

USMS Coaches Committee

Conference Call – January 11, 2012, 8:00pm EST

Number of committee members present: 12 Absent: 4

USMS staff present: 3 - **Susan Ingraham, Mel Goldstein, Bill Brenner**

EC present: 1 – **Jody Smith**

Committee members present: **Scott Bay** (Chair), **Stuart Kahn** (VC), **Emmitt Hines, Chris Campbell, Kristin Gary, Dennis Tesch, Mike Collins, Tom Mester, Jacki Hirsty, Heather Howland, Charlie Tupitza, Ahelee Sue Osborne, Stan Steck,**

MINUTES

Chairman Bay opened the meeting by defining the process and responsibility of sub-committees. Bay then introduced new USMS Club and Coach Services Director, **Bill Brenner**.

Brenner reported on upcoming USMS Coaches Certification classes in Chicago, IL (1/28) and Thousand Oaks, CA (2/11). A complete class schedule is on the USMS website. Brenner also acknowledged the criteria for hosting a certification class - Agreement form host Club or LMSC to provide minimum number of attendees to break even. Interested parties should contact Brenner for additional information. Upon completion of course attendees will receive a *Certificate of Participation* from USMS & ASCA. To reduce the time constraints of the class, tests will now be administered as take-home exams. Currently the course videos are being re-shot and upgraded for improved quality. Brenner also reported that over 250 USMS coaches have been certified in the Levels I and II, roughly half male and half female. Discussion about posting names of coaches and teams on USMS website, and centralizing clinic data and responsibilities. Edits and revisions of Levels I and II will be released in February, 2012. Level III is currently being edited and collated into a cohesive document. A quick overview of Levels IV and V were presented.

FITNESS – Dennis Tesch reported that his committee had met once. They were working on increasing the dissemination of information from the Fitness Committee to the membership at large.

INTERNATIONAL COACHING – Heather Howland reported that staff was in place for Riccione, Italy this June. Meet and USA team information would be available via a USMS Worlds site on Facebook and at the USMS home page. Interested participants with meet questions should contact Heather for logistics and Frank Marcinkowski for coaching.

AWARDS – Heather Howland initiated discussions concerning proposed requirement for USMS membership prior to selection in Coach of the Year and Kerry O'Brien categories.

PUBLICATION– Mike Collins is collecting articles for the online Streamlines for Coaches. Any coach may submit articles which can include photos and/or videos in varied categories, such as: Best Business Practices, Dryland, Technique, Nutrition, etc. Collins suggested that each CoCom member submit one article per year. Collins can be reached at: mike@novamasters.com or articles can be sent directly to: staffwriter@usms.org

COMMUNICATION – Ahelee Osborne reported there are approximately 10 LMSC's nationwide that still do not have Coach Chair members of their Boards. Osborne intends to insure that all Coach Committee meeting minutes are sent to every LMSC and/or Coach Chair and forwarded to every LMSC club and/or workout group.

HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP – Stu Kahn reported the dates of the 2012 HPC as Aug 26 -30, at the Greensboro in NC. The current staff is Kahn (Davis), Frank Marcinkowski (Curl-Burke) and Chad Durieux (Rose Bowl), with one other coach TBA. Complete information on the camp can be found at: www.usms.org/coach/highperformancecamp.pdf. The camp will once again be administered by Hill Carrow and the Triangle Sports Commission.

ONLINE COACHING – Stu Kahn reported that all seven online coaches have their threads up and running. Bay recommended that all CoComm members visit each of the web pages, try some of the practices and provide feedback on the next conference all.

Chairman Bay continued the meeting by presenting Goals and Priorities for 2012. Among the areas not previously addressed were; USMS website redesign, Forum set-up and use and Cross-Committee projects.

Chairman Bay adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm (EST).

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