

<b>Committee Name:</b> Coaches	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Scott Bay	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Stu Kahn	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Cokie Lepinski	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 4.10.13 8:00 PM Eastern	

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## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA: Accept a proposal to offer Coaches Membership at \$30.00 per year beginning in 2014.**

**Number of committee members present: 15**

**Absent: 3**

**Number of other delegates present: 3**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Scott Bay (Chair), Stu Kahn, (VC), Ken Brisbin, Chris Campbell, Michael Collins, Kristin Gary, Emmett Hines, Heather Howland, Bob Jennings, Kim Lloyd, Cokie Lepinski, Frank Marcincowski, Erin Matthews, Tom Mester, Executive Committee Jody Smith (partial), Associate Member C.J. Rushman, Bill Brenner (Ex Officio), Susan Kuhlman (USMS CFO)

Not present: Lisa Dahl, Alben Fisher, Jared Foster, Ex Officio Jillian Wilkins,

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. eastern

1. USMS Coaches Membership Overview/discussion –Scott Bay and Bill Brenner reported that we are looking to establish an option for USMS members to be recognized as a masters swim coach for a proposed \$30 fee (on top of the normal annual fee). Individual benefits for this type of coach registration were outlined to us in a separate document. Other USAS organizations charge much more for coach registration than this proposal (USA \$59; USA Water Polo \$85; USA Synchro \$100; USA Diving \$125). There was discussion on background behind this and it was explained that this is a collaborative effort between our committee and the National Office to not only maintain the great services and benefits coaches already enjoy but enhance them as well. There was additional discussion as to where the funds might go or what they might be used for and whether this had any concerns about insurance based on this new level of membership. Members of the committee also wanted to make sure they had input into where the revenue was allocated. Heather made a motion to accept this general idea in principal. Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Convention (Pool, Lecture/Presentation, Round Table)– Scott led a discussion on what was popular last year and what we had talked about adding this year - a Starts and Turns clinic and some lectures and presentations around medications that effect training; and common medical conditions (such as Type 1 or 2 Diabetes). There were positive responses to the question of whether we want to bring a coaches round table discussion back to convention. Some topics for the round table might include: writing workouts for specific needs; indoctrinating newbies; lane management; relationship with facility management.
3. On Deck Coaching at Nationals – Erin Matthews checks the new online sign up regularly. The only slots not yet covered are on Thursday. They have 6 of the 8 slots filled that day. Friday, Saturday and Sunday all slots are filled with alternates in place. [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0E4EADAB2CAA8-spring](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A0E4EADAB2CAA8-spring). It was suggested that the possibility of using this type of sign up program for Convention presentations, etc might be helpful.
4. **Subcommittee and Task Force Reports**

**International Coaching** – Frank Marcincowski talked about the cost of covering whatever numbers of coaches need to be sent to Montreal. Do we want to salary and stipend the coaches? He recommends that we propose to cover them at \$2000 per coach salary. Issuing a stipend would double that to \$4000 for each coach which they based on their findings of about a \$300 per day cost to be in Montreal. Heather, Frank and Kristin will work on a report to present to us.

**Web Workouts** – Stu Kahn – nothing new to report.

**LMSC Communications** – Cokie – nothing new to report.

**Certification** – Emmett Hines has gone through a mock application under the proposed Level 4. He will continue dialogue with Scott for a summary to present at our next meeting.

**Awards** – Heather has one nominee for the Kerry O'Brien award (deadline is July 1). None received yet for Coach of The Year (not unusual as they tend to come in when the deadline is looming and the deadline is July 1). Cokie will again highlight this and mention it in the next email out to the LMSC Coaches Chairs. The web link for information on Awards is under the Volunteers Tab:  
[http://www.usms.org/admin/awards/?utm\\_campaign=top\\_nav&utm\\_medium=for\\_volunteers](http://www.usms.org/admin/awards/?utm_campaign=top_nav&utm_medium=for_volunteers)

**High Performance** – Cokie – nothing new to report. Info on the Camp is on the USMS website:  
[http://www.usms.org/content/highperfcamp?utm\\_campaign=top\\_nav&utm\\_medium=training](http://www.usms.org/content/highperfcamp?utm_campaign=top_nav&utm_medium=training)

**Publications** – Cokie reported that we are in need of articles for both publications for summer and beyond. You can submit as simply as an email message or a Word document. She will do the formatting and USMS does the final editing.

**Web Content** – Scott, nothing new to report

**Triathlon / Open Water** – No report

**Fitness** – No report

5. **Old Business** - Stu Kahn took a look at the top 5 finishers for Spring & Summer Nationals for the last few years. There is not an epidemic of these multi-clubs forming as regional clubs. It is really just one regional club that falls between the cracks. Stu proposes we take a look after Indy and see if it is an issue. Item tabled. Heather remembers a heated 2007 discussion at Nationals and it is a sensitive topic. We would need to be justified and it would need to have strong value before it moves beyond this committee.
6. **New Business** – No report