

## Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

**Committee Name: OFFICIALS Committee Session: 1**

**Day and Date of Meeting:** Thursday, October 12, 2000

### Action Items

\*\*\* Update liaison guidelines for national championships and continue program for 2001 SC and LC National Championships.

\*\*\* USA/USMS Officials proposal follow-up activities with Pauline Hubbell (USA Officials Committee) to implement the program for certifying Masters officials.

\*\*\* Update USMS National Officials Certification package (Elin Zander) to give LMSC's an option for getting certified officials.

\*\*\* Follow-up actions to have the Officials web page created on the USMS web site.

\*\*\* Have assigned Officials Committee liaisons to the National Championship meet submit their evaluation report to the Championship Committee liaison and National Championship Committee Chair.

### Attendance

Number of committee members present: 11 Number of committee members absent 3

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 21

## Minutes

### I. Reviewed the status of the action items from last year:

- Obtained permission of Collegiate Swimming Officials Association (CSOA) Executive Director to use that organization's certifying process as a USMS approved certifying body;
- Mailed USMS rule changes (effective January 1, 2000) to all LMSC Chairs, Officials Chairs and Newsletter Chairs;
- Finalized USMS Officials Committee Liaison (National Championship meet) guidelines and sent them to 2000 meet liaisons;
- Wrote and sent proposal to the USA Swimming National Officials Chair that would allow certification of Masters officials by working a combination of USA/USMS meets. USA Swimming Officials Committee agreed in principle to the proposal. We still need to work out some specific details before it can be implemented;
- Work has begun to establish a USMS Officials page on the USMS web site with pointers to USA Swimming Officials web page. Received approval of USA Swimming Officials Web Page coordinator to include these pointers. USMS web master has not had the time nor resources to complete the project at this time

- Officials Committee liaisons were on site at both the SC and LC Championships and submitted reports accordingly.
- II. **The USMS Officials Training Program (Certification Manual, 1992) was reviewed and Elin Zander (Inland Northwest LMSC) agreed to update it to make it current. If Inland Northwest LMSC is approved as a certifying body, it will give them another option for getting Masters officials certified.**
  - III. **Follow-up of USMS/USA Officials Proposal was discussed. A meeting with the USA Swimming Officials Committee liaison to finalize the procedures is required. Adrienne Pipes was selected to represent the USMS Officials Committee at the USA Officials Workshop in San Diego later this month.**
  - IV. **The Officials Committee liaison guidelines for the National Championship meets were review and updated based on input from the Championship Committee.**
  - V. **The Officials Committee supports providing more resources for the USMS Web Master and Computer On-Line Committee in order, among other priorities, to complete the work of creating the USMS Officials Page on the USMS web site.**
  - VI. **Discussed the Rule Change proposals and voted to support making the backstroke start rules the same for all courses. Also voted to support R6 and R11. No recommendations were made on the other rule proposals that related to officiating at swim meets.**
  - VII. **Selected Rick Windes to be the Officials Committee liaison for SC Nationals and Jan Kavadas agreed to be the liaison for LC Nationals.**
  - VIII. **Discussed how the Officials Committee could support the USMS Strategic Plan. By providing fair and consistent officiating at meets and educating the swimmers about the rules would help support the mission of USMS. The Officials Committee relationship with USA Swimming would support Strategy 1.**
  - IX. **Adjournment**

**Tasks for Upcoming Year:**

- \* Update the Liaison Guidelines
- \* Complete the USA/USMS Officials agreement
- \* Update USMS Officials Training Program (Certification Manual)
- \* Complete USMS Officials Web Page on the USMS Web Site