discuss his proposed Referee Training Guide-type document. Some committee members had reviewed and good discussion on its merits took place. Some felt it was too detailed, some felt not detailed enough. All believed it had great information and with further revisions could be a valuable tool. Pat Baker asked to be part of the Referee Certification program work group and was added.
 - One key point agreed on was that for Referee certification, membership in USMS will be required.
 - Additional work needed on the program, Work Group continuing its work. All interested persons requested to review document and send comments to Mike via email.
 - Work group thanked for significant effort and excellent recommendations.
2. Application to Officiate – Indianapolis Spring Championships. Application is live on the USMS website though not in all places desired. We need to work on better positioning of the applications to be easier to find. Teri reported 20 applicants were in the list as of our meeting, room for many more.
3. Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs: The Work Group likes the PP presentations Teri submitted for review, they are too large for the Forum, will need to be shared by Dropbox. Teri to create Dropbox folder for committee to share.
4. Officials Award, Herb confirmed that it is on the website, deadline to apply is July 1. No applications yet received.

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? – this work is ongoing and no updates at this time.
2. Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs: Work Group recommends we share the S&T and Starter PP presentations with LMSC Officials Chairs. Best avenue will most likely be through our website, need to work with Staff on making that happen.
3. Peer-to-Peer conference call on 2/13/18 hosted by Teri for LSMC Chairs, Vice-Chairs & Officials Chairs. Several Committee members joined in on the call, much discussion on how to attract enough officials to the USMS meets especially when in

conflict with USA, NCAA and HS meet calendars. Good discussions, interest in our training materials and how many officials have received USMS credentials.

4. National Championship meet support: encourage participation for Spring Championships in Indianapolis in May. Teri to send out the Expense Voucher application to all officials applying to Indianapolis who might qualify. We all need to encourage fellow officials to consider attending. Florida (2018 UANA Pan American Masters Championship in Orlando) July 28-Aug 4 needs support. No USMS funds for Officials, but Teri will contact Meet Referee (Jack Dowling) to see how best to encourage support, Application to Officiate to be developed. Steven reported Jack has secured shared hotel rooms for officials who can work most of the meet.,
5. USMS Officials website review: Work group to continue analyzing for content, Nothing is really totally wrong, but much needs to be cleaned up. We are providing good information, but it needs to be updated.
6. Rules revision request submitted to Rules Committee by Teri regarding use of Relay Take-Off pad electronic data based on procedure used in Minneapolis at 2017 Summer Nationals. Pad data was used to initiate an ETO call, and only one human judge was needed to confirm the call. Rule change submitted would be that the pads can only be used to confirm a dual-confirmation by deck officials. Teri to share email thread with the committee, further discussion next meeting.
7. Appendix B “certifying bodies” language cleanup requested to include USMS officials and remove wording specifically naming San Diego-Imperial as a certifying body as that is redundant with USMS officials. Appendix B does not need HOD approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM PST. Next call Tuesday 4/3/18 5:30 PM PST.
