

Officials Committee meeting 11/19/25

Meeting started at 7:36

In attendance: Bill Brown, Robert Fry, Phil Barnes, Kerry Barnes, Andrea Kelley, Kirstin Oppel, Andrew Olson, Paul Herstedt, Amy Mundisev

July 28 Minutes approved

Chair report (Bill Brown):

- As of November 17, 2025, there are 192 registered, certified officials in Iowa Swimming.
- approximately 8 new apprentice Stroke & Turn or Admin Officials currently working their way through their apprenticeships.
- Approx. 30 officials with expired certs.
- Senior Championships will be an OQM. Kerry Barnes meet ref
- Age group champs meet ref - Robert Fry
- For recertification you only have to take the highest level you are certified for and it will recertify for everything below unless you are a starter and AO when you will have to take both.
- Reminder sent to all LSC Officials reminding them that they have to re-register as a nonathlete member before the end of the year.
- Check LSC certification status and take the appropriate clinic for recertification.
- Effective September 1, 2025 the LSC will reimburse officials for their Background Checks. Bill has been sending notices to all officials about 6 weeks before their BGC is set to expire and include a form for them to send to me to get the reimbursement.
- Rulebook is available to officials for free if they order it before December 1, 2025.
- Waiting until January to order shirts for whoever recerts.

Secretary (Kirstin Oppel):

- Attended DMET parent meeting to recruit officials
- Attending PSC parent meeting to recruit officials

Central Zone Report (Phil Barnes):

- Sign-ups up for OW Zones
- Sign-up going up soon for Sectionals
 - Eliot Winer is meet ref for Columbia

Old Business

- Junior officials can now be AOs and work 12 & U sessions
- Iowa currently has no Junior officials
- Restructure official committee and their duties
 - Curt Oppel will be chairing a sub-committee to look at this.
- Request for a reminder to be sent out before each meeting, possibly through the front office. Kirstin has agreed to email the officials.

New Business

- Official's shirts - Bill would like some help with this.
- Rule changes are on the Officials page under this meeting's documents.
- There are a number of meets coming up that will need support.
- OW meet may be changed to Monday June 29th.
- The National OW Clinic will not be happening this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25