

## USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: Coaches Committee

Session #: (if more than one) \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda item #:

### ACTION ITEMS

None.

Committee Chair: Michael Collins

Vice Chair(s): Janet Renner

Number of committee members present: 11      Absent: 9      Total delegates attending this meeting: 31

Committee Members present:

Bob Bruce, Lee Carlson, Michael Collins, Doug Garcia, Dan Gray, Thomas Huggins, Thomas Mester, Eric Neilsen, Ed Nessel, Janet Renner, Frank Thompson, Robert Zeitner

### MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: 1:25pm

1. Coaching in our LMSCs
  - a. Nearly all LMSCs have a coaches representative
  - b. Next step: define role and tasks to achieve
  - c. LMSC Coaching Subcommittee: Brett Hamlin, Brad Houston, Tom Huggins, Robert Zeitner
  
2. Clinics, Camps & Schools
  - a. Goals to work towards:
    - i. Set up one system to register for the various national level clinics
    - ii. Utilize the various levels of clinics already outlined
  - b. Summary report of OW clinics and suggestions – Dan Gray
    - i. Get the word out to swimmers to attend
    - ii. Lack of follow through for people to apply for hosting the clinics
  - c. Summary report of Mentor Clinics and suggestions – Doug Garcia
    - i. All clinics set-up for this year, but applications needed for upcoming year
    - ii. Update form for hosting USMS clinics
    - iii. Discussion on videotaping speakers at clinics and make available to USMS.
  - d. USMS OTC Camp Review
    - i. Encourage applications for coaches and athletes – coaches receive a \$500 stipend
    - ii. Nancy Ridout will accept all the applications for coaches & swimmers.
    - iii. Tentative dates for 2003: 2/1 – 2/5, or 2/8 – 2/12
  - e. Masters Coaching School
    - i. Reviewed opportunities of ASCA/USMS relationship
    - ii. Promoted attendance of USMS coaches attending future ASCA conventions
  - f. 2004 National Clinic Series
    - i. Original plan: create model clinics
      1. 2 day format
      2. Approx. \$200 price
      3. Limit to 40 athletes
      4. Include Video Analysis of two of more strokes.
    - ii. Sub committee formed to create a plan for a National Clinic Series: Dan Gray, Doug Garcia, Scott Rabalais, Nancy Ridout
  
3. Education and Information
  - a. Ask The Coach in Swim Magazine Volunteer: Eric Neilsen.
  - b. Responsibilities include: Finding questions
  - c. Posing to masters coaches the question and request submission of answers
  - d. Collect answers from coaches
  - e. Submit to Swim Magazine (Bill Volckening)

4. Coaching Programs
  - a. International Coaching Program – Bob Bruce
    - i. 2004 World's Staff will be selected in 2003.
    - ii. Budget - asking for money in our budget
    - iii. Expenses and stipend paid to coaches
    - iv. Organize in advance the coaches and their roll at each meet
  - b. Online Coaching
    - i. Volunteers needed for 2003
    - ii. Budget – asking for money in our budget
    - iii. Stipend to coaches - \$1200 per year (\$100 a month)
    - iv. Goal - variety of coaching styles and interest. Current coaches:
      1. Mo Chambers focuses on fitness minded
      2. Mike Collins focuses on competitive oriented
      3. Mel Goldstein and Kris Houchens focus on a combination of both fitness and competitive
  - c. Snooper Loaner Program – New Coordinator - Lee Carlson
    1. Thanks to Paul Windrath for outstanding management of this program
5. Recognition
  - a. Coach of the Year – 5 candidates, presentation will be at USAS banquet
6. Financial
  - a. Discussion of 2003 Budget
    - i. Workouts on the web – 2002: \$3000; 2003: \$3600
    - ii. Mentor clinics – 2002: \$3000; 2003: \$3000
    - iii. OW clinics – 2002: \$2000 (\$500 per clinic); 2003: \$1200 (\$500 per clinic)
    - iv. National coaches conference – 2002: \$6000; 2003: \$6000
    - v. Consideration for 2004 years budget:
      1. National clinic series possibly
      2. International Coaching – 2002: \$2750; 2003: \$0; 2004 approximately \$4000
7. Other Business
  - a. Certification for Coaches – Hotly contested discussion with strong points from both sides. No consensus on recommendation to Safety and Insurance Committees. Tabled for further research and discussion by the subcommittee including members from Coaches, Safety, & Insurance Committees.
8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of questions posed by Executive Committee
    - i. What is the role of competition in masters swimming?
      1. Retention of masters swimmers
      2. Motivation for the individual to improve
      3. More socialization
      4. Competition breeds success
    - ii. How does USMS make competition more user friendly?
      1. Online entries
      2. Shorter nationals
      3. Deck entries at smaller meets
      4. Dual meets
      5. Developmental meets
    - iii. How does USMS improve championship experience at all levels? (championship, regional)
      1. Improve social events in conjunction with all meets
      2. Shorter meets to encourage socialization
      3. Participation awards
      4. Better facilities for meets
      5. Top Twenty Patches

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 2:54 pm

## COACHES COMMITTEE TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. LMSC Coaches Representative: Define Responsibilities – subcommittee: Brett Hamlin, Brad Houston, Tom Huggins, Robert Zeitner
2. Clinics, Camps & Schools:
  - a. Set up one system to register for the various national level clinics
  - b. Utilize the various levels of clinics already outlined
  - c. Better ways to get the word out to swimmers to attend clinics
  - d. Create a method of follow through recruiting hosts for the clinics
  - e. Update form for hosting USMS clinics.
  - f. Video tape one Mentor Clinic and one Open Water Clinic and make available to USMS.
  - g. Encourage applications for coaches and athletes to future USMS USOTC Camps
  - h. Promote attendance of USMS coaches attending future ASCA conventions
  - i. Create a plan for a National Clinic Series: subcommittee - Dan Gray, Doug Garcia, Scott Rabalais, Nancy Ridout
3. Coaching Programs:
  - a. Recruit volunteers for Online Workouts and International Coaching.
  - b. Organize international coaches responsibilities
4. Certification for Coaches – tabled for further research and discussion by the subcommittee already in place