



ISI OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

Robert Fry, 01/17/19

1. Roll Call

- Committee: Curtis Witt, Mike Repko, Art Dinkin, Julie Slater, Robert Fry
- Others: Kirstin Oppel, Jodie Stone, Katy Wehr, Calley Barnes, Chrissy Beagle

2. Adoption of minutes from November 28 regular Committee meeting.

- Proposed and seconded; passed unanimously

3. Unfinished (Old) Business

4. New Business

- Apprentice Forms (Curtis)
 - Subcommittee has worked on apprentice form updates, posted to the Committee page of the website for review before the meeting.
 - Discussion on pre-requisite to be certified as a DR.
 - Requirement is SR for 1 year. Should this be number of sessions?
 - General agreement that number of sessions is a better indicator than time; however
 - USA Swimming minimum requirement uses time as a metric, not sessions.
 - Goal is to have new forms posted to officials website by end of short course season.
 - Subcommittee is also working on mentor forms for meet referees to provide to deck mentors at meets.
 - Brief discussion on how YMCA officials gain USA Swimming certification.
 - Y officials have already done clinic, passed tests
 - Time requirements can be waived if sufficient experience as Y official
 - Must still go through full apprenticing of each position
- Coach vs. Official (Curtis)
 - Discussion regarding conduct expected of coaches when working a meet as a certified official rather than as a coach.
 - Cannot be a coach and an official in the same session.
 - Reference to a recent situation where a team's head coach was working as AO, but was also advising the team's other coaches
 - Care is needed over what type of interactions a coach has with non-officials when officiating.
 - Suggestion to add something to committee policy docs
- Short Course Champs Update (Curtis)
 - Evaluators confirmed for both meets.
 - Kim and Michael Downs for Senior SC Championship
 - Phil Barnes for Age Group SC Championship
 - OQM applications to be submitted as soon as meet invites are finished.
- LSC OW Officiating Positions (Mike)
 - USA Swimming has only 2 positions (OW Judge and OW Ref). However, USA Swimming document sets out minimum standards for 4 possible LSC positions:

<https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/officialsdocuments/officials-training-resources/lsc-and-general-certification-guidelines/ow-certification-minimum-standards-2017.pdf>

- Proposal made, and general consensus, that Iowa LSC should start with just 2 positions like USA Swimming.
- For planned June 2019 event, who will be Referee? (Jayne Spittler, per Kirstin Oppel)
- Taking clinic for open water judge (OJ) meets requirement to officiate, no requirement to apprentice first.
- Question asked (no immediate answer) if we will have a clinic before June event.
- Officials must still meet usual officiating requirements (Registration, B/C and APT)
- **Proposed Section G Update** (Robert)
 - Status on feedback from coaches
 - Nick Lakin (Senior coach rep) has agreed to help. Questionnaire was sent to Nick to forward on to coaches. No follow up yet. **Robert** to follow up before next committee meeting.
 - Vote to approve amendments to the document that were approved at HoD (before amended document was rejected)
 - Amendments were approved, with 3 exceptions:
 - a. First instance (in Introduction) for replacing “sanctioned meets” with “sanctioned or approved meets”. Per USA Swimming rule 202.6.8, YMCA meets may be approved by USA Swimming and staffed by YMCA certified officials. *This amendment is withdrawn.*
 - b. Sentence carried over from existing Section G, regarding officials being volunteers, is amended (shortened) to avoid appearing to suggest that everyone involved with USA Swimming is a volunteer.
 - c. The complete section on Disputes and Disciplinary Procedures should be reviewed one more time for compliance with USA Swimming guidelines.
 - Definition of Eastern and Western districts
 - It was requested to table this discussion pending consultation with ISI BoD on the subject. It would be preferable to have a unified LSC definition instead of the Officials Committee having a unique definition for our committee reps.

5. Any Other Business

- Phil Barnes will be holding an AO certification clinic on Wednesday, January 16th.
- It was noted that Deck Pass now notes Concussion Protocol Training status. It was asked how this status is updated following completion of the training. **Curtis** will investigate.

6. Adjournment

- Proposed and seconded; meeting adjourned at 21:28