

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday February 6th, 2024, at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Floyd (chair), Nancy Barton, Connie Christensen, Erik Harris, Barry Hayden, Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner, Izabel G., Tiffanie P.

EXCUSED: Adelaide G., Izabel G.

January 2024 minutes approved and meeting called to order by the committee chair.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership (12 members)

Chair: Julie Floyd	Communication: Theresa Werner
Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt	Mentoring and Retention: Barry Hayden
Advancement: Erik Harris	Open Water: Julie Floyd
Athlete Rep: Adelaide G	Safety: Nancy Barton
Athlete Rep: Izabel G.	Team Liaison: Lori Onsaе
Athlete Rep: Tiffanie P.	Training: Connie Christensen

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed:
 - No new advancements.
 - We have had several certifications for stroke and turn officials in the last month.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (three in January).
- New R-9 National Officials training and certification went into effect 02/01/2024.
 - Julie, Carri, Connie, Erik, and Theresa attended the USA Swimming webinar last Thursday.
 - We are still waiting for the new standardized training logs from USA Swimming; once we get those we will get them posted online.
 - Stroke and Turn: standard online clinic and test (planned go live 04/01/2024) with 4 required deck training sessions (where all strokes are swum), no final observation needed.
 - Erik Harris will be the Certifier for stroke and turn.
 - Carri will check to see if we can get a new email address for this role since apprentice officials will now be contacting him for certification approval.
 - Erik will talk with CJ and/or Referee at the meet of the 4th session to see if trainee is ready to be signed off or if there is a need for an action plan.
 - Then OTS will be updated and information sent to Theresa to update our Utah Officials List.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming will be updated later this week after any new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online 01/04/2024).

New Committee Business

- Julie will get the new training and certification process and requirements online to our website once we get them from USA Swimming. They are also sending us a FAQ sheet about this. Any questions need to go to the LSC Officials Chair to bring up to the NOC.
- Nancy (per Governance) brought up that the coaches and officials credential checks policy and procedures at meets needs to be updated (policy 623).
 - Also, the sanction template needs to remove any language about wearing credentials.

- We are planning a quarterly officials update email to send out, and Nancy and Lori are working on the draft (which can include letter from the chair, new advancements and certifications, rules update, etc.).

Championship Meets

- Short Course Age Group State Feb 29, March 1-2, 2024 (sanctioned).
 - New three-day event (eliminating the Wed PM distance session this year).
 - Heather Hale is MD, Theresa Werner is AR, Mo Schiffman is MR, Erik Harris is meet starter. Deck is set, admin team is set.
 - This is an OQM for N2 certification for stroke and turn, starter, and referee, and N3 for stroke and turn.
- Long Course Senior State July 17-20, 2024 (not sanctioned yet).
 - This will be an OQM with focus on N3 certifications. Julie has secured our out of state evaluators for this meet.
- Long Course Age Group State July 25-27, 2024 (not sanctioned yet).
 - This is the first time this meet will be happening after the Pioneer Day holiday.
- *Short Course Senior State took place November 30 to December 2, 2023, in St. George.*
 - *There will be discussion whether to keep this meet in late November versus moving it back to February.*

National Certifications and Opportunities

- Julie will be working at US Olympic Trials in Indianapolis, IN, in June 2024.

Officials Training and Clinics

- Next zoom trainings will be determined.
 - With new national training we will wait for the new 04/01/2024 Stroke and Turn Clinic to go live. We can add any adjunct training we want, though it cannot be required.
 - We will still need to do our AO and starter and referee clinics for the time being.
 - Theresa is working on an advanced AO training class for veteran AOs to attend [ongoing action item].

Mentoring

- Goals: to get more of our senior officials trained as mentors and utilize our mentors and officials to help recruit more officials for Utah Swimming and more Utah officials working national meet decks to gain experience [ongoing action item, Barry is now helping with this].
- Julie would like to develop a formal mentoring program for Utah Officials. Julie is also a national evaluator [ongoing action item].

Other ongoing agenda items

- Policy 4.2 on officials' reimbursements for high level meets previously reviewed. Will plan to add some criteria for who should be considered for funding (those seeking national certification, those working the full meet, those attending meet for the first time). Will need to develop a plan for set reimbursements for officials, which is also dependent upon our budget.
- Julie will work with Carri on officials' website update, especially when we receive the new training and certification documents.

Theresa has set up upcoming meetings as a recurring Zoom meeting (closed meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month).

Next meeting Tuesday March 5th, 2024, at 7:30pm via zoom.