



Officials Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 2023 – 7:00 PM CDT
Meeting Location: Call-In Meeting



Call to order and Welcome: 7:00 PM CDT

Attendees:

Mike Mellock (Officials' Chair), Jacky Jugenheimer, Chadd Chatterton (minutes), Scott Van Ermen, Michael Harbert, Amy Balducci, Sarah Olson, Angela Monty, Brian Temke, ~~Richard Hall~~, Nicole Rundahl, Rick Potter, Andrew Olson. Student Athlete representative(s): ~~Anna Temke~~.

- I. Minutes from Sept 18th meeting – Approved.
- II. National Chair Meeting Notes
 - New Chair, Dana Covington
 - Temporary National Certification, Marianne Wahling
 - R5: Committee from (9) different LSC's examining Uniformity of Certification Standards across USA Swimming (Need to implement by January 1, 2024).
- III. Recertification clinics
 - Most comments were positive
 - The sessions where we had prepared questions seemed to spur good discussions and participation. This is something that we need to emphasize for our next one
 - Transition times seemed to be a bit too close to each other (maybe more spacing).
 - Sessions will be made available on line for Officials to view.
 - M. Harbert will prepare a summary of who participated in what sessions and whether or not they made the required 500 yards.
 - Next Recertification schedule is TBD depending upon what the National Committee comes up with at the end of the year for the new standards/requirements. – On going.
- IV. Planned officials clinics.
 - Sarah will do an AO Clinic on Thursday, Nov 6th. NOTE: Next scheduled AO clinic is mid-January.
 - Scott Van Ermen & Jacky J. will do a Stroke/Turn clinic on Tuesday, the 14th of November.
 - Angela will add this to the Newsletter.
 - Starter clinic on Nov 1 – Jacky & Andrew O.
 - NOTE: USA Swimming is pushing for a full membership as part of the Apprentice process (vs. WI swimming's current policy of apprentice official designation (no fee). Angela will draft a policy for Mike M and Amy B to review prior to publishing.
 - For Stroke & Turn clinics, the facilitator should send Angela M a list of participants and clubs that they plan to attach to. The clinic facilitator should be advising the participants that they will be receiving an e-mail from Angela with specific instructions regarding the registration process.
- V. Registration Process

- Mike and Angela discussed the process of summarizing data from USA Swimming. The summary sheets from USA Swimming are not user friendly.
- Angela is working through the files from OTS.
- This will be an going process.
- Numbers so far are over 300.

VI. MRs responsibilities

- Guidelines for Meet Referees are being developed
- The Meet Director can be the AO (if they are not holding a Wet-side position).
- A Deck Referee cannot be the AO.
- No one performing Wet-side duties at a meet session can also perform the duties of (or be assigned as) the AO.
- Amy enters the Assigned officials from the announcement into the meet set-up. If the assigned AO is not certified, they cannot be entered.
- It is the responsibility of the Meet Referee to make sure that the officials are properly certified (which they should be able to check out through OTS). We need to properly educate them and provide them with the protocols and responsibilities. Perhaps a checklist, test or otherwise.
- NOTE: An official that is not a registered official prior to the meet date cannot be added to the meet later (per Angela M).
- Amy has prepared a slideshow for Meet Referees to view and become aware of their responsibilities.
- This will be an on-going process.

VII. Evaluator needed for State Meets

- Which meets?
 - N3 at the Sr. State
 - N2 for Admin, S/T and CJ at the 11-14 meet
 - Jacky will make some inquiries based on a short list discussed

VIII. New Business

- Brian discussed the idea of a Technical planning group that was discussed in the LSC. - More to come.
- Tech planning is looking at a Policy 36 along with the HOD that would provide specific direction on meets, etc.. Rick discussed the framework of Policy 36 and the impact it may have on the LSC and the officials. More to come on this, on-going. The HOD meeting to review this on Oct 24th at 7:00 PM (info on website) – this is an open meeting.

IX. Next meeting date: November 16, 2023.