

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Monday, May 7th, 2024, at 7:00pm

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

EXCUSED: Adelaide G., Tiffanie P.

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

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership (11 members)

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

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed:
 - No new advancements.
 - We had three new stroke and turn certifications in the last month.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (in April):
 - We had one new stroke and turn certification this month.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming will be updated later this week after any new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online 04/12/2024).
- Julie will email USA Swimming about getting those that have completed the online S&T certification new course online added to OTS report that is easily searchable.
- Carri will send a new email out to teams (admins and coaches) with reminder about new S&T online training and test. And Carri will update the website with the links on how to get to the training on the USA Swimming website (in the education course catalog).

New Committee Business

- Checks were mailed to all USA Officials that did high school observations.
- Lori will work with Julie on our next quarterly Officials update email.
- We are planning to nominate an official for the USA Swimming Officials Excellence Award (will need to submit in July 2024).

Championship Meets

- 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. She needs to submit OQM application this month.
 - Meet Referee Mike Wynn, Admin Jenn Nielsen.
 - Meet Referee will assign starter.
- 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 Theresa Werner.
 - Meet Referee will assign starter.

- Short Course Senior State will take place in early December 2024, in St. George.
- Julie has submitted championship meet sanction edits to Champs Committee and will submit changes to Rules and Regs at upcoming UTSI Board Meeting.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- Julie and Pierre went to Open Water Nationals this past weekend.
- Julie will be working at US Olympic Trials in Indianapolis, IN, in June 2024.
- 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).
 - We will plan to come up with criteria for travel reimbursement for officials working at higher level meets with new policy for 2025. [ongoing action item]
 - Julie will ask the Officials Committee Liaison to ask other LSCs if they have a policy and their criteria. [ongoing action item]

Officials Training and Clinics

- New Stroke and Turn Training went live online 04/01/2024. This includes the training and the test.
- There is also a new Foundations Course that all new officials need to take as well.
- We will still need to do our AO, starter, and referee clinics for the time being.
 - Hosted recent AO training in late March 2024 and New Referee in April 2024.
 - All referees will need to do AO training per new requirements.
 - Carri and Connie will plan on a Starter Clinic for this month.
 - 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].

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

Next meeting Tuesday, June 4th, 2024, at 7:30pm via zoom.

