

Committee Name:	USMS Officials Committee	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Edward Saltzman	Vice Chair:	Pat Baker		
Minutes recorded by:	Marilyn Fink	Date/time of meeting:	February 22, 2015 via Conference Call		

Motions Passed:

- 1. Formation of task force #1 to identify key issues and solutions relating to recruitment of officials, and formation of task force #2 to identify key issues and solutions relating to training/certification/recertification of officials.**

Number of committee members present:	Absent:	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present:		
Edward Saltzman, Chair		
Patricia Baker, Vice Chair		
Brian Albright		
Tom Cox		
David Diehl		
Marilyn Fink		
John King		
Michael Moore		
Al Ness		
Alina Perez de Armas		
Mary Pohlmann		
Kathrine Casey, Ex Officio – Rules		
Sandi Rousseau, Ex Officio – Championship		
Chris McGiffin, Ex Officio – Executive Committee		
Members/others absent:		
Jeff Sargent		
Herb Schwab		
Teri White		
Laura Hamel, Ex Officio – Editor		
Jim Holcomb, Ex Officio – USA Swimming Officials Chair		

The Officials Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM EST by Chair Ed Saltzman.

1. Planning status 2015 USMS Spring Nationals – San Antonio, TX

Key assignments identified:

- Meet Referee-Jacki Alendar
- Officials Committee liaison-Al Ness
- Championship Committee liaison- Unknown
- Rules Committee liaison-Kathy Casey

Applications to officiate have been distributed and the response has been good so far.

2. Planning Status 2015 USMS Summer Nationals – Geneva, OH (Spire Institute)

Key assignments identified:

- Meet Referee-Pat Baker
- Officials Committee liaison-Edward Saltzman
- Championship Committee liaisons-Jack Roselle and Jeff Roddin
- Rules Committee liaison-Kathy Casey

Applications to officiate are set to be posted. Hotels and motels near the venue are an issue. Planning is

going well.

3. Officials Committee Support for Nationals

- > USMS vs USA Rules Differences card is being reviewed and updated.
- > USMS Officials pins are being ordered.
- > USMS Mini-Rulebooks will be provided to officials by the Rules Committee.
- > USMS Officials Stipend document is being refreshed and then will be distributed.

4. 2016 Spring Nationals initial contact – Greensboro, NC

Meet Referee will be - TBD.

5. 2016 Summer Nationals initial contact – Mt. Hood, OR

Meet Referee will be Jacki Allender.

6. Major Issue Facing LMSCs-Shortage of Officials to Staff Local USMS Meets

Issue is two-fold: #1-lack of sufficient officials to staff USMS meets, and #2-difficulty recruiting volunteers to become trained as officials.

Background: NC, AZ, CA, and WA are a few of the jurisdictions having difficulties staffing USMS meets. Some areas are also having trouble staffing high school and USA Swimming meets. In some areas, USA Swimming officials don't want to have to continue with all the requirements for USA Swimming recertification, so may be willing to work/recertify as USMS officials. Stipends for officials are paid in some places (~\$25-\$80/meet). Some LMSCs require official(s) to be identified on event sanction applications, and a sanction is not granted if the officials are not indicated. A key in some areas is to identify the officials early. Adjunct questions are: #1-do USMS officials need to be members of USMS, #2-will USMS officials certification cards be issued, and #3-who will be responsible for documenting the training/recertification/officiating of these USMS officials?

Action: **MSP that task force #1 be formed to identify key issues and solutions relating to recruitment of officials, and task force #2 be formed to identify key issues and solutions relating to training/certification/recertification of officials.**

Task force #1 [recruitment] will be comprised of **Brian Albright** (chair), Dave Diehl, Herb Schwab, Chris McGiffin, and Ed Saltzman.

Task force #2 [training] will be comprised of **Michael Moore** (chair), Mary Pohlmann, Tom Cox, Alina Perez de Armas, Pat Baker, Chris McGiffin, and Ed Saltzman.

Kathy and other Rules Committee members will proof the written exams.

Ed will disseminate officials training information/documents that are currently in place.

The task forces hope to meet prior to the next conference call.

7. Additional 2015 Work Items

- > Refreshing documents on the Guide to Operations webpage
- > Re-establishing a webpage on which to post officials documents that are for general use and/or in need of review.

The next conference call will be scheduled in about a month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM EST.