



Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2024 – 7:00 PM CDT

Meeting Location: Call-In Meeting

Call to order and Welcome: 7:00 PM CDT

Attendees:

Mike Mellock (Officials' Chair), Sarah Olson(minutes), Scott Van Ermen, Michael Harbert, Amy Balducci, Ron Vandenhouten Jacky Jugenheimer, ~~Chad Chatterton~~, Andrew Olson, Jackie Youde Student Athlete representative(s): Abby Warnke, ~~Drew Gundrum~~

1. Meeting Minutes August 2024 approval – Meeting minutes were approved
2. Introductions -
 - Have 2 new athlete reps: “Abby Warnke” and Dre
 - Jackie Youde (Middleton) - Interested in serving on the committee
3. Update from Front Office - Angela Monty
 - Registration is open and are starting to get a lot of questions about registration for officials.
4. OW Updates
 - Mike is now one of the Certified Clinician for OW. Has been hosting clinics for Western zones.
 - Andrea Kelley and Mike Repko are also new Clinicians for CZ
 - Mike will be Meet Referee for CZ Open Water Meet and Sandy Drake will be the AR, George Geanon will be Independent Safety Officer, Jada Meyer and Angela Monty will be Co-meet Directors for it.
 - New Central Zone Chair is being determined and likely to be announced at house of delegates.
5. Registration
 - Is close to finalizing the Officials registration so that it can be sent out.
6. CLinics
 - Starter was last week.
 - AO Clinic is on September 19th
 - The AO and Starter Training Modules on USA Swimming should be going live October 1, 2024.
7. New Business
 - Block Party - USA is trying to find more opportunities to engage swimmers and provide opportunities that do not have lots of opportunities.
 - i. A program where clubs can pay USA swimming directly to bypass the LSC

- ii. Meets can be run by anyone (Coachs, Officials that are not USA Swimming Certified)
- iii. For Flex Members it does not count against flex membership meets.
- iv. Wisconsin has been approached to offer Flex membership but have not utilized this program.
- v. USA swimming is trying to engage it at all levels.
- vi. All times are imported into SWIMS but will not count towards Central Zones or higher meets, unless there are 3 certified Officials at the meet.
- There is a club that is a YMCA team in Marquette, MI. They do not have an Admin Official and some officials on deck. Meet is Nov 1-2, and there is a time trial, as well.
- Suggestion to make Officials Committee Meetings as an Event on the Wisconsin Swimming Events Page to make it more accessible for any one interested in attending.
- Official's Committee Meeting minutes since may have not been posted to Website.

8. Next meeting date – October 21, 2024

