

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Coaches	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Scott Bay	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Cokie Lepinski
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Bob Jennings	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	March 11, 2015

## Motions Passed:

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 15	<b>Absent:</b> 2	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<p><b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Chair: Scott Bay (Dixie), Vice Chair: Cokie Lepinski (Oceana), Ex-Officio: Bill Brenner, Assoc: Jim Miller, Ken Brisbin (Southwest), Chris Campbell (Oceana), Dave Clark (Great Lakes), Matthew Edde (Northwest), Heather Howland (Great Lakes), Bob Jennings (Dixie), Katherine Longwell (Great Lakes), Erin Matthews (Colonies), Helen Naylor (Dixie), Dustin Poe (South Central), Jillian Wilkins (Dixie)</p> <p><b>Not present),</b> Ex E.C. Jody Smith, Laurie Hug (Colonies), Kerry O'Brien (Oceana),</p>		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. eastern

1. International Coaching – Cokie Lepinski – We will be supporting the Pan Am Games in Medellin, Columbia from June 17 to 27. The 2015 International Coaching Responsibilities information sheet and the coaching application were e-mailed to the committee by Cokie. There will be a media blitz of information starting the week of March 16 as the International Coaching subcommittee begins their search for three coaches for the Pan Am games.
2. USMS National Coaching Clinic (June 5 to 7 in Nashville, Tennessee) – Cokie Lepinski & Helen Naylor – The presenters and program are ready to go. Scott Bay, Stu Kahn, Dana Kirk, Cokie Lepinski, and two others will be presenting a wide variety of topics. On Friday night there will be a reception, and an included lunch and dinner on Saturday. The host hotel offers a hot breakfast each morning. The Tracy Caulkins pool will be used for a pool session on Sunday and the main clinic held at Vanderbilt University. Between 60 and 100 coaches are expected at the clinic. Friday there will be a Coaching Certification Level 1 & 2 class along with Safety Training for Swim Coaches (with First Aid) also offered that day. The marketing flyer is ready with the exception of the Club Assistance registration page, which is being built. On this project, the partnership between the Coaching Committee and the Nation Office has been outstanding. Helen Naylor and Marianne Groening were commended for their hard work.

### 3. Subcommittee and Task Force Reports

**Awards** – Heather Howland – The deadline for the Ransom J. Arthur Award is March 15. The deadline for the Coach of the Year is July 1.

**Certification** – Bill Brenner – The sign up for certification classes is going well. The ratio of different types of coaches at each class varies. Using feedback responses Scott, Bay, Bill Brenner, and Cokie Lepinski have been revamping the content of Level 3. The class may be longer and possibly finish with a description of Level 4 Certification to better prepare our applicants.

Initially a large number of the Level 4 applications were not filled out completely or correctly. To help solve this problem Cokie crafted a paragraph, which defines Level 4 Certification. It can be found on the USMS website on the Coach Certification page. The Level 5 Certification class is in the works.

[Championship](#) – No report

[Fitness](#) – No Report

[High Performance](#) – No Report

[International Coaching](#) – See #1

[LMSC Communications](#) – Cokie sent out a link for the Peer-to-Peer Conference Call for Coaches on Sunday, March 15 at 8:30 Eastern Daylight Time. Ken will prepare an email blast out to the LMSCs announcing the National Coaches Clinic, On Deck Sign Ups for Nationals, and the recruitment for the Pan AM Masters Games Coaches.

[Nationals](#) – Erin Matthews – Sign ups for On Deck Coaching at Nationals this spring is almost complete except for Thursday. Erin will be contacting the Texas LMSC chair for assistance.

[Sports Medicine and Science](#) – No report

[Publications](#) – Cokie Lepinski – Two articles were submitted from coaches since our last meeting. We need more articles. Jim Miller said there is an outstanding FINA shoulder video on the USMS website and there will be more injury prevention videos forthcoming ([specifically Low Back, Knee, and Concussion](#)) which go into production in Canada within the next month.

[Web Workouts](#) – No Report

4. **Old Business** - None
5. **New Business** – Jody Smith sent a text to Scott Bay apologizing that would have to miss the meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm eastern