

# Allegheny Mountain Swimming Officials Committee Minutes Meeting via Zoom - 11/19/2024

Call to Order – 7:36pm

## Attendance:

Donna Beyerl, Chair	Bhagwati, Secretary
Chuck Kaminski	Elle Kaminski (Athlete)

Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2024 Meeting, Tabled

## Reports

- Meet Review
  - Black and Red Meet – KW – Not Sanctioned - Intersquad
  - First Splashes – ANSC – good meet, PTSC no issues and SVSC no issues
  - STEEL/PEAQ Pitt Fall Festival (Closed) – No Report
  - KW/PTSC Dual Meet – No issues, may need to work with officials in chief judge position that do not work enough sessions
  - Mini/Distance/Plus – NHA – No issues
  - Halloween Invitational – PEAQ – Good meet, we had an outside AR (Robert Wong) that mentored both Ryan O'Toole and Chuck through the admin process of scratches.
  - November Age Group Open – HD – there were some issues with the building temperature and chlorine levels but otherwise the meet ran well, STEEL – no issues
  - Pumpkin Pie Invitational – NGAC – Nothing to report
  - FAST/HD/NHA – Invitational – The meet was small but well attended by the three teams – provided officials from each team.
  - MLAC Mini/Distance – there were a few issues during the meet which we handled quickly by Bhagwati.
  - WHAT Invitational – Meet ran well with no issues.
- Upcoming Meets
  - PRA 14 & Under Developmental
  - MLAC Christmas Qualifier
  - PEAQ South – IMX/IMR Meet
  - PEAQ Christmas Meet
  - STEEL IMX/IMR Meet - January

## Old Business

- Update on Clinics
  - Starter Clinic and Administrative Official Clinic are now on the USA Swimming Website
  - Referee Clinic – LSC is still responsible for clinic and training – New clinic is due out in Spring 2025
  - Chief Judge Clinic – LSC is still responsible for clinic and training
- Certified Trainers for all positions, criteria, etc. – we need to put together criteria for officials to be approved mentors on deck, then post a list.
- Official's Travel Meet Reimbursement – BOD approved – New form is uploaded on the website
- Update on new officials training and officials certified.
- N2 Evaluations and preparing officials appropriately for success in their evaluations – how should we handle this for the officials? Will discuss at next meeting.

## New Business

- Referees addressing issues on pool deck and with Meet Directors – It is your responsibility to make sure that meet marshals are performing their duties – on deck, locker rooms, cafeteria, gymnasiums, etc.
- Meet Director's understanding on the importance of a clean and organized deck.
- Update on Officials interested in advancing: Kristi Piatek, Starter, Amanda Giorgetti, Chief Judge, Dana Willmer, Starter, Peggy McGowin, Chief Judge. Donna to send out communication to all officials who may be interested in advancing.

- Process of officials completing their training – four sessions does not guarantee that an official will become certified. They need to be reviewed by the certifier and recommended or an action plan provided.
- Last session training should not be a working session. Fourth session should be with a mentor. The fifth session once they have been certified should be closest to the referee for further mentoring.
- Current members – New members on committee. Looking to have names of potential new members of the committee to discuss at next meeting.

Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting - TBD