

Officials Committee meeting 7/28/25

Meeting started at 7:35

In attendance: Bill Brown, Robert Fry, Phil Barnes, Kerry Barnes, Andrea Kelley, Kirstin Oppel, Curt Oppel

Minutes were adopted with one typo.

Chair report (Bill Brown):

- LC Championship season is coming to a close with only Zones, Juniors and TYR Champs to go.
- Iowa LC Champs went well. There were a lot of officials that turned up.
- Bill will update the website for the winter season sign-ups in the next few weeks.
- Bill has leads for evaluators for both SC Champs and LC Champs next year.
- Between Sizzler, Champs and other OQMs, over 20 Iowa officials have been evaluated for advancement.
- Apprentice forms have been updated and linked.
- Hot Summer Nights this year will focus on CJs. August 13th will focus on being a CJ for local meets, August 20th will focus on Sectional and Zones, August 27th on Nationals. Bill will send out information to the membership about these meetings. They will be 90 minutes and start at 7pm Central.

Central Zone Report (Phil Barnes):

- Sectionals March 12-15, 2026 in West Fargo
- Sectionals July 9-12 in Westmont
- Trying to get a Futures in 2027 at U of I
- 3 P/F meets before SC Champs. We would like two of them to be OQMs.
- Beginning September 1, there will be more money in the official's budget for things like shirts.

Old Business

- Junior officials – not many and some coaches in Illinois are actively discouraging their swimmers on becoming officials. They want them to focus on their swimming.
- Committee reorganization – changes are coming. A survey will be going out soon so that a long range plan for officials can be developed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03