



Officials Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024 – 7:00 PM CDT
Meeting Location: Call-In Meeting



Call to order and Welcome: 7:00 PM CDT

Attendees:

Mike Mellock (Officials' Chair), Michael Harbert, Chadd Chatterton (minutes), Scott Van Ermen, Amy Balducci, Sarah Olson, Ron Vandenhouten, Angela Monty, Jacqueline Jugenheimer, Abby Warnke (Athlete representative) – joined late, Drew Gundrum (Athlete representative) – joined late (NOE: They must drop off by 8:30 due to Safe Sport), Andrew Olson

- September Minute approval – Approved
- Julie Bachman from Gulf Swimming to give some insight on Block Party could not attend this call. She committed to attending our November meeting to provide a presentation on the Block Party initiative. Mike provided an overview to the group.
 - Angela – All times will go into SWMS
 - OTS eligible must have a Certified Deck Ref, Starter and AO.
 - Non-OTS eligible meets swim times cannot be used for entry into higher meets (Zones, Sectionals, etc.). LSC's must make decisions if they want to override them and use the times. No decision from WI swimming at this time.
 - More specific information was provided in the email attachment provided to the group previously.
 - It was noted that the "Block Party" concept is designed to encourage new athletes to join and continue participation in the sport of swimming.
- Annual Business Meeting update – Amy, Angela, Mike and Scott.
 - Central Zone – Wisconsin received the Nod for the 2026 CZ Open Water Multi-Cultural Meets (but did not get the approval for the general (pool) CZ meet).
 - Michael Harbert and Mike Mellock received the Lifetime membership from USA Swimming.
 - House of Delegates meeting – Rules, wording, etc.
- Registration –
 - Per M. Harbert, we are currently at 99 officials registered (about 1/3)?
 - Where are we? Michael, Angela and Amy B
 - Mike M's email has encouraged more registrants.
- Championship Meet Assignments
 - 10&U – BAC @ Verona – March 1-2
 - Meet Ref - Sara Olson
 - TLCJ - Van Donkersgoed
 - AO – Jill Nemoir? Plus recruit at least one "new" AO)
 - Senior Championships (OQM) – Lake @ WSAC – Feb 28 – Mar 2
 - Meet Ref – Jacky Jugenheimer
 - Administrative Referee – Michael Harbert

- Assistant Admin Referee – Mike Mellock / Austin Lacy?
 - TLCJ – Ron Vandenhouten
- 11-14 Championships – LSC/PX3 @ Rec Plex – March 7 – 9
 - Meet Ref – Scott Van Erman
 - AR – Amy Balducci
 - Assistant AR – Michael Harbert / Mike Mellock / Austin Lacy?
 - TLCJ – Craig Tarr (need to get confirmation from him?)
- New Business –
 - Jacky provided an update on new official certifications
- Next meeting date – November 18, 2024
- Meeting adjourned at 9:02

Future meetings

- Policy updates
- General LSC Meet protocol/practices documents
- Switch/ update uniform? – White over Black – Discussed June 2024