

## USMS Officials Committee 2021-22

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	7
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Teri White	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Michael Abegg
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Judy Gillies	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	10/5/2022 6:00 PM MDT

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### Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

### Motions Passed:

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<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	7	<b>Absent:</b>	6	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>	2
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Teri White, Chair; David Diehl; Judy Gillies; Michael Moore, Alina De Armas, John King, Mark Marshfield; Robin Smith, EC; Onshalee Promchitmart, Ex.					
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Mike Abegg, Vice Chair; Jerrilynn Bayless; Emily Cook; Omar De Armas; Lisa Phillips, and Jeff Sargent.					

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### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 MDT. Minutes of 8/24/2022, the Annual Meeting session, were approved via email prior to HOD.

### Old Business

Teri reminded everyone of two important emails sent following the Annual Meeting – one for applying to a committee for the next year, and the other for ‘evaluating the chair’ of the committee you serve on. Turns out those not attending in person did not receive the email, Onshalee will reforward to all. Please make sure you follow up with both.

1. **Officials Certification program:** 359 certified USMS officials, 192 Starters, 75 Referees. Judy asked if the USMS Certification site was working since the USA testing site was being worked on. Teri assured all that the tests were still available, you are sent to Google docs and must manually send in the results.
2. **National Championship Meets:**
  - a. **2023 Summer Championships – Richmond** – Reimbursement funds have been submitted to the NO but the Annual Meeting and the hurricane have caused delays. Will be processed shortly.
  - b. **2023 Spring Championships 4/27-30 Irvine** – Teri is the Meet Referee, Alina is the Administrative Referee, Lisa Vetterlein is the Head Starter. Application to Officiate is up and open. We need to recruit hard for this meet as it's the High School season in Southern CA and many of their officials are already committed. The meet will run in two separate pools, probably a Men's and Women's. The pools are divided by a huge cement bleacher and can't see each other. We need experienced officials to keep this running smoothly.

- c. **2023 Summer Nationals – Sarasota 8/2-6** – Ed Saltzman is the Meet Referee, Scott Rabalais is the Admin Referee. Application to Officiate is up and open.
  - d. **FINA World Masters 8/2-11/2023** Kyushu Japan. Teri will send an updated “Application to Officiate” to all the Officials Chairs after the Annual Meeting. We only want certified USMS Referees to apply and will require working at one or more USMS National Championship to be eligible. This is a Masters World Championships and official(s) representing USMS must be certified by us and work our decks.
  - e. **College Club Swimming** – Onshalee shared information on the Regional Championships coming up soon: East Regionals is at the U of MD Oct 15-16, Western Regionals – U of Utah Nov 5-6, Southern Regionals at Florida State U Nov 11-12, Central Regional at U of Wisconsin Nov 11-12. College Club National Championship 3/31-4/1 at Ohio State. Officials needed at all, everyone encouraged to help or help recruit to any meets near them. Teri reminded that some Travel funds are available for the National Championship meet.
3. **Excellence in Officiating Award:** This award was presented via a taped presentation from Teri on Friday night at the Annual Meeting. Received very well by the audience, showed Jacki Allender’s photo to much applause after Teri announced her name. Teri will ship the award to Jacki.
  4. **Website:** Discussion deferred as Mike A was not present.
  5. **Administrative Official:** Mark developed and emailed two documents for review: Proposed Admin Official Qualification Path and a USMS Admin Official Self-Training Guide. Committee members are to review and be prepared to discuss at our next meeting. There was discussion on if the position will require an “Observation” or LMSC Officials Chair recommendation. Further discussion needed. Mark is starting to work on a proposed Test that we will host in Testmoz. Thank you Mark!
  6. **Annual Meeting 9/16-18/22** in Denver. Hybrid format this year, for those attending it was very nice to be together, visit and connect. Smaller HOD audience in person, room was nice, some audio/visual issues, but overall, well done. Nice hotel that’s part of the airport which was VERY convenient. Great relationship building experience.

## **New Business:**

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1. Teri wants us to take a look at 103.3.2 :

“Starters and stroke and turn judges shall be certified in said capacities by a USMS-approved certifying 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 it is time to take this out and require ALL officials at *USMS Sanctioned meets* to be certified by USMS or an approved certifying body in the positions they are working. Our certification program is 5 years old and has over 300 officials, and certification can be received within a couple of days. We are to think about this for discussion at our next meeting. Teri will send out a questionnaire to LMSC Officials Chairs and Sanction Chairs to see how different LMSC’s handle stroke and turn official, and how many are actually “certified”.

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**Next meeting Wednesday 9/4/2022 6:00 MDT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM MDT

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