

USMS Coaches Committee

Conference Call – March 14, 2012 8:00pm EST

Action Items:

Minutes from the 2/8/12 meeting were M/S/A.

USMS staff present: 1 - **Bill Brenner**

EC present: 1 – **Jody Smith**

Committee members present: **Scott Bay** (Chair), **Stuart Kahn** (VC), **Emmett Hines**, **Chris Campbell**, **Mike Collins**, **Tom Mester**, **Stan Steck**, **Mark Moore**

Chairman Bay convened the meeting at 8:04pm, EST.

Coaches Committee Agenda Topics:

1. **CERTIFICATIONS** - Stuart Kahn advised that the sub-committee would be using the USMS Forums page for future communications rather than emails or conference calls. CoComm members would be allowed to view ongoing discussions and developments, but were asked to refrain from contributions until so solicited.

Bill Brenner noted that Craig Keller was putting the finishing touches on cleaning up Levels 1 and 2. Next, final work would begin on competing Level 3 as a classroom course.

Bill reported that approximately 200 USMS Coaching Certificates were distributed in 2011 and that the number for 2012 was expected to reach nearly 500. He also reported that in exit surveys the number one most requested topic for more class time is stroke technique.

2. **FITNESS** – the report from **Dennis Tesch** is posted online in the CoComm forum
3. **INTERNATIONAL COACHING** – the report from **Heather Howland** is posted online in the CoComm forum
4. **AWARDS** – the report from **Heather Howland** is posted online in the CoComm forum
5. **PUBLICATION**– **Mike Collins** reported that Cokie Lepinski will be organizing the online articles for *SWIMMER*. Please forward submissions to Cokie at swimnut@me.com.

6. **COMMUNICATION** – No report
7. **HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP** – the report from **Stu Kahn** is posted online in the CoComm forum.
8. **ONLINE COACHING** – **Stu Kahn** reported that a suggestion had been made to require USMS Certification as a prerequisite for online selection. Discussion but no decision followed. Another suggestion was made to request that all online coaches standardize their workout terminology to eliminate nomenclature confusion. Discussion without decision.
9. **ON-DECK COACHING** – **Charlie Tupitza** reported the final decision from Championship Comm concerning hospitality for on-deck coaches at Nationals. The new policy states that coach volunteers receive meal stipends only on days coached, no longer for the entire meet. On-deck coaches were also encouraged to wear old shirts that were earned at previous meets. The schedule assignments of coaches for Omaha will be posted online prior to the meet.
10. **TRIATHLON/OPEN WATER** – No report

Chairman Bay adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm (EST).