

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Officials	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Brian Albright	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ed Saltzman		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Brian Albright	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	7/7/2016		

**Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. None

**Motions Passed:**

1. None

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Brian Albright, Steve Goldman, Michael Moore, Teri White, Ed Saltzman, Dave Coddington, Judy Gillies Marilyn Fink, Omar de Armas, Alina de Armas, Chris McGiffin					
<b>Absent:</b> Pat Baker, Herb Schwab, Al Ness, Mary Pohlmann Ex Officio: Jim Holcomb, Laura Hamel					

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm EST

A rule proposal drafted by Brian Albright based on feedback from the task force for proposed rule changes was submitted before the meeting and the only agenda item for the meeting. The proposal would have given the chair the power to appoint the meet referee and admin referee for USMS Nationals meets. Points of discussion included local host control vs national control, the ability of local hosts to recruit officials with a nationally appointed referee, what role the USMS Officials Committee should have in overseeing officials at USMS nationals, and whether committee policy changes vs a rules change would achieve what we were looking to accomplish. The issue of policy change instead of a rule change was rejected by the committee chair as ineffective because it wouldn't actually change the rules governing nationals.

The question was called a roll call vote was taken. The rule proposal was defeated.

Discussion of any rewriting the rule proposal and submitting it to the committee for consideration before the deadline was dismissed by the committee chair because there wasn't enough time to rewrite the proposal in a way to address committee members concerns and submit it for consideration before the deadline.

Quick discussions following the rule proposal debate:

1. USA Swimming N2 and N3 officials evaluations at USMS nationals
2. Update on USMS officials certification. The certification launched at the beginning of July and we had started to certify officials. The first one was from Florida Gold Coast.

A meeting will be called before convention to discuss long course nationals in Oregon, and topics for the meeting at convention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm EST