

Minutes from USMS Officials Zoom Committee Meeting

April 10th, 2023, 5:00PM PDT, 8:00 EDT

Those in attendance: Michael Abegg, Chair; Teri White, Vice Chair; Jerrilynn Bayless; Emily Cook; Omar de Armas; David Diehl; Robert Duguay; Judy Gillies; John King; Mark Marshfield; Chris Ottati; Alina Perez de Armas; Onshalee Promchitmart- EX Officio; Robin Smith EC. Michael Moore, guest.

No one absent.

Michael called the meeting at 5:01 PM.

Teri made motion to accept minutes, Rob seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept past minutes a few grammatical corrections.

Chair's Report-Michael said he sent out the interpretations of the latest USMS Rule changes. The major different one is the breast stroke with taking out the word "Horizontal" as for keeping the body and arm and leg movements on the "Horizontal". There was discussion of who Mike should send these to. Michael said he would like to periodically send emails to our officials. The discussion led to sending anything to both the LMSC Officials Chairs and well as the LMSC Chairs.

Update of Certifications-Teri. We currently have 408 certified USMS Officials. While at the CC National Meet, Teri certified 15 new Officials. 155 are currently also USA officials, 216 starters and 93 Referee's!!

Championship Meets- Teri- gave an overview of the College Club National meet. She said it was awesome, with 2x 25 yard, 10 lane pools going at the same time. Officials from all around the US including, Sacramento, and many from the Ohio LMSC area. She admitted that she really pushed the officials to also get USMS certified, and 15 of them did. Meet was run with prelims and finals. Really fast times were achieved.

Since Judy also went, she gave her input. She admitted for her, at 75 it was a loud, very warm and crazy environment with standing for long hours as a stroke and turn. She probably will not go again, but does encourage others to give it a try. There was lots of fabulous fast swims and wonderfully enthusiastic young people.

Teri announced that the next CC National meet will be in 2024 in Indianapolis, during the spring, April.

Spring Nationals, SC Yard, Irvine April 27-30th- Teri had 45 people apply to officiate. There will be two isolated pools, one is 10 lanes and the other 9 lanes. An average of 30 officials a session with officials swimming, and coming and going on particular days. She mentioned possibly 3 Stroke and turn on each end. We are hoping the weather will be in the mid 70's with sun in the afternoons. There are 2504 entries, 277 clubs. It has been approved as a USA Observed meet, and psych sheets are out. There will be at least one "brick" of DQ slips provided by the host.

Summer Nationals, LC Meters, Sarasota, FL-The Application to Officiate is up on the USMS website. USMS would like to approve that the host will support hotel rooms at a discount for 60% of the officials who travel from out of town (state). USMS and host had discussion of who is eligible for these paid

rooms. The official must be from out of town and work 80% of the meet. This is all still being worked out.

FINA- World Aquatics Masters Championships in Japan, 2023.- Teri announced that John Fox formally from our committee has been accepted as the Open Water Official for this meet. Teri will be there for both the Open Water and the entire pool meet. Alina announced that Chad Durieuex, the Rose Bowl coach has been announced to be the USA coach for this meet, and he is presently living in Japan!

Name tags- Jerrilynn-Teri has given the new names to Jerrilynn and she is having the tags made and will be bringing them to Irvine.

Testmoz-Teri said come May she will go through all the test questions and look over anything that has to do with Rule Changes, and make changes. Chris Ottati has offered to help her.

Old Business- we covered it all.

New Business-

Officials Award-two new volunteers to work on this are Emily Cook and Dave Diehl. July 1st is deadline for the name to the Recognition and Awards Committee.

Website-Chris Ottati and Michael will work on this, starting in May. They will look at the training materials and the links to the videos. Anyone else is welcome to help.

Discussion on split request forms at the beginning and during meets. Omar brought up at our last zoom meeting that if everyone would check out 103.18.2 in our USMS Rule book. It states that automatic times can be used in a meet, if it is in the meet announcement.

Admin Official-Alina, Mark & Michael are all working on this. They all will have time once we get into May. Mark has already sent us all two sheets of requirements. He has been concentration on a 25 question test to include. The test for USMS must include the differences from USA. Michael asked if there was a deadline to making changes to our Rule book concerning the requirement of the Admin Official. Teri said, no! Teri said that is independent of the Rule Book.

Rule Change Proposal- Teri took a survey of our committee concerning Rule 103.3.2 which reads "Starters and stroke and turn judges shall be certified in said capacities by a USMS-approved certified body, as defined by the USMS Officials Committee. However, uncertified officials may perform the duties of such positions if they receive training in the specified duties of their positions and are under the direct supervision of a certified official." Teri believes that it is time, this part that is underlined needs to be taken out, and all officials need to be certified, (by some certifying body). All on the committee were in agreement. Judy volunteered to work with Teri on this. A proposal was made by Rob and seconded by Omar, all voted in agreement. The motion passed.

Teri also wanted to make the change about reimbursement for those working USMS National meets. She wants only those who are USMS Certified would be considered for reimbursement. The committee was in total agreement.

Rob was wondering if there could be certain requirements as to who the officials will be, before the meet. He had problems in the past where he was assigned or told he was doing a meet with no clearing it with him ahead of time. Alina and Robin both spoke to the fact that in the Southern Pacific LMSC (as

with the LSC) all sanction request must have the Meet Referee and Admin Official named in order to get the sanction approved. This may be a good suggestion to other LMSC and may end the problem that Rob had. There was a discussion that some LMSC only have 1 or 2 USMS Officials. The response was, any certified official (USA, NCAA, and NHSF) can do our meets.

The next meeting will be sometime during the week of May22-26th. Michael will send out a Doodle Poll.

Teri made motion to adjourn, Chis Ottati seconded, and all votes in agreement.

Meeting was adjourned_____???

Minutes taken and typed up by Judy Gillies