

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE:

02/18/2024

TIME:

7:00 PM

FACILITATOR:

Donna Beyerl

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Bhagwati Subramaniam

IN ATTENDANCE

Marianne H, Bhagwati S, Amy H, Chad S,
Chuck K , Donna B, Melissa B, Mike K

DISCUSSIONS HELD

1. Review and Approval of Minutes – The January 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.
 - Meets Completed - No issues reported in any meet.
 - ANSC Mini Champs/Distance
 - PEAQ Bronze Champs
 - MLAC Copper Cup
 - CSC Valentine's Mixer
 - Upcoming Meets – discussed about the Silver Champs and requested Referees to sign up.
 - AMS Silver Champs – STEEL – Prelims/Finals
 - MLAC High School Special
 - AMS Age Group Champs
 - PRA Last Splash – Donna will set up signup sheet.
 - BPR Last Splash - Donna will set up signup sheet.
3. The timeline of 12 secs between events is too tight and it puts pressures on the Officials and volunteers and the impact on the swimmers. This is being investigated by the tech planning meeting and the meet should not go beyond 4 hrs. for a 12 & under session.
4. USA Swimming New R-9 –
 - Update on Clinics
 - Starter Clinic held @ MLAC, Instructor, Scott Wilshire – Starters Present: Siva Chandrasekaran, Bhagwati Subramaniam, Taryn Powell, Alyx Thevenin, Scott Schweizer and Peggy McGowin.
 - Starter Clinic #2 @ SVSC, Instructor Donna Beyerl – Starters signed up: Sivaramakrishnan Chandrasekaran, Matt Welch, Chad Schwendemann, ShihChia Thompson, Brian Jouppi
 - Chief Judge and Referee Clinics with be coming in March – looking to do a combined clinic since both positions work hand in hand.
 - Upcoming Stroke & Turn Clinics – March and April.
 - Additional Starter Clinics in March and April

- OTS – Update – still working on the officials OTS – New reports have been rolled out so that officials can run reports (see new business).
- Recognition of Official's and Trainees.
- **New Business**
 - New R-9 documents for training stroke & turn, starter, chief judge and referee. – Template updates delegated:
 - Starter – Mike K
 - Referee – Bhagwati
 - Chief Judge – Amy Hartman
 - OTS Reporting Updates:
 - Officials can now see historical evaluations in their “My Official History”.
 - Officials can now see a detailed report of their Official History including certifications, registration requirements, courses, and meet session history.
 - OTS Final data migration
 - Expired all MP, TI, AR Certifications to 12/31/2023
 - For Officials with an AR and no AO, we expired the AR and created a new AO record effective 1/1/2024
 - For Officials with duplicate AO certifications, we expired the non-AO record (MP, TI, CO) and kept the AO certification. If the Official didn't have an AO record, we created one effective 1/1/2024.
 - For people with an MR and DR certification, we expired the MR and kept the DR.
 - For people that had MR and no DR, we expired the MR and created a new Referee record effective 1/1/2024.
 - Certified Trainers for all positions, criteria, etc.
 - LC Age Group Champs Update – The meet will be a collaborative effort with West Virginia held at Mylan Park the second weekend in July. More details to follow once the two LSC's work on the meet planning.
 - AMS Official's Website Update – Mike has been making R-9 updates for certification requirements on the website. Once all documents have been linked, he will go live, and an e-mail will go out to all officials. The goal is to send out prior to the weekend.
 - Update on LC Schedule and meets being held this summer. – This is still being worked out with the Age Group Committee through the bid process.
 - N2 Evaluations and preparing officials appropriately for success in their evaluations – how should we handle this for the officials? – **Moved for Next Officials Meeting.**

NEXT MEETING

March Meeting – 03/17/2024