

Committee Name:	Coaches Committee	Session#:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Ken Brisbin	Vice Chair:	Chris McPherson
Minutes recorded by:	Chris McPherson	Date/time of meeting:	April 18, 2022 5pm PST

Roll Call

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 5	# of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Ken Brisbin (Chair), Chris McPherson (Vice-Chair), Bill Brenner, Chris Campbell (VP), Terry Heggy, Michael Hamm, Molly Hoover, Laurie Hug, Susan Ingraham, Wilson Josephson, Elise Shank, Tim Waud.		
Not present: Scott Bay, Donita Flecker, Steve Hall, Carol Nip Trey Taylor.		
Others present: Nadine Day, Chris Wagner.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

1. Committee Reports -

- a. Web Workouts (Molly): Donita and Carol are on the subcommittee, and they are all keeping an eye on the coaches submitting workouts in order to give feedback (some have requested it). There is no online procedure for any users to provide feedback. The coaches have been doing a good job so far.
- b. Worlds Coaching (Tim): There have been 3 applications submitted for the Pan Am coaching job in Medellin, Columbia: Jim Landed (Montana), Lina Bot (Florida), and John Grzeszczak (Florida). The applicants are to be interviewed via Zoom, and a selection will be made by the end of the week. Tim will reach out to others to include in the decision-making process.
- c. NCC - (Bill for Trey) - Bill is waiting on responses concerning when we can have pool access during the NCC before making decision on event date for this Fall. Trey is starting to look for possible presenters; we should be budgeted for 5. Waiting on Dawson for all to be finalized before Trey will reach out to speakers.
- d. Awards - (Elise) - Applications close on July 1st. Trying to get the word out about the Kerry O'Brien Award. Some LMSCs are promoting awards on social media, but need to ask LMSC Coaches' Chairs and Communications Chairs to send reminders. The USMS Awards Committee is listing and sending info to promote, too.
- e. Education - (Bill/Chris M) - Coaches education classes are doing well; lots of interest and are filling up wherever they take place. Next up, Level 3 in mid-May in Chicago (filled at 25 spots). The next weekend in Pacific NW; 9 signed up so far, and Stroke Dev. Clinic is full. There is a Stroke Dev. Clinic in Charlotte (Trey's pool) Sept 10-11 which just opened up for sign-ups. Will add others—Oregon is interested for this fall (Level 2, Stroke Dev., and ALTS).
The education task force is still waiting to hear regarding future tasks.
- f. Communication -(Molly) - Still sending out vital information and getting together lists of coaches for each LMSC; making great progress in getting the word out.

- g. Mentoring (Chris M): Subcommittee will meet next week to finalize applications and website/requirement edits. Applications will open up for submissions directly after USMS Spring Nationals.
- h. On Deck Coaching - (Mike H) - Still some openings for on-deck coaches for SC Nationals, although the main deficiency is found in the sign-ups for the indoor pool in the middle of each day. Jim Clemmons is also adding a 2nd warm-up session after the 500s.
- i. Open Water (Mike H): - No Report
- j. Publications (Terry): Combined report with Sports Medicine. We are looking for articles on how aging affects us (mentally, dealing with injuries, times getting slower, etc.), as well as tips on how to deal with all of these issues; need anecdotes. Sports Medicine can get medical experts to comment/assist with article.
- k. Sports Medicine - (Terry): See above Open Water report.
- l. Diversity - (Wilson): DEI awards finally up and running now. There are open for nominations, individuals and clubs. Criteria and applications can be found on the USMS website.
- m. ALTS - (Mike H): There have been discussions about 1) having the program go longer 4 weeks, and 2) whether or not USMS considers ALTs an important program and if it is supporting ALTS enough. There are now many programs up and running successfully.

2. Old Business - n/a

3. New Business

- a. Club of the Year Award - Tim Waud will be liaison from our committee.
- b. Coaches Community Forums - (Susan Ingraham) - It is difficult to find online. Need to send direct links to coaches, so that they can get to this resource. Two topics (Coaching Info/Coaching Job Opportunities) are overlapping, plus there are 19 pages dated back to 2003; need to clean up the site. Susan will organize and provide a topic each month to provoke comments/discussion.
- c. USMS Nationals - Clinic by Josh Davis for USMS+ members participating in Nationals- 64 USMS+ members entered, but not sure how any signed up, as deadline was extended. Clinic will be on starts and turns.
- d. Paralympic Coaching - The topic was raised by Chris M. with Nadine filling in details about discussions with Peggy Ewall (consultant for ParaSwimming). There is a new curriculum being created and rolled out on May 6th for US Paralympic coaches. there are numerous accommodations for the various ability levels. It could be helpful for Masters' swimming coaches to collaborate with para-swimming coaches, as there are already a number of USMS members competing in the Paralympics, and also masters' swimmers in general similarly have to adapt their swimming as they age, get injured, etc. Ideas include adding a section in the Coaches' education curriculum, hosting a Peer to Peer call on the topic, and having USMS coaches attend para-swimming clinics (possibly with LMSC funding). Nadine will schedule a Zoom with Peggy, Kenny, and Chris to discuss.

4. Final Roll Call

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm Pacific Standard Time.