

USMS Coaches Committee

Conference Call – March 9, 2011, 8:00pm EST

Number of committee members present: 12 Absent: 10

USMS staff present: 1 - **Susan Ingraham, Mel Goldstein**

EC present: 1 - **Nadine Day**

Committee members present: **Craig Keller** (Chair), **Scott Bay** (VC), **Stuart Kahn** (VC), **Heather Howland**, **Charlie Tupitza**, **Chris Colburn**, **Jody Smith**, **Laurel Liberty**, **Laura Winslow**, **Ahelee Sue Osborne**, **Rich Axtell**, **Stan Steck**, **Eric Cozadd**

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Stu Kahn reported on LMSC communications. Ahelee O. volunteered to draft contact letter. Improving communications. Letter drafted for promoting SwimFest currently 2 coaches signed up for swim fest. Ahelee also gave a list of coaches chairs as of Feb. not responding.

These are the LMSC's without current Coach Chairs:

Adirondack,
Connecticut,
Iowa,
Missouri Valley,
Montana,
North Dakota,
Snake River,
and South Dakota.

Letter to be sent out next week and action plan is to get on the phone after.

Stu also reported on COY updated on deadlines for recognition.

Charlie Tupitza reported on the Warrenton Va. Clinic.

Scott Bay reported on the Warrenton Va. Coaches Clinic. There were 30 attendees and he and Mel Goldstein presented ASCA levels 1 and 2 for Masters. The reviews were extremely positive and plans for moving topics into different levels as appropriate for levels 1 and 2 were discussed during a debriefing. The next iteration of this curriculum will be delivered at Swim Fest 11 in Jonesboro Ga May 20-22. San Mateo is on the Calendar for June 10-12, ASCA World Clinic Sept and Convention Sept are also scheduled. We are also committed to PNW with a TBD date. There are still some clinics that we are interested in doing in the northeast and the Midwest and we are working on those details now. The development of level 3 and 4 has already started as well.

Heather Howland reported on International Coaches. Will be proposing legislation for athletes to register for Team USA and/or home club. Numbers of applications for International coaching is at 1 at this time. It was sent out in streamlines for coaches but it seems hard to locate on the website. Subcommittee is looking to find ways to make it easier to find.

Rich Axtell reported on Coaches Toolbox. The components are start up, some stroke technique, operations and marketing, and structure of the USMS. Susan pointed out the Coaches toolbox will be a living document and it is a valuable tool for coaches. There was some discussion about having this online v. print.

Chris Colburn reported on Publications. Publications have had trouble getting content from coaches. Reported that there needs to be a schedule of coaches and submissions. Craig challenged all coaches on the committee to submit content to Chris to make sure we have plenty to submit.

Chris Colburn reported on On-Deck Coaching. Has had little interest from coaches at this point but that is typical. There is typically a bump after the entry deadline. Chris went on to explain the program. Invited coaches to participate and encourage others to do same.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.