

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday March 5th, 2024, at 7:30pm

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

EXCUSED: Nancy Barton, Tiffanie P.

February 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:
 - One pending certification was discussed.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (in February):
 - No new advancements.
 - We had several certifications for stroke and turn officials in the last month.
- New R-9 National Officials training and certification went into effect 02/01/2024.
 - Erik Harris has a new email for certifications: certifier@utahswimming.org.
 - Julie is updating the training logs and requirements on our website.
 - Emails will be sent to recent clinic attendees with the new S&T training logs and certifier email address.
 - 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.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming will be updated later this week after any new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online 02/08/2024).

New Committee Business

- Sent out our first quarterly officials update email last month.

Championship Meets

- Short Course Age Group State Feb 29, March 1-2, 2024.
 - Successful meet overall, great officiating by our officials.
- Long Course Senior State July 18-20, 2024 (not sanctioned yet).
 - This will be an OQM with a focus on N3 certifications. Julie has secured two out of state evaluators for this meet.
 - Meet Referee and Admin Referee are being solicited.
- 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.
 - Meet Referee Trent Weight, Admin Referee Theresa Werner.
- Short Course Senior State will take place in early December 2024, in St. George.

- Championship Committee will be meeting and we will need meet directors named so we can start working on sanctions (LC senior state sanction needs to be submitted with OQM application).
 - Theresa messaged Jarid to let Julie know about meet directors for the LC meets.

National Certifications and Opportunities

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

Officials Training and Clinics

- Next zoom training dates 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, starter, and referee clinics for the time being and will plan for AO, starter, and meet referee clinics for late March or early April.
 - All referees will need to do AO training per new requirements.
 - 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.

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

Next meeting Monday, April 8th, 2024, at 7:30pm via zoom. (date change due to spring break)