

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:

01/31/2024

TIME:

7:36 PM

FACILITATOR:

Donna Beyerl

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Bhagwati Subramaniam

IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Beyerl, Chair, Marianne Hapeman, Bhagwati Subramaniam, Amy Hartman, Chad Schwedemann, Chuck Kaminski, Melissa Brennenborg, and Alex Hardwick

DISCUSSIONS HELD

1. Review and Approval of Minutes – The December Meeting Minutes were approved by the committee which was sent out by Donna prior to the meeting.
2. Discussion about Meets and how it functioned and any concerns or any suggestions to make it better for the swimmers and the clubs and coaches.
 - a. MMSA – Chuck and his crew did a great job. Trying to get more meets and turn out of officials was also great.
 - b. Christmas Meet – Some concerns were brought forward wrt officials.
 - i. Coaches had concerns about swimmers who should not be qualified for the meet being added to the meet.
 - ii. Organization and planning need to be initiated between the Meet director and the Meet Referee. Delegation of duties was discussed as a solution.
 - iii. Officials in both pools could have been communicating with each other and runners could have been added to send out the meet results from the shallow end of the pool in a timely manner.
 - iv. Meet Entries must be made 20 days prior to the meet not at the last minute.
 - v. For OQM, we need to prepare our officials better for the positions they are applying for to get certified in all positions.
 - vi. Timing system: we need to have better equipment and knowledgeable personnel to work on Daktronics, printer etc.
 - c. Steel City – not highly attended, one session each day. Everything ran fine.
 - d. SVSC and WA – Meets ran very well in both locations. Staging room was added and they had space on the pool deck to allow officials to walk etc.
 - e. NHA – Meet ran well. Staging was also done at this meet.
 - f. PRA – Meet ran well.
 - g. Hampton – no issues with any coaches or parents.
 - h. PTSC – The meet was a great success. We had a great turnout of officials, hospitality was great, we were able to train some officials. Reached out to Officials ahead of time.

3. Safe Sport issues were discussed in all these meets.
4. USA Swimming New R-9 – The rules were discussed, and Donna will be attending another meeting on 02/01/2024 to get more details on the points identified.
5. Officials looking to advance with recommendations from the committee:
 - a. Referee – Chad S, Chuck K, Kent M. Chad must finish his Starter training.
 - b. Starter – Nicky Thompson (ANSC), Ron Schaede (KW), Bradley Merklin (WAAC), Taren Powell (BPR), Siva C (UN), Chad Schwendemann (SVSC), Peggy McGowin (Steel)
 - c. Chief Judges - Kyle Rusche (KW), John Bissell (RGSY), Lucy Zhang (ANSC), Greg Buzzard (NGAC), Dana Willmer (BPR).
6. Long Course Champs Meet – We need to prepare for the Long Course Meet
7. Timer's Briefing Document – Prepared by Bhagwati, reviewed by everybody in the committee and it was approved. This will be the standardized timer's briefing that will be used by all Starters.
8. Training – Donna is scheduling a Starter's clinic and CJ clinics.

NEXT MEETING

February Meeting – 02/18/2024