



ISI OFFICIALS GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2019

Robert Fry, 04/30/19

Meeting started at 10:00am

Roll Call

Officials Committee: Julie Slater, Robert Fry, Mike Repko

Others: Andrea Kelley, Susan Repko, Troy Carter, Cheryl Huebner, Jodie Stone, John Van Meter, Phil Barnes, Kirstin Oppel, Curt Oppel, Kelli Jacobs

Adoption of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from [Fall officials general meeting](#), held October 7, 2018 in Des Moines

Approved unanimously

Report from the Officials Chair (Julie Slater for Curtis Witt)

ISI Officials numbers

- Numbers currently stand at 223, down 13% since October meeting
- 29 people have attended clinics and passed online test since Jan 1

Upcoming USA Swimming rule changes

- 15m mark to be marked on deck or wall of pool
 - Marks to be used to line up lane line buoys at start of meet
 - Judging will now be done off these marks instead of the lane line buoys.
 - Effective date: May 1, 2019

House of Delegates Proposals

Carryover Proposals

- Championship Meet Host Requirements
 - LSC will be responsible to host LSC Championship meets
 - Not sure if this includes Silvers (later confirmed at HoD meeting it does not)
 - Discussion
 - Concern about ability of LSC to find volunteers to cover pre-meet work outside of a host team arrangement.
 - Officials are opposed.
- All-Star / Zone Championship meets
 - Team travel will be required for 11&O athletes.
 - Discussion
 - Concern about mandating. What about kids with food allergies, etc.?
 - If pick up is limited to Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, this will still require significant driving for some parents.
 - Consensus from officials to support team travel but to oppose a mandate.

New Proposals

- Proposal A: Do not include 800m Free Relay in Long Course Champs
 - Consensus that officials are opposed.

- Proposal B: Short Course Champs Bonus Cuts
 - Discussion
 - Difficult for meet admin to cope with for the proposal as written.
 - Want a proposal similar to other meets like Sectionals or Pro Series
 - Consensus that officials are opposed to proposal as written, but support bonus cuts.
- Proposal C: Open Water Sanctioning (Mike Repko to present to HoD for Officials Committee)
 - Details from Mike Repko
 - Sanctioning process is written to meet USA Swimming rules.
 - Process mirrors standard meets regarding sanctioning, but with additional safety protocols.
 - Officials support proposal.
 - Discussion
 - To kick start adding OW events to calendar, are there any existing non-sanctioned events we can bring into USA Swimming / ISI?
- Proposal D: Update to ISI P&P Section G (Robert Fry to present to HoD for Officials Committee)
 - Block proposal.
 - HoD procedural details were described.
 - Officials support proposal.
- Proposal E: ISI Bylaws Update – Required by USA Swimming
 - Deadline of Jan 1, 2020 to implement.
 - Has not yet been reviewed
 - No report from the committee
 - Concern about detailed wording
 - Officials are opposed to the update as currently written
- Proposal F: LSC Championship Meets
 - Related proposal to LSC hosting of Championship meets
 - Officials are opposed to proposal as written.
- LSC Budget and Board Nominations
 - These were not present on the ISI website prior to the HoD meeting.
 - Officials do not support material that is not posted to website.

New Business

Evaluator(s) for LC Champs (Officials Committee)

- Curt Oppel will be the evaluator
 - Curt requested the Officials Committee to promote to the officials community the value of evaluations to improve the general quality of officiating in the LSC.

New Officials Clinics for new season (Officials Committee)

- ST clinics have already been held during April.
- Phil Barnes will be hosting an online AO clinic on Wednesday evening, May 1.

Any Other Business

A desire was expressed for the Officials Committee to start organizing more regular general officials meetings / conferences, for education. This would include all Iowa swim officials, including YMCA, HS, rec. league, etc. The rationale is that another Swimposium may not be held for a number of years, and a gathering of this kind is needed more often than this, based on the typical rate of turnover of officials (mostly new group every 4 years or so)

- Suggestion to make the next one coincide with Futures in Des Moines in early August.
 - Given the session schedule of this type of meet, it would be challenging to accomplish.
 - Similarly, at LSC Champs type meets, many officials also have children attending the meet, and must spend time outside of sessions attending to their needs.

- Suggestion that the best time to hold this type of event is at the beginning of a swim season.

Question to Officials Committee regarding travel expense reimbursement for officials traveling to high level meets outside the LSC.

- Money was allocated a few years ago but not spent. This has now lapsed
- In order to distribute any funds, the Officials Committee must first develop a process, regarding eligibility, how to apply, etc. This has not been done to date.
- It was noted that a proposal was also previously made for a funded LSC officials swap. A group of Iowa officials would attend a meet at another LSC, and a group of their officials would attend an Iowa meet, with each group reporting back lessons learned to their respective LSCs. This has not been followed up to date.

Adjournment

Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:24am