

# 2021 U.S. Masters National Officials Committee Minutes

<b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 5	<b>Report#:</b> 5
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Teri White	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Mike Abegg	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Teri White	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 8/24/2021 5:30 PM PDT	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

**Number committee members present: 11    Absent: 1    Number of other delegates present: 20**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg (Vice Chair), Jerrilynn Bayless, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Dave Diehl, John Fox, John King, Judy Gillies, Michael Moore, Jeff Sargent**

**Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart (National Office Staff)**

**Committee Members Absent: Lisa Phillip**

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## Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM PDT via Zoom. Mike agreed to monitor for questions, raised hands and chat questions. Minutes of 6/10/2021 were reviewed and accepted with correction of time of meeting to Pacific Daylight Time versus Pacific Standard Time.

1. **USMS Certification Program.** To date: 270 total Stroke & Turn, 145 Starters, 56 Referees. Teri noted this continues to be encouraging as so few meets have occurred in the past year, yet officials continue to sign up. Teri also noted that all USMS Officials who worked 4 or more sessions at the Short-Course National Championship in Greensboro will have their credentials extended another 4 years and the same will apply to the meet at Spire in October. Michael M reported on the Testmoz test (site of the USMS Supplemental Test) has not yet been updated with the suggested corrections. Teri to get this done ASAP and apologized for the delay.
2. **Championship meets:**
  - **National Championships: 2021:**

**SCN:** July 21-25, Greensboro NC; Committee members who helped with this meet were: Teri White (Head Starter), Alina de Armas (Administrative Referee) Mike Abegg (Assistant Admin Referee), John Fox (Team Lead Chief Judge), Michael Moore, Omar de Armas, Dave Diehl, Judy Gillies, Jeff Sargent. Teri gave a special Thank You to John Fox for stepping in a couple of days before the meet to take Ed Saltzman's role as the Team Lead Chief Judge. Ed broke his elbow and was unable to travel. John did a great job with very little time to prepare. Of the 39 officials who worked during the 5 days, 24 were dual USMS/USA certified and 12 were USMS certified. A number of USMS officials both competed, coached and officiated and their help was greatly appreciated. Teri commented that without the officials who also competed and/or coached, we would have been in trouble of meeting the minimum number of officials required by the Championship contract. It is very encouraging to see more USMS Officials choosing to officiate at the National Championship meets. USMS President Peter Guadagni, Legislation Chair Charles Cockrell, and Coaches Committee Chair Ken Brisben helped officiate

offering a nice visual role model to all the competitors and volunteers. Jim Clemmons confirmed the athlete count was around 850 swimmers and that the post-meet surveys had many positive comments about the officiating and that all appreciated the meet running to the published timeline.

- **LCN:** Oct 6-10, the Spire Center in Geneva, OH. Host has accepted key officials recommended by the Committee: Meet Referee will be Ed Saltzman, Admin Referee will be Michael Abegg. Planning on attending: Lisa Phillips, Michael Moore, Jerrilynn Bayless, Michael Abegg, Teri White, Judy Gillies. Application to Officiate is on the website and 14 officials have applied. Skip Thompson (Michigan), Dan Cox (Ohio) and Mark Marshfield (Ohio) have all agreed to help recruit officials. Judy agreed to follow up with them to stress the importance of applying so we can plan on their help and keep them informed of important issues.
  - **College Club Championships: 2021:** No updates.
3. **USMS Officials Award:** Teri reported that the Committee has made a selection for 2021 but we would not discuss it at this meeting as it's a surprise announced Friday night of the HOD weekend, 9/24. It will once again be a recording with a photo of the recipient. Teri encouraged everyone to join in for that Friday session.
  4. **USMS Officials website.** Mike reported that he has received no new reports of broken links. If broke or inaccurate links are found, please forward information to Mike for resolution.
  5. **Administrative Official.** Work Group: Mike A to lead, John King, Lisa Phillips. Goal is to develop educational materials and an appropriate test to train people to support the LSMC level meets. National Championships will continue to use Administrative Referees. Jeff said he's spoken with Tim Husson, a senior Administrative Referee for USA Swimming about using some of the Potomac Valley LSC materials. They are willing to share, Mike agrees that their documentation is excellent. This will help create the foundation for the training.
  6. **Name Tags.** Jerrilynn reported that new name tags were created for the meet in Greensboro and handed out on site. Teri said that several unexpected officials helped and more name tags were needed, she will get the list to Jerrilynn. Name tags will also be created for the meet at the Spire Institute.

#### **New Business:**

1. Teri reported that she reached out to Mel Goldstein about the Masters FINA World Championship meet for Fukuoka, Japan next summer, and it is still planning on happening. The Officials Committee is encouraged to recruit applications to officiate for the FINA Committee to consider. Usually only one official goes from the USA, but it's possible a second one may happen for this meet.
2. Reminder to all that next year's Championship meets are returning to their normal schedule of Short-Course in April (San Antonio) and the Long-Course meet in August (Richmond VA).
3. Bill Brenner extended a special Thank You to the Committee members on behalf of the Board for all the great work done this past year, especially supporting the meet in Greensboro. Teri gave a special Thank You to Onshalee for all the support she gives the Committee and hopes she continues with us next year. Teri also thanked all the Committee members for everything they have done this past year supporting Committee activities and reminded them we are all still on the Committee until end of December.

4. Next meeting date not set at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM PDT.

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