

Committee Name: Coaches	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair: Scott Bay	Vice Chair: Stu Kahn	
Minutes recorded by: Scott Bay	Date/time of meeting: 7.11.12 8:00 PM Eastern	

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 6	Absent: 10	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Scott Bay (Chair), Bill Brenner (Club and Coach Services), Cokie Lepinski, Tom Mester, Chris Campbell, Emmett Hines, Kristin Gary.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:04

1. LC Nationals Update - Chris C. provided a detailed report of the venue operations and our role as On deck coaches and provided some feedback on what was great and what challenges need to be addressed. Also provided was a report from Michael Collins with his feedback as well. Overall excellent in all categories. Coaches who had swimmers that were unable to attend also commented on how helpful the live streaming of events was and appreciated USMS making that possible.

2. Subcommittee and Task Force Reports

Certification From Scott Bay, Level 3 text is finished and PPT is being drafted. The assessment piece will be both written and a work product format that will include club planning, safety, marketing and professional coach development plans. Level 3 will be presented at convention for the first time and the framework and criteria for Levels 4 and 5, which will be primarily be based on a portfolio type assessment, will also be part of the closing part of the Level 3 curriculum. Submission dates, review dates and requirements are yet to be determined along with the committee that will review each submission. Bill Brenner noted that there is continuing increased interest in hosting levels 1 and 2 and a growing interest in level 3. Additionally he has met with USA Triathlon who are interested in our program and we are looking at future discussions and opportunities of mutual benefit. With the USAT coaching requirement of continuing education, they had a particular interest in our courses. A listing of Dates and locations can be found here: <http://www.usms.org/content/coachcert>

3. **Fitness** – Marcia Anziano of the Fitness Committee has requested a designated Fitness swimming day as one of our convention workouts. Chris Campbell and Tom Mester stepped up to help coordinate this effort.
4. **International Coaching** – Kristin Gary Provided a report that summarized the topics she and Head Coach Frank Marchinkowski will be providing in their written report later. She noted that there were 10,000 swimmers at the meet and over 250 USMS swimmers participating. Since the host could not provide a list of USMS swimmers to us it was a bit of a challenge finding folks but the Facebook site and information pushes were helpful. The Team Dinner on the beach was great and attended by 50+ swimmers and the feedback about the coaches was excellent.

5. **Awards** – Scott for Heather- Awards Deadlines have passed and we are formalizing the process of COTY selection and Kerry O’Brien Awards. Information on Awards can be found here:
<http://www.usms.org/coach/coy.php>
6. **Publications** – Cokie reported that we are getting those articles in as promised and still looking to fill some slots for the last quarter of the year. You can submit to Cokie at swimnut@me.com .
7. **Communications** –Cokie for Ahelee- The subcommittee sent out its first email blast with the ambition of contacting each coach chair personally by phone. Only a handful of emails bounced back and the feedback about the communication was positive and well received.
8. **High Performance** –No report Information on the High Performance Camp Can be Found Here:
<http://www.usms.org/coach/highperformancecamp.pdf>
9. **Web Workouts** – Discussion continued from last month concerning combining online coaches positions for Triathlon and Open Water. Stu K had previously sent an email with some statistics as to popularity of each of the workout subcategories. Each member of the committee was asked to evaluate the data based on what id any categories we could combine, eliminate or add. There was also a renewed interest in some provision for a dryland workout category. Online Workouts can be Found Here:
<http://www.usms.org/coach/onlinecoaches.php>
10. **On Deck / Convention**–C Stu Kahn will coordinate this area at Convention. The High Performance Coaches will give their stroke presentation at the Saturday Pool session, assisted by other coaches, in the style of *SwimFest*. (See item #3 as well)Information for On Deck coaching can be found Here;
<http://www.usms.org/content/ondeckcoach>
11. **Triathlon / Open Water** – No Report
12. **Old Business** None
13. **New Business** Scott Submitted the budget and reviewed the items asked for in the budget. Scott also asked committee members to think of what they believe are the next steps in terms of priorities for the Coaches Committee for 2013 and beyond.