

## USMS CONVENTION – Greensboro, NC - 2005

Committee Name: OFFICIALS Session # (if more than one meeting): 1 Cmte.  
report #: 18

Minutes recorded by: Jan Kavadas Date/time of this meeting: 9-16-05 @ 5:15-6:30 PM

### ACTION ITEMS - PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

1. Proposed expenditures of \$685, already in USMS budget for travel expenses and teleconferences.

### ACTION ITEMS - OTHER

1. Committee will review the existing liaison job description by Steve Schofield and Ed Saltzman,
2. When information available (November 3<sup>rd</sup>) The Officials Committee will send to LMSC Officials Chairs and LSC Officials Chairs information on applying to officiate at the World Championships.
3. Review USA-S new national certification program and discuss with USA-S as it relates to USMS National Championships. (In conjunction with Championship Committee).
4. Publicize recent rules changes for LMSC Officials Chairs.

Committee Chair: Charles Cockrell (acting) Vice Chair(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of committee members present: 11 Absent: 5 Number of other delegates at this meeting: 8

Committee members present Charles Cockrell, Jan Kavadas, Joan Smith, Dennis Wilson, Ed Saltzman, Steven Schofield, Judy Gillies, Eric Nordlund, Dore Schwab Jr, Mike Lemke, Ted Haartz, Sally Dillon-

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at: 5:15 PM by Charles Cockrell, Vice Chairman

1. The budget was deferred.
2. Proposed legislation to change from an Officials Committee to a Officials Coordinator was not recommended for adoption. The Committee discussed several objectives to work on as a Committee during the coming year. Some ideas beyond those in draft Mission Statement document included: the Committee does need to have representation from all of the Zones; how to attract younger officials; educating USA-S (LSC especially) about USMS Rules, changes, and meet operations; continue the Officials Committee newsletter with examples of how to provide good relations between LMSC and LSC Officials, collect lessons learned – and interpretation; what policies make for improving officiating. These items indicated a need for continuation of the Committee.\
3. Since we accept officials certified by YMCA, CSOA we need to work with them in a manner similar to our work with USA-S.
4. We reviewed the Officials newsletter and discussed issues for subsequent newsletters.
5. We reviewed the USA Swimming/USMS arrangement for officiating at USMS National Championships. The resulting meets have been of good quality; USA-S determines the key officials which are Referee, Administrative Referee, and Starter. The Meet Host may nominate qualified officials for these positions. This meet provides for newly certified National Championship Officials. The Chair needs to continue to work to maintain this relationship.
6. There is a job description for the Officials Committee liaison for National Championships. There was further discussion about officials to be assigned to the World Championships in 2006. The Committee was encouraged to have qualified officials apply to work this meet. Michael Moore indicated that up to 160 officials could be needed. To do this, the committee will send information on applying, the needs, benefits (t-shirt, food...) .

7. Discussion of Officials Committee Liaisons with National Championships. Ed Saltzman was assigned as the liaison to 2006 Short Course Nationals.
8. USMS Officials Certification program was reviewed and the Committee decided it should be kept as an option for LSMCs.
9. Rules proposals were discussed as known at the present time. No recommendation was made. We recognized the need to immediately recognize the rules changes in effect 9-19-05. It was suggested that a clarification may need to be placed in the Rule Book regarding the position of the kick in the cycle to improve judging. These changes should be in the next Officials newsletter which should be shortly.
10. We discussed Legislation change regarding combined USA\_S and USMS meets.

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:30 PM.

#### TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Publish periodic editions of the Officials newsletter.
2. Explore working arrangements with YMCA, CSOA, NISCA.
3. Establish Mission Statement goals and objectives to improve officiating at USMS meets, local and national.