

Minutes for the 2000 USMS Convention

Committee Name: Coaches Committee

Committee Session: 1

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

Action Items

None were presented

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 11 Number of committee members absent 9

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 21

Minutes

- I. Call to order
- II. Coaches Database : There over 800 coaches registered in the National Database, which is now used routinely for meeting and informational purposes.
- III. Sponsor Update : Mel Goldstein presented his main direction, which was to find sponsors to support USMS programs, ODC & CCQ were noted as programs that would promote USMS sponsors. Stressed the need to show support for sponsors by writing a note to show appreciation.
- IV. LMSC Representative : Scott Rabalais wants the LMSC representatives to assume a more active role with guidance from the Coaches Committee. Suggestions were taken for positions that LMSC reps would fill. It was mentioned to prioritize these jobs.
- V. Clinics and Camps:
 - a. OTC camps: applications are still being taken for swimmers and coaches. The next camp is February 10-15, 2001. Bill Volckening and Tracy Grilli shared experiences as coach and swimmer.
 - b. Mentor Coach & Swimmer Clinics: Doug Garcia reported five clinics this year in various areas proved to be big boosts to all of the areas. Points to focus: 1) exclusivity of the pool for the clinic; 2) clinic director needs to monitor that all participants are USMS registered; 3) coach/swimmer ratio seemed to have a problem with coaches wanting to get in the water for the afternoon session.
 - c. Open Water Clinics: Dan Gray reported two clinics: 1) Dorena Lake, Oregon arranged by Dan Gray facilitated by Lisa Hazen; 2) Connecticut facilitated by Randy Nutt and Marcia Cleveland. Points to focus on: 1) trying to find an avenue to attract individuals or teams to host clinics had little response; 2) needs more time to generate interest and notification in *SWIM* magazine.

- d. NIKE Clinics : NIKE has decided to forego clinics but will continue as a sponsor in other USMS venues. Scott Rabalais stressed that it was not dead just suspended. The Coaches Committee has had a tough time with participation and lack of applicants. Bill Volckening reported that the BJ Bedford Clinic was exceptional.

VI. Education and Information:

- a. Ask The Coach: The Committee would appreciate any suggestions for questions. It would like five of these and become a regular feature for *SWIM*.
- b. Coaches Committee Quarterly: Sent out a survey to all coaches and hopes to compile at least 100 and report at a later date.
- c. Video Library: The Librarian reports the library is still very busy. Purchased 10 new videos. The 21st Century Swimming series has been popular taking over the spot from Total Immersion. Terry Palmer has been volunteering his services in reviewing videos and we hope to have the review on the website.
- d. Book Library: Ed Nessel has 100 books; rented out 12 this year. Dr. Bob Arnat has inquired about renting books on Osteoarthritis. Ed also has ASCA survey on coaches' salaries and other financial information on how to hire coaches.

VII. Coaching Programs:

- a. Munich Coaching Program: Lucy Johnson reported on her coaching experience in Munich. Found it to be "a great experience but a long ordeal". There were difficulties in getting around the facilities and finding our people.
- b. Snooper Loan Program: Paul Windrath had 11 rentals this year bought 2 color Snooper cameras to replace the black & white units. Sold one of the black & white units to Dan Gray. The new units are operating properly; no complaints.
- c. On-Deck Coaching: This area has been taken over by Marty Hamburger.

VIII. Recognition: The Coach of the Year Award will be presented on Saturday night.

IX. Financial: Scott reviewed the 2001 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- I.** National Coaching Director Position: Put on hold by Coaches Committee and Executive Committee. There is a possibility that the LMSC Coaching Reps may take up the responsibilities of the National Coaching Director Position.
- II.** Coaches Manual has been removed from the website. It is hoped to take information and apply it to coaching links on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

- I.** Strategic Plan Review.

ACTION ITEMS

- I.** Activate LMSC representatives
- II.** Continue to offer effective clinics and forums.

III. Activate coach links on the Web.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.