

Officials Meeting Recap 1.10.24

1. Introduction of Officials and Committee Members

- Still looking for 1 or 2 Officials and 1 Athlete

Officials in attendance: Cynda Avery, Adam Forbes, Holly Russell, Terri Clark and Dean Schroeder.

Meeting started at 5:00PM

2. Training for new officials

- Need to hold one training January and February

Holly to host the New Officials training on January 17th and Dean to host on February 7th. Holly will send the presentation and ask that any edits or feedback be given ASAP. I am working with Dawn Gurley to set up a Dropbox account for MI Swimming. Discussed the R9 Legislation, which was designed to standardize the qualification for USA Officials. This was supposed to go live on January 1 but has been delayed. We expect that once R9 goes live we will have to revisit this presentation and make adjustments.

3. Discuss continued education & training for certified officials

- Testing

Discussed the number of officials that haven't completed their Recertification. The committee agreed to send out a notification giving them 30 days (about 4 and a half weeks) to take their Recertification Test. The Recertification test must be completed in the odd years per the LSC to be in good standing. If the test isn't completed, then they will not be allowed to officiate.

- How do we educate officials in between annual meetings

Discussed offering virtual training for Starter and AO. Looking forward to starting these at the beginning of the Long Course Season. When time permits, having a mentoring session in between the sessions of swim meets.

4. What's your expertise???

Question was asked what is your expertise? What support are you willing to give to the committee? **Cynda**- will do whatever is needed. **Terri** -will support the website, training documents and instructional information.

Dean- will with mentoring and virtual trainings. Adam will continue to lead the officials-subcommittee on growth and retention.

5. Recommendations for how we best serve our Officials???

- Over Communicate
- Monthly Newsletters

Ideas of things to include in a Newsletter:

Bio/Introduction of the committee members (no more than 5 sentences) due to Holly by January 17th.

Upcoming Meets

Rule Changes

Write ups of officials who have traveled outside the LSC to officiate

List Clinic Dates

Announce/ Welcome New Officials

Birthdays

6. Championship Meets

- Use of Radio- Need a good set of Radios for them if we are hosting OQM otherwise not necessary since every official is required to have a radio.
- Crew Selections-Have requested that the Board make a one-time recommendation for the SCY State Meet Referees. Agreed that the committee will decide on the Referees for Long Course and beyond.
- Plan on offering 2 OQM a season.

7. Next scheduled meeting January 24th 7:00PM via Zoom. Meeting ended at 6:08PM