

U.S. Masters Swimming

Committee Name:	Recognition & Awards	Session #:	n/a
Committee Chair:	Elizabeth Nymeyer		
Minutes recorded by:	Sally Dillon	Date/time of meeting:	July 24, 2022 6 pm Central

Actions Taken:

1. **MSA to approve the June 26, 2022 meeting minutes.**

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 3	Guests: 0
Committee members present: Charis Anderson McCarthy, Marcia Benjamin, Richard Burns, Sally Dillon, Mike Hillegond, Nancy Kryka, Ray Novitske, Beth Nymeyer, Ginger Pierson, and Laura Val.		
Not present: Hill Carrow, Nadine Day, Nancy Ridout, and Ed Coates (Ex Officio)		

Minutes

Chair Beth Nymeyer called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm Central. The delay was due to a problem with the meeting's Zoom link. Roll was taken and Beth mentioned that Barbara Deshler (NM) has dropped off the committee.

1. Meeting Minutes: **It was MSA to approve the June 26, 2022 meeting minutes.**
2. Annual Committee Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21 at 6 PM Central. The National Office will provide a link to the official "sign up". Date/time will be publicized for all delegates to see. Beth solicited suggestions for promoting membership in the R&A committee. Ideas included:
 - emphasizing that increasing participation and outreach is part of our committee's business
 - summarizing the awards that we coordinate each year, and other projects we undertake
 - having various members of the committee highlight the contributions they make
 - creating a power point presentation that would include information about awards, bios, etc.Beth encouraged committee members to talk with others and encourage them to attend the meeting and consider becoming members.
3. June Krauser Communications Award: Nancy Ridout was unable to attend but reported that there are five nominations. The committee has not yet made a decision. As per Beth, the award would be ordered through the National Office and Jessica Reilly needs to be contacted to see if the recipient/s will be attending in Denver.
4. Club of the Year Award: Mike reported that there were three nominations, and an honoree has been selected. The award banner will also be ordered by the National Office and an effort will be made to determine if representatives of the honored club will be attending in Denver. Mike will work with Ray & Beth for the video presentation.

Beth emphasized that for all the awards, we will have an awesome slide show experience and those present will be able to approach the podium. The 2022 RJA award honorees will be recognized. Those not in attendance will receive their awards via mail. Ray said he will need help in getting photos for recipients since many are not submitted. She asked for volunteers to help with the slide show.

5. Dorothy Donnelly Service Award: There were over 20 nominations, and the selection committee is still reviewing them. The National Office has the pins and certificates. As with the other awards, we need to determine if the honorees are attending convention in Denver. Those present will receive their awards at the HOD meeting. The National Office will mail awards to those not present.
6. Annual Meeting: Beth polled the committee about attendance. Ray, Marcia, and Beth will be in Denver. Virtual delegates are Sally, Charis, Laura, Mike, Nadine, and Rich. It's unknown how Hill and Nancy R are attending. Ginger & Nancy K are not delegates this year but can attend virtually as well.

- a. Legislative Proposal Change: Beth reported that the R&A proposal to amend the committee's description in the USMS Rules has been approved by the Legislative committee.
- b. Presentations at convention will try to use a video format that can be broadcasted. Awards will be presented in person to those attending.
- c. Beth would like to meet up with committee members Friday night (try to sit at the same table).
- d. 2023 Committee Assignments: If we know someone who would be great, introduce them to Beth via email or in person at the Annual Meeting.

It was MSA to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm Central