

USMS Convention—Dearborn, Michigan 2006

Committee Name: Coaches	Session #: 1	Report #: 9
Minutes recorded by: Mo Chambers	Date/time of meeting: 9/14/06 2:30PM	

Proposed Expenditures: None

Action Items: None

Committee Chair: Bob Bruce	Vice Chair(s): Mo Chambers	
Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 18	Number of other delegates present: 29
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Bob Bruce (Chair), Mo Chambers (Vice Chair), Lee Carlson, Bill Cleveland, Doug Garcia, Jacki Hirsty, Wayne McCauley, Don Mehl, Ed Nessel, Scott Williams, Mark Gill (EC Liaison)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

1. Welcome by Bob Bruce and committee Introductions.
2. Discussion of allied committee and issues:
 - a. LD5 (Drafting). After a short discussion, it was clear that no coach on the committee would support this rule change. MSA unanimously to oppose this rule change.
 - b. LD4 (Watches in open water swims). After a short discussion, there was no consensus. MSA to support this rule change.
3. Review of ongoing projects:
 - a. National Coaches Conference at the ASCA Convention was successful – six speakers, panel discussion, Masters School, and great networking. ASCA and USMS Coaches Committee working well together.
 - b. Coach of the Year. Winner will be announced at the banquet. Only four nominations were received this year, prompting discussion about how to get more nominations.
 - c. Video library – Emmett Hines recently purchased many new DVDs.
 - d. On-deck coaching. We're looking for a new coordinator for this program, and Chris Colburn is considering taking on this role. Tom Boak collected emails of coaches planning to attend the Woodlands to begin a dialogue with them about team attendance and on-deck coaching at the USMS LCM Championships in 2007.
 - e. Snooper rental program – Thank you to Lee Carlson for his wonderful job with this for the past four years. We're looking for a new coordinator for this program.
4. Review of major projects:
 - a. Coaches Manual – A working meeting was held at lunch to relaunch this crucial but stalled program.
 - b. Camps and Clinics – There was no OTC camp this year at the request of USA Swimming, but Nancy Ridout is working to get this reestablished. What kind of camps and clinics shall we be pursuing that will touch many more of our members? Will future clinics also be for training coaches at the grass roots level? Subcommittee (Doug Garcia, Wayne McCauley, and Scott Williams) formed to create a plan.
 - c. *USMS Swimmer* – Bill Volckening, USMS Editor, is asking for more contributions from coaches. The "Technique and Training" section is growing by another page to three pages. Congratulations to Jacki Hirsty for her great work in this area.
 - d. Triathlon – Ongoing conversation with USAT.
 - e. LMSC Coaches Reps – Bob's personal project for the year. This will also address the issue of a better database of coaches and communication to coaches to the local level.
5. Member Survey: Tom Boyd spoke to us about the results. Key finding—surprise, surprise—USMS's best marketing for recruitment and retention of members is *the coaches!*. Tom encouraged coaches to read the Coaches Report, which was created from the survey results, so that we better understand the members.
6. Communication – Mo Chambers will create an email to all USMS coaches to report to them on the many things that happened at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year: Listed in the Annual Report and minutes above