

# 2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

<b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report#:</b> 7
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Teri White	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Mike Abegg	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Teri White	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/12/2019 2:00 PM PST	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

**Number of committee members present:** Absent: 2      **Number of other delegates present:** 2  
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**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, Marie Vellucci,

**Ex-Officio:** Donn Livoni (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart

**Committee Members Absent:** Herb Schwab, David Watterson,

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:32:0 PM PST. Minutes of 8/21/19 already approved via email.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 152 total, 82 Starters, 20 Referees (30% also have current USA credentials)
2. **Championship meets:**
  - **Summer Championships:** 8/7-11/2019 Mission Viejo Summer Championships, – Omar reported (repeat data from Aug meeting for audience): Overall great experience, excellent review comments from athletes. Attending officials were accommodating and helpful with good enthusiasm for the event. 1374 swimmers / 5100 splashes, 9 hr days plus 13 hrs on Sat. The meet had 11% NS's, 49 Records broken, 97 DQ's (2%), no relay-takeoff pads. Thirty-two officials with 6 USMS-only officials. Of this 22 were local which is excellent. Diana commented on 12% no-show (200 & less events), 28% did not make the time standards, Championship should be encouraged to look for ways to overcome these issues.
  - **2019 FINA Masters World Championships:** Teri reported (repeat data from Aug meeting for audience): 8 Days competition, 10-12 hr days (Officials teams so there were breaks but at the pool all day), 5 ITOs, 90 local officials, 10 lane pool, 3000 athletes, 9000 splashes, one pool. Amazing facility and swimming with 18 World Records and 80 Championship Records. Athletes aged from 25-94 with only a couple in-water starts. Very hot and humid and language (both reading and spoken) was an issue, but high excitement amongst all the athletes.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** Teri reported: Award ceremony is HOD session Saturday morning, Teri will present, all requested to attend if possible. Candidate has been confirmed to be present but not yet told of award.
4. **USMS Officials website.** USMS Officials website (Work Group) report - Mike commented that he has received additional files from Teri so updates will happen after Convention. He has agreed to work with Open Water to help consolidate information between the programs. Lots of files are ready to be posted but our page has to also be reorganized which he is working on. Judy & Mike are reviewing the FAQ's from Rules to post a more current list. Almost ready to share with the Committee. Major update

imminent!

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Possible rule changes involving officials for 2020:**

Teri raised question of should the committee formally request Championship limit the competition days of National Championships meets to 10 hours or less (FINA rule) for both athletes and volunteers. Much discussion by Committee and audience members, all desiring to maintain culture of all USMS members welcomed to participate, but acknowledging that as our meets grow, new measures need to be examined to maximize efficiency. **Motion:** Recommend Championship implement efficiencies at National Championship meets aimed at limiting planned competition periods to 10 hours or less. MSA. Teri to communicate to Championship and copy the Committee.

#### **2. Convention Workshop:** Teri reported: “Developing Officials in your LMSC” Friday morning at 9:30, Teri will present. All committee members (and audience) encouraged to attend.

#### **3. National Championship meets 2020:**

- Spring Nationals – April 23-26, 2020 in San Antonio, TX. Jacki Allender nominated as MR. Teri to develop the Application to Officiate and get on website by November. All Committee members encouraged to attend.
- Summer Nationals – Aug 12-16, 2020 in Richmond, VA. Bob Rustin nominated as MR. Teri to develop the Application to Officiate and get posted on website by end of year. All Committee members encouraged to attend.

#### **4. Changes to current USMS Officials Certification process.** Teri reported that it seems overly onerous to require currently certified USA officials to retake the tests for each position to receive our credentials. The USA process requires tests and deck mentoring for all positions, and we should recognize that training. Recommendation is that only the USMS Supplemental Test be required IF they have a Certification or Recertification test score from within the past 24 months for desired position. If test score older, the Recertification test will be required. MSA unanimously, to take effect immediately.

#### **5. Apparel.** Teri reported that we have budget monies for “apparel” and that it would be nice to get generic USMS logoed shirts for all Officials Committee members, and our National Championship meet leadership positions (MR, AR, TLCJ, HS). These could be worn at Convention, etc to advocate for our organization without advertising a specific meet. Shirt sizes will be requested, and we’ll go backwards for 2019 and 2018 National Championships.

#### **6. Measuring success of Officials Certification program.** Steven asked that we look for ways to measure the success of our program from the LMSC Officials Chairs/Meet Directors point of view. Further discussion and work group formation at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM CDT.

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