

USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

Committee Name: Coaches Committee

Session #: 1

Committee Chair: Bob Jennings

Vice Chair: Kenny Brisbane

Minutes recorded by: Erin Mathews

Date/time of meeting: Thursday Sept 14, 2017 9:45-10:45

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. N/A

Motions Passed:

1. N/A

Number of committee members present: 14

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 61

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Bob Jennings (**Chair**), Kenny Brisbane (**Vice Chair**), Erin Mathews, Jen Masquelier, Chris McPherson, Dean Hawks, Scott Bay, Chris Campbell, Mark Johnston, Crystie McGrail, Helen Naylor, Kerry O'Brien, Tim Waud, Steve Weatherman, Skip Thompson (ex-officio)

Committee Members Absent: David Clark, Lauren Welting, Matthew Edde, Andrew LeVasseur

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:45.

1. Chair Welcome – Introductions
2. New Fitness Swims – Dawson Hughes: Initiatives – Coaches are the lifeblood, team to keep you motivated, collaboration between committees. 70% don't do events, join the club to get healthy, events to be done during a practice. Revenue to Swimming Saves Lives Foundation.
3. Safety Regulations – Coaches peer to peer calls, emergency information availability on deck. Bob Bowman, shallow water blackouts, be prepared.
4. Review of 2016 and Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Awards (Chris Campbell) - Two awards: USMS coach of the year, presented at banquet (7 nominees). Coaches at grassroots, (8 nominees) presented at HOD.
 - b. Certifications/ Coaches Education (Bob Jennings) - Levels 1-3 successful, coaches education and clinic course has many new ideas. Thanks to Bill, Marianne, Mel.
 - c. Level 4 (Scott Bay) - Sections support our core values. Certification not an award. Want to review the qualifications for each level in conjunction with the national office, staying relevant. Deferring coaches to help them coaches get to the next level. Review from level 4 coaches, has there been any benefit.
 - d. High Performance Camp (Steve Weatherman) - 18 swimmers, 5 days intense training, new sponsor this year. Great group of coaches and sports related professional. Next year adding mentees coaches, reduced rate to volunteer with the coaching.
 - e. FINA World Championship (Mark Johnston) - Revised budget, wanted to offset all the costs for the coaches, spoke with the finance committee. 12 coaches applied, 4 selected, 350 swimmers. South Korea 2019. Pan-AM in Orlando 2018. How are teams going to participate in world level events? Who are they representing, club or USMS?
 - f. LMSC Communications (Kenny Brisbane) - Emails to LMSC Coaches. Survey to 1500 coaches and coach chairs. 200 responses, improvements and ideas. Minutes from calls posted every month, but emails not too often. Post on the threads, if subscribe to the thread to get information.
 - g. Nationals Coaches Clinic (Helen Naylor) – Every other year. First one on the West Coast maxed out; East Coast for 2018. October/ November.

- h. On-deck Coaching (Erin Mathews) – Spring and Summer nationals and convention. A benefit to the swimmers. Next year at Indy and Pan Ams. SignUpGenius.com to sign up each time sent out through Streamlines and LMSC communications.
- i. Web Workouts (Erin Mathews) – Need fresh faces for next year. Look for application in Streamlines magazine.
- j. Open Water (Mark Johnston) – wants to create an open water coaching module to be attached to certifications and be able to work in the community to explore the open water.
- k. Publications (Chris McPherson) – Streamlines magazine, to get articles and send out more information to the coaching community. Need more submissions.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Awards for 2018.
2. Reviewing Level 4 and certification process.
3. Pan America Games and Spring National on deck coaching.
4. Publication submissions, looking to increase.
5. High Performance Camp.
6. New web workout coaches.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43.
