

Committee Name:	Coaches Committee		
Committee Chair:	Trey Taylor	Vice Chair:	Molly Hoover
Minutes recorded by:	Jacky Merianos	Date/time of meeting:	June 11 th , 2024 5pm PST

Roll Call

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 4	# of other delegates present: 1
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Trey Taylor (Chair), Molly Hoover (Vice Chair), Bill Brenner (ex-officio), Brandi Bashor, Michael Hamm, Terry Heggy, Laurie Hug, Cokie Lepinski, Jacky Merianos, Aaron Schneider, Celia Wolff		
Not present: Andy Seibt (excused absence), Ken Brisbin (VPCS), Nadine Ford, Chris McPherson,		
Others present: Scott Bay		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm Pacific Standard Time

1. Welcome
2. Sub Committee Assignments

Web Workouts - Molly Hoover

All is well! Nothing new to report. Long course workouts are now posted.

Worlds/Pan Am's - Cokie Lepinski

Our 2024 PANAM's coach is off to a wonderful start! Bonnie has made contact via email with all USMS PanAm participants and has invited them to join a Facebook group and Slack Channel. The Slack Channel will be used for all important team announcements, updates and reminders. The Facebook group will be a platform for athletes, family, friends, and teammates to follow along during the meet (meet highlights, photos, psych sheets, results, etc.).

The USMS National office has set up a PanAm's team store where athletes can purchase USMS gear. Kyle Deery will be sending Bonnie a coach's polo + USMS Swag to bring with her to the meet.

Education - Terry Heggy

Terry - Nothing New to report

Bill - Level 1 had a robust May with 22 participants on the Zoom call. There is a Level 1 Zoom call scheduled for June. There will be no Coaches Certification Trainings in July.

Level 2/3 Classes coming up: Augusta, GA in August; Orlando, FL in Sept (right before the ASCA Conference); San Rafael, California in Sept.

NCC - Celia Wolff

Presenters are all falling into place! Please remind your LMSC's (and neighboring LMSCs) to provide financial support to their coaches.

Example on how LMSCs can provide support: North Carolina is covering the registration fee for 4 of their LMSC Coaches.

Awards - Chris McPherson

Continue to encourage membership to submit for Kerry O'Brien/Coach of the year awards! Submission deadline for both is July 14th.

Committee discussion: We will be reaching out to the national office to see if we can send out communication blasts to all of USMS membership about submitting nominations. It doesn't make sense to target coaches regarding nominations, as they are the ones who need to be nominated; not the ones making the nominations.

Level 4 - Michael Hamm

A handful of coaches have inquired about Level 4 in the past month, though no one new has formally applied. We are at 1 submission for the year.

Mentoring - Nadine Ford/Chris McPherson

Nothing new to report.

Peer 2 Peer - Jacky Merianos

Peer to Peer and Webinars are still on hiatus. The LMSC Development committee is currently working on and pushing for volunteer communication via the USMS Community forums. There is now a Coaches Chair forum, which all active USMS Coaches Chairs will be added to. Pending how popular the forums become with our volunteers, this could be a great platform for us to use for Coaches Chair communication in the future.

Webinars to return soon....

On Deck Coaching - Celia Wolff

Look for Celia and Mike at Nationals! They will be bedazzled out in their yellow coaches' shirts. Almost all of the On Deck Coaching slots have been filled for Indy. The only vacant spot is Wed, 4 - 6PM. Celia may stay, pending her afternoon schedule.

Publications/Forum - Terry Heggy

Nothing new to report. Not many inquiries regarding publications have come through.

LMSC Communication - Molly Hoover

Email went out the last week to coaches chairs. Topics covered were NCC & Awards. No bounce backs!

3. Liaisons

ALTS - Michael Hamm

ALTS is one of Mike's favorite parts of USMS <3 The most recent ALTS Certification Class was held in Wilmington, NC where 16 new instructors were certified. An October class is in the works - location to be announced very soon!

LMSC Development - Jacky Merianos

See Jacky's report above (Peer 2 Peer)

D&I - Nadine Ford

The D&I Committee submitted a recommendation to the national office regarding transgender athletes. We can expect to hear more about it at our Annual Meeting in September.

Long Distance - Mike Hamm

Nothing new to report

4. Special Assignments

Awards & Bios - TREY

Once we have wrapped up 2024 awards & Level 4 applications, we'll begin to work on compiling Bios for former Kerry O'Brien and Coach of the Year recipients. As a committee, we will tackle this in October/November.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:33PM Pacific Standard Time