

2021 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 2	Report#: 2
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Mike Abegg	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 3/10/2021 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number committee members present: 10 Absent: 2 Number of other delegates present: 0

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, Judy Gillies, John King, Michael Moore, Lisa Phillips.

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

Committee Members Absent: John Fox, Jeff Sargent

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM PST via Zoom. Mike agreed to monitor for questions, raised hands and chat questions. Minutes of 2/3/21 were reviewed and accepted.

1. **USMS Certification Program.** To date: 246 total Stroke & Turn, 128 Starters, 46 Referees. We have 32 people whose credentials will expire 12/31/21. How to encourage recertification and recruit new members? Teri will send listing to LMSC Officials Chairs to encourage recertification. Work group formed: Michael Moore (lead), John Fox, Omar and Dave. They will review the Supplemental Test questions and make recommendations, if needed. Teri encouraged everyone to take the test ASAP to give feedback on the questions if needed.
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **National Championships: 2021:**

SCN: July 21-25, Greensboro NC; Teri reported that we're "planning for the meet to happen, but nothing is yet set in stone". The facility is still refining their COVID plans and that limits how many people can be in the facility at any one time. Might be 3 sessions a day, with clean-up/warm-up happening between. Meet is Wed-Sunday and Relays are not yet guaranteed. Application will be up within the week. Planning on attending: Michael Moore, Mike Abegg, Alina & Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Teri White.

LCN: Oct 6-10, the Spire Center in Geneva, OH. Teri asked if it was possible to run the entry list against our list of certified USMS officials so we could specifically invite participants to officiate when they are not competing. Onshalee to look into this. Planning on attending: Lisa Phillips, Michael Moore, Jerrilynn Bayless, Michael Abegg, Judy Gillies, Teri White. Application to Officiate will be created by June 1
 - **College Club Championships: 2021:** No centralized Championship meet will be held this year due to COVID concerns. Virtual meets held instead; Committee encouraged to generate

officiating support for all meets near them.

3. **USMS Officials Award:** Alina gave the update, no new nominations. Teri provided list of LMSC email addresses so we could 'encourage' nominations. Reviewing previous nominations. Applications due by July 1.
4. **USMS Officials website.** Mike commented that the links to the USAS training videos had broken, but now fixed. Encouraged everyone to continue testing of links and review of existing and new content needed. If broke or inaccurate links are found, please forward information to Mike for resolution.
5. **Nametag orders:** Jerrilyn, committee contact.
6. **USMS Rulebooks:** Need committee contact for this task.

New Business:

1. Mike agreed to reach out to Records and Tabulation Committee to see if they have strong concerns over results from LMSC meets. This is tied to the question of the need for an Administrative Referee or Administrative Official (would be new certification for USMS).
2. Peer-to-Peer calls. These have come through LSMC Development Committee but we have no response on one for Officials (usually in February). Set aside for now.
3. Another suggestion was a 'national' Zoom-type refresher training seminar as many people have not been on deck in close to a year. Teri to investigate this.
4. Next meeting: April 15, 5:30 PST, ongoing roughly every 6 weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM PST.
