

# 2020 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

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| <b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee | <b>Session #:</b> 3                               | <b>Report#:</b> 3 |
| <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> 5/5/2020 5:30 PM PST |                   |

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

**Number committee members present: 11    Absent: 0    Number of other delegates present: 2**

**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, Dave Diehl, John Fox, Judy Gillies, Susan Hengstenberg, John King, Celia Wolff**

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 3/17/20 reviewed, MSA.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 238 total, 118 Starters, 41 Referees. Teri reported that all credentials expiring 12/31/19 and later had been reissued with the new 4 year certification period and emailed out. Several comments were received expressing gratitude with the new certification period. The latest list is on the website.
2. **Championship meets:**
  - **Summer Championships:** Richmond VA 8/12-16/2020, – USMS/Championship has not yet cancelled the meet, waiting at least another 2 weeks to see what happens with “lock-down”. Teri advised all hoping to attend to not make travel plans that can’t be cancelled without penalty. Alina reported that the YMCA Nationals planned for the week prior to USMS nationals, at the same facility, had just been cancelled. Donn said the USMS Board meets on 5/20 and its on the agenda.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** New work group formed – Alina and John F. Reported that all LMSC Officials Chairs have been emailed asking for nominations, one received so far.
4. **USMS Officials website.** USMS Officials website (Work Group) report – Mike. New USMS website has been launched, everyone needs to take a good look and report any issues. Huge improvement over the “list of links” format we used to have. Mike requested more officials pictures to put on the website, send directly to Mike.
5. **Nametag orders:** Jerrilyn reported 19 new nametags for new Committee members and new USMS Referees have been received and are being shipped out.

6. **USMS Rulebooks:** Celia reported having 11 new rulebooks sent in March, 2 in April. Should we send to all officials or just Referees? Ongoing or just first year? Many LMSCs order in bulk, we may be duplicating. Dave shared he receives 4 every year from different sources and simply shares. Onshalee confirms she cross-checks our lists with ‘known names’ that USMS sends. Decided that new Referees get a full-rulebook from us in first year of certification, then the LMSC/official will continue on their own.
7. **Testmoz site / USMS Supplemental Test:** Teri is to update the questions based on feedback received from everyone. Couple of questions still outstanding, new “final listing” to be sent out and feedback date by 5/22. Teri will then update test questions, with no meets there is almost no activity on the testing site.
8. **Convention:** Teri reported that the decision has been made to make the 2020 Convention “virtual”. Expect same date range until more details are known. We will have a business meeting, Committee report and our award to present. Keep the dates free to participate!

**New Business:**

1. Next meeting 6/16/20 5:30 PST.

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Access code: 116-756-976

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM PST.

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