

Present – Nadine Day, Rob Copeland, Jerry Clark, Al Prescott, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Tracy Grilli

Absent – Michael Moore

Meeting called to order: 7:00 EST

Task: To make recommendations to the BOD on identifying workout groups, it's volunteer leadership and coaches.  
The BOD will submit appropriate legislations as deemed necessary.

Last year's task force surveyed all the LMSC's and found that majority of the LMSC's have some type of sub group of a CLUB (workout group/team/ chapter). The difficulty is that USMS does not have any information on these sub groups. In addition, the formations of workout groups differ with LMSCs.

Core ideas: Gathering information needs to occur during the same time as the registration process.  
The information should be similar to what USMS gathers from clubs.

Discussion:

- 1) The LMSC's are not responsible for gathering workout group information. It is the club's responsibility to do so.
- 2) Determine services that USMS will provide for these workout groups similar for clubs, which is???
- 3) Swimmers are very confused with the registration process in understanding club versus workout groups- for both new and renewals, which creates more work for the registrar and the national office
- 4) Responsibility of clubs to educate their members on the registration process
- 5) All clubs have a designee, who should be the person responsible to ensure the workout group information is gathered, not the LMSC.
- 6) The information gather will help establish good information on where swimmers can go to swim with registered clubs and registered workout groups

Recommendation thus far:

- 1) Create a sub division under clubs and create a registration process similar to the club registration.
- 2) These registered "workout groups" will receive the same benefits and correspondence from USMS as clubs.
- 3) Data collection for workout groups should be the same as clubs, which Tracy has sent as a separate attachment
- 4) Establishing recommended guidelines to LMSC for Clubs

Other ideas:

Registration to correlate with "places to swim"

Link to club and workout group information when a swimmer click on the referenced club/WG

Tracy – (I researched this information after our call but thought it would be important to last night's conversation)  
Currently in the CA database there are - 32,393 members registered for 2011. 9,657 members (30%) are listed as being a member of one of 865 WGs. There are - 666 Clubs registered for 2011. 58 Clubs (9%) have WGs.

Goal for next meeting:

Define sub division of clubs (workout groups) via email.

To focus on what should be included in the guidelines and information for the tracking of WGs.

Not who will implement or how it will be implemented.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm EST

**Next meeting Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm**