

USMS Officials Committee 2019/20

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 1	Report#: 1
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Mike Abegg	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 1/8/2019 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 1
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, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, John King, Diana LaMar, Herb Schawb, Marie Vellucci, David Watterson		
Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President)		
Committee Members Absent: None		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM EST. Minutes of 11/20/18 meeting approved.

1. Introduction of Committee members for 2019 / 2020:

New:

Jerrilynn Bayless from Indiana (EST) USMS 11 yrs, 11 official (USA, HS, NCAA) LMSC OC
John King from Pacific USMS 15 yrs, LMSC OC & Chair, former Comm & Rules member,
Diana LaMar from Southern Pacific – LMSC 15+, USA official 2, USMS 1, LMSC Fitness Chair
Marie Vellucci from New Jersey USMS 1983, OC in LMSC, OW, former USA officials, YMCA teacher.
David Watterson from Allegheny Mountains (EST) – USA 20, USMS athlete, OW swimmer

Returning:

Teri White (Chair) from Pacific Northwest, 28 yrs official, 15 USMS
Michael Abegg (Vice Chair) from Pacific – LMSC Chair & OC
Alina de Armas from Southern Pacific – LMSC OC
Omar de Armas from Southern Pacific – 30 yrs official,
Judy Gillies from Arizona – LMSC Chair & OC
Steven Goldman from Florida Gold Coast – 6 terms on committee, former LMSC OC
Herb Schwab from Gulf – USMS AR, 11 yrs Championship work

2. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** Referee certification began 1/1/2019, Teri reported that 5 Referees have already been certified. Received feedback from Marilyn Fink (SDI) to email the LMSC OC whenever someone starts the Referee testing process as the OC may not know and won't have access to the test scores. Agreed to implement this process. Peer-2-Peer call on 2/12/19 specifically on the Officials Certification program, Steven suggested more than just LMSC OC's be included. Teri to investigate that option.
3. **Championship meets:**
 - **Spring Championships – Mesa:** 18 responses on Application to Officiate, Committee members include Alina, Omar, Judy and Diana. Teri to seek OQM status, help generate interest.
 - **Summer Championships:** Omar asked for Application to Officiate by 4/1.

- **2019 FINA Masters World Championships:** 3 applications received by deadline, subcommittee (Omar & Dave Coddington) to review and recommend.
 - **College Club Swimming.** 3/29-31/19 in Columbus Ohio, new location and unknown support. Teri going to assess what our Committee can do to help the meet and work the deck. Others who might want to go who are close? Jerrilynn and David expressed interest.
 - **National Sr Games:** 6/15-19/19 Albuquerque NM. Steven asked if this is a Sanctioned USMS meet, Judy confirmed it is “Recognized”. Judy and Diana might be attending. Teri to contact Meet Referee for update.
4. **Peer-2-Peer call:** 2/12/19 5:30 PM PST. Dedicated to the Officials Certification / Referee Certification program, Teri will present. Committee members welcomed to attend as silent partners. Teri will share call invitation/details when sent out.
 5. **USMS Officials website.** Need new members of the Work Group as Virgil & Chris no longer with the Committee. Mike Abegg will be managing the group, Dave, Jerrilyn, Marie and Judy all volunteered. Thank you!

New Business:

1. Rules has asked for a written definition of “Certifying bodies” for Rulebook to reference now that Appendix B has been removed from the Rulebook. Asked that we investigate where the original language came from. Judy volunteered to investigate as she was a member of the Officials Committee at that time.
2. How often to meet? Now that Referee Certification process is done, maybe not every month needed. Agreed to 2/19/19 5:30 PST for next meeting, will better define then. Teri to poll on best evenings.

Adjourned 6:51 PM.

3. **New Business item** – Teri thanked the Committee for its hard work this past year on many different projects, but especially our Referee Certification program. Some people could be leaving the Committee (2019 appointments by the end of the year) and she wanted everyone to know that their efforts were appreciated.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year / New Business

1. **Certification Program / Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs:**
 - The PowerPoint presentations for S&T and Starter to be posted on our site.
 - Facebook page for USMS Officials. Convention attendees very interested in a FB page where they could elicit help for swim meets, connect with people, etc. National Office would develop the site, audience limited to Officials, Committee would monitor and answer questions. See as integral tool for the Certification Program.
 - Listing of certified officials sorted by LMSCs to help Meet Directors find qualified officials.
2. **National Championship meet support:**
 - Mesa and Mission Viejo meets need Applications to Officiate, Teri to do Mesa app by end of year. 2019 Hosts are working on Officials blocks of rooms at very good rates.
 - Committee support of the College Club Meet this year in Ohio on small scale to see what help is needed as meet has moved to a new location after 10 years at Georgia Tech. Teri has applied and is working through Onshalee for contact with the Meet Referee.
 - Judy proposed that the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM need officiating help (6/17-20/2019). Teri and Judy plan to attend to support.
3. **USMS Officials website review:** Work group to continue analyzing for content. Updated content high priority for new Committee.
4. **Officials Credentials Card** – Open Water interested in putting their certifications on our Officials Credentials cards, discussion ongoing and may need National Office support. Dialogue at Convention did not produce any concrete results, at this time we will be moving forward without Open Water.
5. **FINA World Championships 2019 South Korea:** Dave Coddington created a Survey Monkey Application to Officiate for the meet, sent to all LMSC Officials Chairs and Committee members. Applications due by 12/31/18. Evaluation of applications and nomination of candidates to USMS President by January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM PST. Next meeting 1/8/2019 5:30 PM PST