

January 15, 2023 @ 7:30 pm  
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**Committee Members Present:**

Donna Beyerl – Official's Chair	Melissa Brenenborg (Sec) (RXA)	Chuck Kaminski (MMSA)
Marianne Hapeman (NGAC)	Chad Schwendeman (SVSC)	Amy Hartman (PEAQ)
Bhagwati Subramaniam (UN)	Luke Hartman (Athlete – PEAQ)	

**Non-Attendees:**

Alex Hardwick (Coach-PEAQ)	Mike Kosco (BWA) (Coach)	Lisa Carper (PRA)
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**Guest Attendees:**

None	
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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from November 13, 2022 - (M) Chad. (S) Chuck. (C) Unanimous.

**III. Reports****Meet Review**

Nov 19-20 PRA Meet - An official-in-training arrived late to the meet and was not knowledgeable of rulebook  
Dec 2-4 BPR Christmas Qualifier – No real issues  
Dec 10-11 NHA Slower than BB/Min – No real issues  
Dec 15-18 PEAQ Christmas – No real issues  
Jan 14-15 Age Group Open MLAC – No real issues  
Jan 14-15 Age Group Open SVSC – No real issues

**IV. Unfinished Business**

- Stroke and Turn Clinics will resume in February/March 2023. Location TBD.
- Donna is requesting that official's committee members submit recommendations for officials to move into CJ, SR, DR, and MR roles in a timely manner.
- New Goal for distribution February 2023. Incorporate Donna's mock-up newsletter. Add a segment for New/Changes in Rules.
- Donna is still working with Mike on Website. Donna is requesting that official's committee members pursue other LSC official's websites - submit screenshots/ideas/thoughts to Donna. Goal for completion is the beginning of the long course season.
- Donna will post an updated roster of officials on AMS Official's website to include Name, Team, and e-mail address.
- OTS - Donna is still tracking locally as OTS is having integration issues.
- Distribution of timelines is still critical for officials - there is talk within AMS of streamlining the process of entry chair communication with meet directors through committees. Need to see how this unfolds.

- Need to standardize the process for training officials. Donna to reach out to newly trained officials for input.
- Donna to plan a “season summary” get-together for all AMS officials.
- Recognition of Officials - discussion tabled until next meeting.
- Procedures for advancing officials; required length of time in one position, number of sessions worked in that time frame, etc. Donna is requesting that official's committee members benchmark with other LSC's/websites and make recommendations for AMS.

**V. Athlete Discussion**

None

**VI. New Business**

- As part of strategic planning for AMS, Donna was asked to quantify the goal number of officials for 2027. The goal is 175 officials. Current number of officials is around 113.
- Report - No Senior Circuit meet this summer, so no OQM meet until next Christmas Meet – Need to get things firmed up ahead of time to get evaluators lined up.
- Narrowed options for logos for Official's Shirts/nametags via discussion, Donna to send out the new limited choices for input.
  - It was discussed, but no resolution if name tags are required to have USA Swimming Logo for the National Deck?
- Donna will be attending the National Official's Chair Meeting at OTC in Colorado Spring in April 2023. Brian Joupi has been invited to attend the “new meet referee” track.
- How can the official's committee help bridge the gap between “dry officials” and “wet officials”. What opportunities exist or can be created for “wet officials” to train with “dry officials” and be able to offer help.
- It was decided that Official's Committee Meetings will be a standing recurring meeting at 7:00PM on the 3rd Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted. The tentative schedule is as follows:
  - February 19, 2023
  - March 19, 2023
  - April 16, 2023
  - May 21, 2023
  - June 18, 2023
  - July 16, 2023
  - August 20, 2023
  - September 17, 2023
  - October 15, 2023
  - November 19, 2023
  - December 17, 2023

**VII. Next Meeting - Sunday, February 19, 2023 @7:00PM via Zoom****VIII. Adjournment:** (M) Chad, (S) Bhagwati (C) Unanimous. @ 9:09 p.m.