

2020 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

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: 1/28/2020 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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, John Fox, Judy Gillies, John King, Celia Wolff

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

Committee Members Absent: Dave Diehl, Susan Hengstenberg

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 10/15/19 reviewed, MSA.

1. **Introduction of Committee members.** New members welcomed, Dave Diehl (Deleware Valley), Susan Hengstenberg (North Texas), John Fox (Florida), and Celia Wolff (North Carolina). Amazing depth of experience noted!
2. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 202 total, 109 Starters, 32 Referees. 30% are USA certified, Teri noted that 55 USMS officials expired as of 12/31/19 (25%!) and requested the Committee consider updating our Certification program to model less on USA practices. Longer certification period? Simpler path for USA/YMCA/NCAA officials to join? Work group – Omar, John F, John K to consider and recommend.
3. **Championship meets:**
 - **Spring Nationals** – San Antonio TX 4/23-26/2020. 34 applications to date, Teri (Head Starter), Alina (Asst Admin Referee), Omar, Judy, Celia, Jerrilyn attending.
 - **Summer Championships:** Richmond VA 8/12-16/2020, – Application to Officiate ready to be posted, hopefully next week. Host wants to encourage local officials to ‘save the date’ via the application. Teri (Head Starter), Alina (Admin Referee), Omar plan to attend.
 - **College Club Swimming** – National Championships Greensboro NC 4/10-12/2020. Judy and Teri have agreed to attend and officiate.
4. **USMS Officials Award:** New work group formed – Alina and John F. Agreement that ‘currently serving committee members’ should not be considered for that year’s award as Committee selects the recipient. Need to recruit more nominations!
5. **USMS Officials website.** USMS Officials website (Work Group) report – Mike. Many updates occurred this past year, trying to make this a true resource for our officials versus just a page of links.

Rules wants us to connect to their Blog versus listing “most common questions”. Will keep working on making this as user-friendly as possible.

New Business:

1. Request from UANA – Teri reported that the UANA Technical Committee has asked for a copy of our training materials including the Supplemental test. Quite an honor according to Nadine Day (member of Committee). Will pursue through Nadine.
2. BOD Committee Description and Goals documents. Teri circulated copies of files looking for comments, final version due to Don by Feb 22
3. FINA 10 hr rule for Championship meets. Discussion, determined we should try to find out how long the days have actually been for past 3-5 years. Herb Schwab might have the data. To be continued.
4. Testmoz site. Need to revisit all questions to make sure they are still accurate. The USA Rulebook took out the Reference numbers for the Masters section, we need to eliminate those technical reference numbers.
5. Peer-2-Peer call Feb 12. All Committee members invited to attend, Teri will be talking about “most common issues with USA/YMCA/NCAA/NHSF officials” and helpful ways to help them understand our culture. Teri will forward call information when the email goes out.
6. Next meeting March 9-11, Teri will poll members on best date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM PST.
