

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st, 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: Tiffanie P.

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

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership (10 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:
 - We had one new referee and one new starter that were certified this past month.
 - We had one new admin official get certified this past month.
 - We had several new stroke and turn certifications in the months of September.
- Utah Officials List posted on Utah Swimming website will be updated later this week after the new certifications and advancements are added (last updated online August 2024).

New Committee Business

- Erik Harris was honored as Utah Swimming Official of the year at the banquet on Saturday. Congratulations, Erik!
- Julie will use our remaining budget to reimburse officials who did higher level meets, but only if they have not already received reimbursement for that meet from Zones or USA Swimming.
- Annual budget increased to \$15,000 for this next fiscal year (begins January 2025).
- Any committee member that wants to rotate off the committee can let Julie know. Then we will vote on replacements, if applicable.
- Carri will send out email update to AO's that as the AO of record they are responsible for sending the final meet database to Utah Swimming (registration@utahswimming.org) at the conclusion of the meet. This is not to be left for meet director, coach, or facility personnel to edit the database.
 - Carri will bring this up at the board meeting this month (as Julie will be out of town) and send out an email this week to all AOs.
- High school season will be starting soon, and we will ensure we have good AOs working in the USA observation meets. Connie will continue to oversee observation meets.

Championship Meets

- Short Course Senior State December 5-7, 2024, in St. George (not yet sanctioned).
 - Meet Referee is Julie Floyd.
 - Admin Referee is Carri Oviatt.

- Meet Director is Dani Caldwell.
- UTAGS Short Course State March 6-8, 2025 (not yet sanctioned).
 - MR and AR are being solicited at this time.
- Senior LC State, dates TBD.
- UTAGS LC State, dates TBD.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- 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 certain meet for the first time).
 - Our committee will do the final write up for travel reimbursement for officials working at higher level meets with new policy for 2025.

Officials Training and Clinics

- We hosted in person CJ, Starter, AO, and Referee Clinics at Swimposium this past weekend, and these were well attended.
- The new USA Swimming AO training and test are online now as of October 1, 2024.
- The new USA Swimming Starter training and test are online now as of October 1, 2024.
- Will update website to add our new CJ training and certification process.
- Information for junior stroke and turn officials is on the website, and they will use the same training document we have posted for stroke and turn officials.
- All new officials need to take the new Foundations Course as well that is online.
- Reminder that anyone wanting to advance to Referee must become a certified AO prior to starting Referee training.

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

Next meeting will be Monday November 4th (due to Election Day on the 5th) at 7:30pm via zoom.