

2022 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: Judy Gillies	Date/time of meeting: 1/26/2022 6:00 PM MST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number committee members present: 12 Absent: 1 Number of other delegates present: 2

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg (Vice-Chair), Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Dave Diehl, Emily Cook, Judy Gillies, Mark Marshfield, Lisa Phillips, John King, Jerrilynn Bayless, Michael Moore

Ex-Officio: Robin Smith (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart (National Office Staff)

Committee Members Absent: Jeff Sargent

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM MST via Zoom. Mike agreed to monitor for questions, raised hands and chat questions. Minutes of 11/10/21 reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Introduction of 2022 Committee members. Teri noted that for the first time, every member is a certified official.

Officials Certification program- total 304, 168 Starters, 62 Referee's. Holding steady at 33% are current USA officials.

National Championship Meets:

- Championship Meets for 2022
 - College Club Swimming Championships 4/8-10/22 in Atlanta
 - Spring SC Championships, 4/28-5/1, San Antonio Jackie Allender is MR. Application to Officiate is up on the Event website and the Officials/National Championship website. 15 rooms reserved for Officials at the Drury Inn near the pool. Hoping for strong local support.
 - Summer LC Championships 8/3-8/7 Richmond VA. Bob Rustin MR. Application to Officiate will go up after San Antonio to avoid confusion.

Officials Excellence Award – New Work Group created, Alina de Armas, Dave Diehl, Lisa Phillips. Ray from Awards Committee has asked us for Bios for the four previous winners. Judy volunteered to work on writing these up, if she can get the past nomination info for these past winner. The past winners are 1. Pat Baker, 2. Herb Schwab, 3. Ed Saltzman, and 4. Ted Haartz.

USMS Officials website: Discussion on whether a PowerPoint presentation from Open Water should be on our website. It's aimed at Pool Officials going to their first OW event. Agreed that it should be on both OW and Officials website. Mike pointed out that our website should specifically say "Pool Officials". Michael Moore commented that there are still documents on the site from nearly 10 years ago that should be reviewed. He and Mike Abegg will take a look at these and get them updated.

Administrative Official: Jeff Sargent has agreed to take lead on creating both training materials and an online test for the position of Administrative Official (AO) for local LMSC meets. Mark Marshfield agreed to help.

Name Tags: Jerrilynn- two dozen new name tags ordered and shipped!

Proposed Budget for committee for next year: Teri has asked for a bigger budget to help partially reimburse those who do travel to officiate National meets. Robin confirmed that the Board approved the budget.

Testmoz Test site: Teri reported that it is updated and no problems so far.

New Business

Robin shared the Presentation on USMS Vision for the Future that was given at the last Board meeting. One takeaway from the Officials Committee is to continue finding ways/tools to help LMSCs recruit and train officials. Many familiar points, will be available on the website soon.

FINA Masters 2022 in Fukuoka, Japan 5/31-6/9/2022: Teri reported that three people have sent in the Application to officiate. The meet is "on hold" and many expect it to be delayed. But no official word at this time.

Power Point Training for Referee: Teri has been asked to put together a Power Point presentation on Referee Training. John King says he has one that he made for USMS that he will send to Teri.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 MDT. Next meeting Wednesday 3/9/22 at 6:00 Mountain time via Zoom.
