

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Coaches Committee		
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Molly Hoover	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Aaron Schneider
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Gretch Sanders	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Feb 9, 2026 7p CST

## Roll Call

**Number of committee members present:** 15      **Absent:** 3      **# of other delegates present:** 0

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Molly Hoover (Chair), Aaron Schneider (Vice Chair), Karyn Austin, Marcia Benjamin, Bill Brenner, Ken Brisbin, Rob Duguay, Doug Garcia, Michael Hamm, Laurie Hug, Barbara Ingold, Wynne Kirchner, Jacky Merianos, Todd Samland, Gretch Sanders

**Not present:** Angie Brennan, Jacky Merianos, James Miller

**Others present:**

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm Central Standard Time

### 1. Welcome!

### 2. Committee Reports –

- a. Web Workouts (Gretch):
  - i. Gretch reported that the SCY Stroke and IM workout writer was replaced last week due to submitting late entries and inputting workouts incorrectly. Gretch reported that she then gave the national office a name for a replacement writer, and this person has taken over the position and is doing well. Otherwise, all other writers are submitting strong workouts.
  - ii. The sub-committee of Laurie and Wynne only need to subscribe to the workouts and keep an eye on them each week as they come through their inbox. Let Gretch know if you notice anything that needs addressed.
- b. NCC/Relay (Aaron):
  - i. Aaron reported that his focus is on preparing for NCC. This is being held in conjunction with Relay and the Golden Goggles September 25-27 in Denver.
  - ii. The Coach of the Year will be announced at NCC with a special announcement at Golden Goggles as well.
- c. Awards (Laurie):
  - i. Laurie did not have anything new to report at this time.
- d. Education (Mike):
  - i. Bill spoke for Mike and reported that they are preparing for a busy year of teaching ahead, with classes upcoming in Phoenix and Atlanta.
- e. Level 4 (Jim):
  - i. Discussion around any changes we are able to make this year to the application, otherwise really dive in and update it for next year.
- f. LMSC Communications (Marcia):
  - i. Marcia will head this committee. Molly explained that the sub-committee objective is to share main points/minutes of the monthly Coaches Committee meetings and that the sub-committee lead is a liaison to the LMSC Coaches Chairs. Marcia asked whether there was a better way to send email

communications from an official USMS email address. Many chimed in that no, there is not!

g. Mentoring (Todd):

- i. Todd will head this committee and asked for guidance. Rob explained how he led this sub-committee last year. Molly explained the vision for this sub-committee is to connect mentors with mentees, to connect new coaches and new clubs with experienced coaches and established clubs.

h. On-Deck Coaching (Rob):

- i. Rob is the lead and will spearhead on-deck coaching for Spring Nationals in Greensboro. Barb will help him.

i. Publications(Doug):

- i. Doug is the lead. Molly explained that the purpose of this sub-committee is to create occasional content for the USMS website and Streamlines publication.

j. Worlds/Pan Am's (Jacky):

- i. Jacky is working with the national office to create a standard kit for International Team swag.

k. Peer to Peer (Jacky):

- i. Jacky will reach out to her sub-committee in the coming weeks to start working on this.

l. ALTS (Mike):

- i. Just getting started for the year and no news yet.

m. DE&I (Kenny):

- i. Nothing new to report at this time.

n. LMSC Development (Aaron):

- i. Aaron will report on this and attend meetings. No news at this time.

o. Long Distance (Gretch):

- i. Open Water Nationals is the first week in April in Sarasota, Florida.

3. **Final Roll Call**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm Central Standard Time