

## OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### DATE:

06/25/2023

### TIME:

7:30 PM

### FACILITATOR:

Donna Beyerl

### IN ATTENDANCE

Mike K, Melissa, Marianne H, Amy H, Alex H, Bhagwati S, Luke Hartman, Chad S, Chuck K and Donna B

### DISCUSSIONS HELD

1. We are going to table the minutes.
2. Meet Review/Report from Officials standpoint if they have heard any issues wrt to safe sport or anything pertinent that needs to be addressed immediately by Operational risk team with clubs/hosts.
  - a. Nothing heard from the meets held.
  - b. Referees can be notified in case there is anything that needs to be notified to the Officials Chair.
3. **Meet Fees:**
  - a. Mike Kosco - What is AMS Policy for Meet Fees for splash? There is a lot of variation in the cost per splash and they also add surcharge fee.
    - i. Response from Donna B – Couple of years ago when USA Swimming opted a free market approach for swim meets. AMS still left in the meet fees, set up our schedule. Slowly, USA swimming started frowning upon LSCs dictating on how much clubs could charge when they host a meet. So basically, since meet system is a “Free Market”, although AMS doesn't do that and we still produce a schedule, because it protects the smaller clubs. Otherwise, the bigger teams will do their own meets and the smaller clubs won't get any kind of competition and smaller teams will not be able to host meets or have officials' turnout. AMS got away with it for a couple of years. USA Swimming came back and stated that LSCs cannot dictate the host club of how much they are allowed to charge. National Average across LSCs is \$7. Everything moved up post Covid also.
  - b. **Outreach Program** - Is there any outreach program because they never got any \$ back from the host club? They are being registered as outreach program with AMS.

- i. Donna stated – Outreach form for meets must be filled and AMS will cut a check back to the host club. The club on behalf of the swimmer will pay the fees and AMS will reimburse.
  - ii. Donna will reach out to John Gotaskie to send out the Outreach Form to all clubs and explain the purpose of the form.
  - iii. There is also a budget for this Outreach funding.
- 4. No issues in any previous meets.
- 5. Last Splash:**
  - a. GPAC is hosting the last splash on August 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>. That is the week of Zones as well.
- 6. Virtual ST Clinic:**
  - a. Donna is going to host a virtual Stroke and Turn Clinic on June 27<sup>th</sup> because 9 people have reached out. This will be a quicker way to get them to start getting trained on the deck after the clinic. This is the only one which will be held virtually because of Grad parties and Swim meets. Anybody wants to join in can join.
- 7. Recommendation Official Move-up Position:**
  - a. Until unified program comes up from USA Swimming, if anybody has anybody they think can move up, please reach out to Donna Beyrl.
  - b. If people have just got certified as ST from January onwards are not ready for moving up.
  - c. The number of sessions they have already done and how much they are willing to come forward and volunteer for meets will be taken in consideration as well.
  - d. Currently, we have only 12 Referees – (Dave Watterson has been coaching JCC and Kathy Mcfaden has a family situation – hence have not been able to help that much.)
  - e. We could use some more Starters.
  - f. If people have jumped up as Starter without doing CJ, they will have to get trained as CJ before getting trained as Referee.
  - g. Brian Susko – has been busy coaching and did a couple of meets. He needs to finish his training his last session if possible. He is a good starter.
- 8. Prelim/Final – Age Group Champs at Trees Pool** (Not an OQM Meet)– Officials can wear shorts for Finals because the pool area is very hot, and Donna will be sending out an email notifying all the respective officials planning to volunteer that meet.
- 9. Name Tags:** Donna has the last batch of the name tags ordered. Due by July 13<sup>th</sup>. 68 of them have been ordered and everybody can get it in Age Group Champ.
- 10. At the Meet:** Chuck K - If there is only 1 restroom available to be used by the swimmers and parents what is the rule to be followed?
  - a. Response from Donna: It's the duty of the Meet Director to ensure a Marshall is made available near that restroom area and they keep track of the time it takes for a person to go inside and come out.
- 11. Anybody ordered any shirt with the new logo. John G has ordered some and looks good.

12. New ST are working very well and are very willing to be mentored and take in constructive criticism. Issue explained at GPAC with an infraction that was identified by a newer ST.

**13. Invigilating at Meets:**

- a. We need to ensure Meet Marshalls are in their position, facing towards the pool and watching the pool. Ensure there is a lifeguard. If they are not there, then it's the Meet Directors responsibility to ensure we have Marshalls and Lifeguard. Lifeguard is only there to ensure nobody is drowning and NOT policing swimmers during warmups.
- b. If there are multiple warm-ups (3 – 20 minute warmups)- all swimmers from first warm-up should exit the pool before the second warm up swimmers can get in.
- c. Meet Marshall card should be given like the timers' badge and given instructions.
- d. Volunteer to go out and invigilate after checking with the Referee.

**14. Officials Contact Information:**

- a. Donna to send out the list of emails of all ST and entire roster to Mike Kosco to be posted onto the site by June 26<sup>th</sup>,2023.
- b. This will help us reach out to officials using their email ids for signing up for meets.

15. Communications and Website Designer position will be listed out soon and if there is anybody interested. Assistant as overflow from the other person secretary.

**16. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

**July Meeting** - will be canceled because of the PEAQ Summer Champs and the Senior Champs meet being held at Trees Pool the same week.

**August Meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup>

**September Meeting** – 17<sup>th</sup>

**October Meeting** – 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tentative)