

## USMS Coaches Committee

### Conference Call – February 8, 2012 8:00pm EST

Number of committee members present: 12 Absent: 4

USMS staff present: 1 - **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**, **Heather Howland**, **Ahelee Sue Osborn**, **Stan Steck**, **Erik Cozadd**

#### **MINUTES**

**Chairman Bay** convened the meeting at 8:05pm, EST.

Minutes from the 1/8/12 meeting were M/S/A.

Bay re-emphasized the 3 main themes of the committee for 2012 were Coaches Certifications, Publications and LMSC Communications.

**CERTIFICATIONS** - Stuart Kahn provided an overview of vision for Levels 4 and 5. It was reported that the sub-committee of Emmitt Hines, Mike Collins, Bay and Kahn had conference-called to continue previous discussions of curriculum for the two levels. Concerning that information, some suggestions were offered about various content options which were received by the sub-committee and will be referenced later.

A question arose about whether the Levels 1 and 2 courses would ever be offered online. No changes are proposed at this time, but the determining factor in the future would be if the courses were changed from USMS requested to require. If the classes were obligatory, then the online option would have to be considered.

**FITNESS** – **Dennis Tesch** reported that his committee would be meeting on Feb 9.

**INTERNATIONAL COACHING** – **Heather Howland** reported that the Facebook link for the Worlds in Italy had been linked to the USMS website. The portal to this link is: <http://www.usms.org/comp/nationals.php>

**AWARDS** – **Heather Howland** offered 2 proposals concerning membership in USMS as requirements to receive USMS coaching recognition awards. The first was for the USMS Coach of the Year award and the second was for the Kerry O'Brien award. Both were M/S/A.

**M/S/A- USMS Membership is required for the Kerry O'Brien Award and Coach of the Year.**

**PUBLICATION– Mike Collins** is collecting articles for the online [Streamlines for Coaches](#). A question arose as to whether a contributing coach may also submit their same article to a different publishing entity. Discussion of publishing opportunities and restrictions occurred. Further information to be provided at next month's meeting. Collins can be reached at: [mike@novamasters.com](mailto:mike@novamasters.com) or articles can be sent directly to: [editor@usms.org](mailto:editor@usms.org).

**COMMUNICATION – Ahelee Osborne** reported that Chris Campbell and Cokie Lepinski have been added to her committee. They are building a national list of LMSC Coaches Chairs and encouraging all coaches to be USMS members.

**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), Chad Durieux (Rose Bowl) and Cokie Lepinski (Symnut-Arizona). Complete information on the camp can be found at: [www.usms.org/coach/highperformancecamp.pdf](http://www.usms.org/coach/highperformancecamp.pdf).

**ONLINE COACHING – Stu Kahn** reported that feedback on the 7 online coaches has been positive and encouraged all CoCom members to visit and utilize some of the practices.

Chairman Bay continued the meeting by presenting information from **Tom Boak**, Summer National Meet Director, concerning the offering of hospitality to on-deck coaches at the meet. Boak asked is the CoCom would approve hospitality only to coaches on the days they worked, not for the entire meet. Discussion concerned pros and cons of changing existing policy, which is to provide hospitality for the entire meet to any coach who works at least 1 on-deck session. The recommendation from the CoCom sub-committee to the Meet Director was to make no policy changes.

Chairman Bay also requested all CoCom members to utilize the USMS forum more often, to start new threads when necessary and to maintain ownership of threads.

Chairman Bay adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm (EST).

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