

U.S. Masters Swimming

Committee Name:	Recognition & Awards	Session #:	N/A
Committee Chair:	Charis Anderson McCarthy		
Minutes recorded by:	Sally Dillon	Date/time of meeting:	6/8/2021 8:30 pm EDT

Actions Taken:

1. Approved: Minutes of the April 23, 2021 meeting

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 3	Guests: 1
Committee members present: Marcia Benjamin, Charis Anderson McCarthy, Richard Burns, Nadine Day, Sally Dillon, Mike Hillegonds, Michael Moore, Beth Nymeyer, Ginger Pierson, Nancy Ridout, Laura Val, and Ex Officio Ed Coates.		
Not present: Barbara Deshler, Jack Groselle, and Ray Novitske		
Guests: Ann Marshfield (USMS Fitness Committee)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm EST. Charis thanked everyone for joining in and recognized how challenging it is to set meeting times that work for everyone.

1. Approval of April 23, 2021 Minutes – MSA to approve

2. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Ransom J. Arthur M.D. Award: Nadine announced that the 2021 recipient is Bob Bruce from Oregon Masters. He was surprised at an LMSC meeting where numerous members of the NW Zone also attended. A second presentation will take place on June 26 at the OW Nationals Cable event at Foster Lake. USMS President Peter Guadagni will be there to make the presentation. Charis noted there was an immediate press release. Nadine had worked with the National Office to make sure it went out immediately. Unfortunately, it did not appear on the USMS home page. Story will be in the July/Aug of *Swimmer Magazine*.
- b. Dorothy Donnelly Service Award: Charis reported that two nominations have been received. The subcommittee will discuss plans to encourage more nominations this coming week.
- c. June Krauser Communications Award: Nancy and her subcommittee of Marcia, Michael, and Barb had a Zoom meeting and finalized how to get the word out. They used the Google Docs and kept account of every person they contacted. Messages sent to LMSC chairs and communications/webmasters. They each had 14-15 LMSCs to contact and in some instances, contacted vice chairs. Three submissions have been received, all from clubs. Nancy also contacted past applicants. Beth complimented Nancy on her subcommittee's accomplishments.
- d. Club of the Year: Rich is patiently waiting for nominations to come in. The committee reached out to clubs that they know from the past or those they know are worthy. Kenny Brisbin (Coaches committee) and Ann Marshall (Fitness committee) have been appointed to the COYA selection committee.
- e. MISHOF: Rich announced that Kerry O'Brien was selected as the honoree for Coach Contributor. The subcommittee will start thinking about nominations for next year. Nadine asked about an email that Rich sent concerning a presentation at one of our events. Since few of the of the honorees are from the US, it's likely they would not want to attend a presentation at a national meet. Nancy pointed out that they are holding the ceremony during our LCM national meet. It was suggested that Peter Guadagni should contact ISHOF to let them know that we'd like to avoid this in the future. Ed thinks that in future years, when we get back to normal, we might do things differently. Nancy noted that having it at convention was funded by a Masters swimmer so the recipients could get the most attention.
- f. Zone/LMSC Communications: Beth said the main objective has been to get the emails out to encourage nominations. The emails from the JKC award committee included the link to view the other USMS awards. Beth has tagged lots of clubs on Instagram. She is targeting the bigger clubs in LMSCs. The link to the Google Drive list is here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1oJfZdRvFCgrgWWcX-tuk6vWLWW_Y5W7Wd0emIG9Qf1s/edit?ts=60c29800#gid=0

- g. Award Bios: Sally reported that the DDSA bios are finally completed. 24 years and ~15 recipients each year equals a lot of stories! The next project she and Ray Novitske will take on are the bios for the recipients of the Communications award. They need to get nomination documents from Nancy for a few of the most recent years.
- h. Award Forms: All nominations should go to the committee chair, who will disseminate them to the subcommittee leaders. It was noted that the Communications Award information on the website directed nominations to Nancy Ridout. Charis will ask the National Office to correct this.

3. **Other business –**

- a. Convention: Michael asked if we have information about convention committee meetings? Ed said we should schedule our convention meeting during the month of August. Committees are expected to schedule meetings during the month of August. There may be a HOD meeting to approve committee minutes in September. The meeting dates will be publicized and open to any USMS member. It's each committee's choice regarding date selection; weekdays or weekends are fine. Forums for Legislation, etc will take place in September.
- b. Promotion of LMSC awards: Nadine suggested we can reach out to LMSCs to help their major awards receive national attention. An example would be Yoshi Oyakawa, who won a lifetime achievement award on the club level in Ohio. Charis suggested that the Zone/LMSC subcommittee could help disseminate this type of information. but we need to get the LMSCs to provide the information.
- c. Timing of meetings: It was agreed that we would meet in early August for our official convention meeting. If something important comes up, we can call an emergency meeting. Charis will send a poll to set the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm EST.