Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: Recognition and Awards Committee Session: 5:00-620 PM

Day and Date of Meeting: Thursday October 12, 2000

Action Items

*** This Committee recommends to the President and Executive Committee that the only USMS award at USAS banquet is the Ransom J. Arthur Award.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: $\underline{12}$ Number of committee members absent $\underline{12}$. Total number of delegates attending the meeting: $\underline{16}$.

Minutes

USMS Awards – discussion on official USMS awards. It was determined that USMS Official awards are awards initiated and presented by the National body (USMS).

Dan, Mike and Jack momentarily agreed on something

The one National USMS Award is Ransom J Arthur Award MSC

The Service Award be renamed Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award in honor of Dorothy Donnelly MSC

Other Official Recognitions will be presented in the House of Delegates

Lawyers agreed again.

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Two categories of awards – National USMS Award and Official Recognition. Official Recognition Awards are Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award, Coach of the Year Award, and USMS Newsletter of the Year Award, to be presented at the House of Delegates.

Current winners of the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award and Coach of the Year Award will be printed in rulebook.

Recommend to Rulebook Committee that ISHOF honorees remain listed in the rulebook.

All Proposals for Official Recognition shall come through the Recognition and Awards Committee for purposes of coordination.

A. Ransom Arthur Award – National USMS Award

- a. Nominations called for Mid-February and due to the Chairman by March 15.
- b. Packet of nominations is sent to the Committee members with ballots due to the Chairman by April 15th.
- c. Recipient is announced at Short Course Nationals and the formal presentation of a plaque and gold pin is made at the Convention banquet. Recipients are listed in the USMS Rule Book.

B. Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award – Official Recognition

- a. Nominations called for March 20th and due to Chairman by July 30.
- b. Nominations are reviewed by the President, Committee Chairman and one other person.
- c. Recipients are announced at the House of Delegates and presented with a certificate and cloisonné pin. Current recipients are listed in the USMS Rule Book.

C. Coach of the Year Award – Official Recognition

- a. The Chairman of the Coaches Committee selects five fellow coaches to serve on a selection committee, typically those who are past winners.
- b. Nominations are due July 1 of the year presented. A specific nomination form is to be submitted.
- c. Current winner is published in the rulebook.

D. USMS Newsletter of the Year Award – Official Recognition

- a. Packets of newsletters under consideration are sent to a committee selected by the USMS
 Editor. The committee is instructed to review each newsletter ranking it for Creativity,
 Information, Production Quality and Presentation, Range of Appeal, Consistency, Overall then tally the ranking numbers to select a winner.
- b. The winner is announced at the House of Delegates.

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	Tasks for Upcoming Year:
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