

2022 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

Committee Name:	Officials Committee	Session #:	3	Report#:	3
Committee Chair:	Teri White	Vice Chair:	Mike Abegg		
Minutes recorded by:	Judy Gillies	Date/time of meeting:	4/20/2022	6:00 PM MST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number committee members present: 10 Absent: 3 Number of other delegates present: 1

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg (Vice-Chair), Omar de Armas, Dave Diehl, Emily Cook, Judy Gillies, Lisa Phillips, Jerrilynn Bayless, Mark Marshfield, Michael Moore

Ex-Officio: Robin Smith (Vice President), Committee

Members Absent: Alina de Armas, John King, Jeff Sargent, Onshalee Promchitmart (National Office Staff)

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM MST via Zoom. Mike agreed to monitor for questions, raised hands and chat questions. Minutes of 3/9/22 reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Officials Certification program- total 321, 176 Starters, 67 Referee's.

Committee committed to developing a Referee PowerPoint training module similar to the S&T and Starter modules. Omar found material on the Colorado website on Meet/Deck Referee and more material from Southern California. He will try to combine the best of each.

National Championship Meets:

- Championship Meets for 2022
 - College Club Swimming Championships 4/8-10/22 in Atlanta. Meet happened last week but Onshalee not on the call to give an update.
 - Spring SC Championships, 4/28-5/1, San Antonio Jackie Allender is MR. Meet is next week, so far 39 officials have applied, 90% say they are working 'all sessions'. Timeline 8:00 AM start each day, finish by 5:00. Sunday scheduled to finish by 4:00. Two 10-lane pools, outdoors and weather is always a concern.
 - Summer LC Championships 8/3-8/7 Richmond VA. Bob Rustin MR, and attending the SC meet in San Antonio for USMS Championship experience. Application to Officiate will go up after San Antonio to avoid confusion. Charlie Cockrell will be contact for recruiting local officials.
 - FINA Masters Worlds. Postponed until 2023, all applications received will be held and reconfirmed when dates are finalized.

Officials Excellence Award – Work Group: Alina de Armas, Dave Diehl, Lisa Phillips. Teri will forward all previous nominations not yet selected for the award. Group member to send email to LMSC Officials Chairs

soliciting new nominations. Judy will work with Recognition & Awards to make sure they have information on past recipients.

USMS Officials website: Michael Moore volunteered to find “dated” documents on the site that should be reviewed and has send some URLs to Mike A.

Administrative Official: Jeff S not on the call, Mark Marshfield reported that he searched for information on the Colorado site but has not found anything useful yet. Will continue searching.

Name Tags: Teri sent names to Onshalee and Jerrilyn for San Antonio, Jerrilyn ‘cleaned’ the list for previous names and they will be on hand in San Antonio.

Testmoz Test site: Teri reported that it is updated and no problems so far.

New Business

1. **Rule Book change proposed.** Michael Moore and Mike Abegg raised the issue that the USMS rulebook differs from the USA Rulebook about swimmers who compete in the wrong lane. USMS has a statement “A swimmer must start and finish the race in the **assigned** lane” (102.13.4), where USA has “A swimmer must start and finish the race in the **same** lane”, (102.22.5) allowing the Referee the discretion to let the swim/time stand if no interference occurred. Both of these statements are in the “Disqualifications” section. In-depth discussion ensued and the Committee feels that we should mirror USA to keep rules consistent and recognize that often the Timers are involved in swimmers in the wrong lanes, either by misinformation or no assistance. Michael Moore will write up the proposed change to be submitted to Rules.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 MDT. Next meeting Wednesday 6/2/22 at 6:00 Mountain time via Zoom.
