

ISI Official Committee

Meeting Minutes, Committee Meeting
October 12, 2014

In attendance: Luke Hruby (Chair) Travis Albang (Vice Chair) Jim Anderson (Training East), and Curt Oppel (Secretary)

Absent: Eliot Winer (Training West), Lizzie Brown (Athlete Rep.) and Taylor Hartley (Athlete Rep).

Also in attendance: Kirstin Oppel and Phil Barnes.

The fall 2014 Official Committee Meeting was held on October 12, 2104 at Grinnell College. The meeting began at 11:00 am.

Old Business – The following old Business was discussed.

- A. Meet Referee Rule – In the pre-meeting packet, see attached, Curt distributed a copy of his August 24th proposed emails to Iowa Officials regarding our proposed Meet Referee Rule. The group consented to the emails and we adjusted the list of pre-approved Meet Referees. Curt said he would make the changes and send the email to all ISI registered officials.

Travis distributed information he found on the Florida Swimming Website regarding Meet Referee qualifications, which consisted of a Meet Referee Handbook and Meet Referee Application. Curt and Jim agreed to read and develop a Meet Referee Handbook a similar handbook and form for ISI. Curt and Jim agreed to share the information with the rest of the committee once it was prepared.

- B. Response to Bruce Verink and Dennis Peters – Also in the pre-meeting packet, Curt shared with the group his proposed email to Bruce Verink and Dennis Peters regarding their request of not needing to work sessions to keep their ISI Officials Certification. The Committee approved the email with some minor modifications.
- C. Apprentice and Certification Forms – Curt distributed revised apprentice forms based on the changes to the certification requirements for Stroke and Turn, Starter, and Deck Referee. The Committee approved the revised forms with some changes. Curt agreed to make the changes and send them to Elaine for posting on the ISI Officials Website.
- D. Shirts for New Officials – We discussed the budget line item of providing new white shirts for new officials. Travis agreed to investigate the shirts for new officials.
- E. Officials Exchange – Curt reviewed the 2014 – 2015 ISI Officials Budget and reminded the committee on the funds approved for officials exchange with other LSC.
- F. USAS/ISI Certification of YMCA Officials – The Committee reviewed the changes to the certification rules for YMCA officials. Curt previously distributed in the pre-meeting packet the changes to the existing rules which Jim Anderson proposed be made. The Committee unanimously approved the proposed changes. Curt will send the updated Certification requirements for YMCA officials to Elaine to be placed on the ISI Officials webpage.
- G. Tracking and Maintaining Annual Official Sessions – Travis is monitoring the session worked by ISI officials and will be circulate a report later in the fall.

New Business

- A. The 60-day Rule – The committee revisited when the 60-day period would begin and we would require a new official to be registered with USA Swimming, Inc. After discussion, it was agreed that the 60-day period for a new official to be registered with USA Swimming, take the Athlete Protection Test, and complete a level II Background Test would be when the official took the on-line USA Swimming Stroke and Turn Certification Test. Curt agreed to revise the Apprentice Official ISI Application Form that will be completed when an apprentice attend the initial certification test.
- B. New Rules – Curt distributed a summary of all the rule changes that were adopted at the USA Swimming National House of Delegates Meeting in September. Curt highlighted some of the new rules in the Fourth Quarter ISI Officials Newsletter.
- C. National Evaluator for Winter State Swim Meets – Curt reminded the group of the need to look for a national evaluator for the Winter 2015 championship meets.
- D. Enforcing Code of Conduct at meets – Curt brought up some of the inappropriate conduct of coaches at the 2014 Summer Long-Course Championship meet. The Committee discussed developing a procedure in which meet referees can report inappropriate behavior and tracking it so we can take action if a person has multiple occurrences of inappropriate behavior.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30, pm in time for the 2014 Official Fall Meeting.