



Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Call-In Meeting

Call to order and Welcome: 7:00 PM

Attendees:

Jacky Jugenheimer, Michael Harbert, Chadd Chatterton (minutes), Rick Potter, Mike Mellock, Nicole Rundahl, Jeanne Drzewiecki, Cyndy Raatz, Scott Van Ermen, Richard Hall, Brian Temke, Tori Brostowitz (Athlete Representative)

- I. Review and Approval of Meeting minutes from September 21, 2020 – Minutes approved.
- II. Policy reviews / updates
 - Updates from the National Officials Chair meeting
 - There will be (9) sites for the US Open
 - There will be several sites for the 18 & Under US Jr. National meets as well as virtual competition
 - The TYR meet planned for Knoxville is being moved to Richmond (Jan 2021)
 - Tech suits for 12 & Under swimmers' direction
 - i. Advise DR if noted before or when swimmers are up on blocks – Swimmer will be given a chance to comply immediately (if possible) or be given a chance to compete in another heat, event or time slot.
 - ii. If noted when in the water competing, it is a DQ
 - iii. If noted after swimmer exits pool – No DQ
 - iv. There is a published video in USAS aiding in evaluating and identifying approved and unapproved suits. It is recommended that this be viewed by all WI Officials.
 - v. It was noted that visually this will be a challenge viewing stitched vs. taped seams. Once we have had a few seasons to filter through the "old" tech suits, it should become less of an issue – especially when the labels are updated.
 - vi. It should be incumbent upon the coach to facilitate compliance. Some meets are setting up Suit tables. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the meet host to establish compliance.
 - vii.
 - Starter and Referee apprentices are now allowed on deck. No special direction on this other than to comply with facility, local and state guidelines for social distancing and the comfort level of the mentor and apprentice (as well as others in the box/immediate vicinity).
 - Clarification on minimum staffing for meets:
 - For dual and Intrasquad meets the rule has always been that a minimum of (3) officials are required

- A Coach may serve (double) as the AO for a meet if they are certified in that position

III. Introduction and welcome of new Committee Members:

- Scott Van Ermen – Northern region
- Richard Hall – Madison region
- Brian Temke – Milwaukee Metro Region
- Tori Brostowitz (Athlete representative – SSTY)

IV. Current and open positions on the Committee

- All current position assignments will be retained
- Mike Mellock will take on the added responsibility as Vice Chair
- Apprentice Tracking – Richard Hall
- Official of the Year – Scott Van Ermen
- Website – Brian Temke

V. Swimposium in 2021?

- Next year is the planned year for this event. This event will be discussed at the WI Swimming BOD meeting the week of Oct 29th.
- Potential topics:
 - Officiating 101 for Coaches
 - Officiating 101 for Athletes
 - We will discuss this in more detail during our next meeting (after we get feedback from BOD meeting).

VI. Recertification clinic

- Recap – We had over 200 participants (out of around 300+ officials)
- Evaluations – Reviewed responses - Most seemed positive and liked the on-line format
- We have a number of officials that will be (or have already qualified for recertification) via:
 - Test completion
 - OQM Evaluation
 - Participation high level meets
- More recertification proctored viewings?
 - This was discussed and agreed to hold with Committee members
 - Jacky will set up dates and send out a sign up to Committee members to sign up to facilitate / proctor this sessions over the next week – 10 days. Sessions will be “theme” based.
 - Dates will be published based on responses (beginning the first week of November)
- If yes how and when

VII. Clinics (all still on line)

- AO – No Change will hold as demand warrants
- Stroke / Turn
 - Will schedule as needed
 - Currently there are (2) planned
 - Oct 21 – Ron and Melissa Van Houten
 - Oct 28 – Chadd Chatterton
- CJ – No direction on this topic - on-going

VIII. Rules / Policy updates

- Reviewed letter to MRs (Jeanne) on staffing of meets – Will eliminate sending this out
- Reviewed document on “how to conduct a meet under COVID19”.
 - Revised and approved. Will begin sending this out to Meet Referees
- Reviewed Policy 4 on Staffing of officials
 - Approved revision. Will publish.
- Meet referee training – on-going

IX. Other new business (Future discussion topics)

- Coaches Forum – from BOD Meeting
- Technical Planning discussion – from BOD Meeting
- State meets – planning documents (will use feedback/direction from BOD meeting)

X. Next meeting date – November 16, 2020 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom (Meeting invite will be sent out).

XI. Meeting adjourned – 9:15 PM