

Committee Name:	USMS Officials Committee	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Edward Saltzman	Vice Chair:	Pat Baker		
Minutes recorded by:	Marilyn Fink	Date/time of meeting:	February 23, 2014 Via Conference Call		

Motions Passed:

1. none

Number of committee members present: 10 Absent: 5 Number of other delegates present: 1

Committee members present: Edward Saltzman (Chair), Pat Baker (Vice Chair), Brian Albright, Marilyn Fink, John King, Al Ness, Fred Pigott, Mary Pohlmann, Sandi Rousseau (Ex Officio-Championship), and Herb Schwab

Others present: Jacki Allender

Members/others absent: Alina Perez de Armas, Kathrine Casey (Ex Officio), Laura Hamel (Ex Officio), Chris McGiffin (Ex Officio), and Clark Hammond (USA Swimming Officials Chair)

The Officials Committee meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM EST by Chair Ed Saltzman.

1. Update on 2014 Spring Nationals - Santa Clara (Jacki Allender, Al Ness and John King)

- A. Jacki reported that 28 applications to officiate have been received so far, 5 of which are for part-time officiating. She is working on finalizing the main assignments for the 2 courses, then will fill in slots as additional officials become available. Evaluators will be James Pittler and Robert Thompson. OQM status and USA-S observed status have been applied for.
- B. Ed will order rules differences cards for the officials. He reminded the Officials Committee liaisons that there is partial funding available for trip expenses.
- C. Sandi indicated that full and mini rulebooks (via the Championship and/or Rules Committees; Ed will clarify) will be provided for use by officials working the meet. The site visit went well. A question was asked as to whether there is a protocol for labeling the 2 racing courses (East/West, odd/even, etc.); there is not. A request was made to place the timing console area on-deck rather than tucked away in the rotunda.

2. Update on 2014 Summer Nationals - University of Maryland (Jim Carey, Ed Saltzman)

- A. A conflict has arisen for Pat so she will no longer be able to serve as an Officials Committee liaison with Ed. Ed is working on the application to officiate.

3. New Business/Roundtable

- A. Ed continues to receive inquiries about the USMS officials certification process. He will send out information on a proposal that incorporates home-study via CD, an online USA-S officials test, an on deck briefing, and apprentice training. It was suggested that the on-deck training requirements take into account the frequency of meets available to be worked in the LMSC. This process could be administered by LMSC officials chairs, with assistance from committee members. Down the road, the committee may need to develop recruiting materials for officials since their availability in various locales continues to be an issue.
- B. Officials Committee documents have not yet found a home on the USMS website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM EST.