

ISI OFFICIALS GENERAL MEETINGA MINUTES-- SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019

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Meeting started at 11:00am

1. Roll Call

Officials Committee: Phil Barnes, Kerry Barnes, Chrissy Beagle,

Others: John Van Meter, Tim Kilcoin, Kelli Jacobs, Susan Repko, Robert Fry, Robert Beagle, Andrea Kelley, Dave Thoma.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from the [Spring Officials General Meeting](#), held April 28, 2019 in Des Moines. Approved Unanimously.

3. Report from the Officials Chair (Phil Barnes)

- Summary of Officials in Iowa
 - LSC has 240 officials with 50% male and 50% female.
 - 8% official to athlete ratio down from 10%
 - 85% retention rate (above USA swimming average)
 - 230 active (work a minimum of 4 session/yr) officials.
 - 50% of apprentices don't complete full officials training.
 - Nationally Certified Officials in LSC:
 - 30% of LSC Stroke and Turn officials are certified N2 or higher
 - Twice as many N3 than N2 Nationally certified Stroke and turn officials.
 - 50 Deck Referees have National Certifications
 - 20 Meet Referees are N2 or higher (18 are active).
 - Goal is to have MR apprentice sessions for those with current DR & AR certifications.
- Officials Chair Call Oct. 2nd
 - 2019 Rule Changes announced at convention:

- Be aware some go into effect immediately while others have 1 January and 1 May effective dates.
- National board of review replaces zone board of review
- Side Markings for 15 Meter Mark are in affect now. All 15 Meter mark violations are to be judged off of side markings only.
- Glossary updates: Open and Closed Meets, revised the club affiliation rule to 120 days since last competed with that club in an open meet
- Athletes may have up to 3 logos no more that 4 cm² in size on their goggles, caps and suits. Rules go into effect May 1, 2020
- Lead off swimmer may only obtain a split time in a legal relay. Legal is defined as consisting of 4 people in correct age groups who all show up and all swim length legally and in correct order. Rules go into effect May 1, 2020.
- Updates MAAPP rules are in affect now.
 - Jen Matthews sent a guide for officials. It will be posted on the main page of the official's website.
 - Biggest change is that athletes 18 and older must have completed the MAAPP training before they can compete.
 - The responsibility falls for verifying falls on the meet host during their recon, however late entries happen and the Meet Referee should also check.
 - Recon will come back to team unify 30 days after 18th birthday.
 - Best Practice Policy:
 - MAAPP registration sign in such as used for coaches, visitors, officials.
 - Anyone on deck 18+-and must have read and agree to MAAPP statement.
 - (MN uses a wrist and).
- Swimsuits
 - No new USA Rule on fit. Suits are to be “decent” and follow “societal norms”.
 - 12 and under tech suit rules goes into affect 1 September 2021.
 - The rules are on the USA website.

- Suits cannot have a bonded seam and must be of a woven fabric.
- OQMs
 - Officials may only be evaluated only during prelims and finals▪ During LSC LC we will run as 2 meets for LC --one for Prelims and one for Finals .
 - Paul Maker is our evaluator for LC championships.
 - Paul is from the east coast and is able to evaluate N3 Finals in all positions.
 - Short Course Championships will not have an out of LSC evaluator because of funding.
 - Goal is to have N2 & N3 Stroke and turn evaluated at SC champs.
 - If someone is needing N3 before, recommended go to sectionals.
- Open Water
 - LSC has an Open Water Certification.
 - Any official who has worked at Open Water Nationals or Zones will be grandfathered in.
 - These requirements will be published.
 - Goal: LSC will attempt to hold an OW meet this season within the next 6-9 months.
- ProSeries Sign Ups
 - Locations in Greensboro, Knoxville and Des Moines.
 - Greensboro has sent letters out. Accepted 20 officials.
 - Des Moines apply soon.
- Blue Oxfords
 - Blue collared shirt to officiate and junior nationals have been retired and are no longer part of the required uniform.
- Section G Proposal

- 2 proposals from the Officials Committee to modify Section G concerning dress code and disputes and disciplinary actions.

- Dress code now lies in the introductory paragraph.

- Cleans up the language to state that unless the Meet Referee states otherwise, Standard dress code for meets is white collared shirt over navy bottoms, white shoes.

- The Disputes and Disciplinary procedures were given a short paragraph in Section G to clean up language.

- States that the Officials Committee does have a policy to handle disputes and disciplinary actions and that
 - Those policies follow the USA guidelines.
 - Also identifies to who contact within the LSC for such occurrences.

4. Unfinished (Old) Business : NONE

5. New Business

- AR/AO training and mentoring sub-committee
 - Purpose of subcommittee is to create guidelines, recommendations and training materials for Admin development that is specific and meaningful in the LSC.
 - Phil nominated Jodie Stone to chair the subcommittee consisting of Kirstin Oppel, Michelle Kathan and Christine Beagle.
 - Suggestion made to reach out to Jennifer Flatte' to help as she has created a training manual.
- Initial and Recurring Training for Officials
 - Would like to include supporting documents for Mentors
 - Long Term Goal to create formal recurring training and support for returning officials that is more comprehensive than maintaining status through working minimum number of sessions, taking the test every other year.
 - 12 month initiatives that may include:
 - Publicize USA Clinics (that are sometimes hard to find out about)
 - Holding an inter LSC Officials Clinic.

- Cooperative Training with Y and USA officials.
- Increase attendance at Officials meeting

6. Any Other Business

- Work to announce AO and ST clinics and meetings via blast to club contacts.
- Reminder can always request training.
- Upcoming clinics: Kirsten holding on East side of the State, Julie in Des Moines and Phil in Carroll.
- State Games of American to be held in Ames in 2021 with swimming portion to be held at the DSMY.
- Futures to be held in 2020 In Fargo North Dakota. Phil is Meet Referee
- AAU Olympics 2023 at DSMY.
- Meet Referee is in charge of the meet. If MR needs to leave, best practice is to delegate to AR and then DR. If you cannot fulfill the duties, find someone else.

7. Adjournment

- Motioned by Susan. Seconded by John Van Meter. All in Favor.