

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 2nd 2022 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Connie Christensen, Lori Onsaе, Carri Oviatt, Trent Weight, Theresa Werner, Mike Wynn, Lily C.

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd, Susan Winter, Ralph F., Maddalyn G.

July 2022 minutes approved via email after last meeting and meeting called to order by the committee chair.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership

Chair: Alicia Simon	Communication: Theresa Werner
Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt	Mentoring and Retention: Mike Wynn
Advancement: Susan Winter	Safety: Trent Weight
Athlete Rep: Maddalyn G.	Team Liaison: Lori Onsaе
Athlete Rep: Ralph F.	Training: Connie Christensen
Open Water: Julie Floyd	

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- Discussion on developing criteria for our LSC for CJ for those officials that want national certification as CJ.
 - Minimum of four sessions of prelim finals with use of radios to make calls, with written recommendation with the meet referee (preferred R3 with radio use experience in prelim finals meets including championship meets).
 - Will need to update our officials policy.
 - Link to USA Swimming Chief Judge Responsibilities: [../USA Swimming_professional_chief_judge.pdf](https://usa-swimming.org/usa-swimming-professional-chief-judge.pdf)
- The following advancements and certifications were discussed:
 - One candidate was discussed.
- We discussed these last month (in July):
 - Four candidates/requests were discussed.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming is updated as of 05/04/2022.

New Committee Business

- Welcome to Julie Floyd as our new Open Water representative on the committee; she has been invited to the meetings.
- Thank you to Lily C. for being on the committee; this was her last meeting.
- OTS will be dissolved at the end of August 2022 (see below under National Certifications)
 - We will need to figure out how to get copies of officials tests for officials to take while OTS is down; Lori will go into the system and print off the tests or save them to pdf so we can use the questions.
 - We can ask other LSCs what they are doing regarding the tests.
 - Mike will help Alicia configure a report of all officials' meets in our LSC.
- The committee submitted nominations for Official of the Year Award, which will be presented at Swimposium.

Upcoming Meets

- Beehive Finale Championship Meet (Cedar City) August 5-6, 2022.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- USA Swimming is phasing out OTS in September.
 - Existing OTS will be ported over and available in SWIMS 3.0 Database.
 - We need to get officials recertifications in OTS completed by August 12th.

Officials Training and Clinics

- New trainings set up for fall: (these will be via zoom)
 - 08/05/2022 6:30pm Stroke and Turn (Connie and Carri)
 - 08/11/2022 6:30pm Referee (Connie and Carri)
 - 08/11/2022 7:30pm Starter (Connie and Carri)
 - 09/08/2022 6:30pm Admin Official (Theresa and Carri)
 - 09/15/2022 6:30pm Stroke and Turn (Connie and Carri)
- We continue to have set months for officials trainings, and plan to do them at least quarterly; will continue to do them virtually to allow those from across the state to attend.
 - Planned months of offering training clinics: August/September, October, and November/December depending on interest level, January, and April.

Mentoring

- Mike sent out email (Jan 2022) regarding club mentors.
- One of our goals for this year is to get more of our senior officials trained as mentors.

Upcoming and/or ongoing agenda items

- Consider having a training prior to state to review special championship protocol, including chase starts.

Theresa has set up upcoming Zoom meetings as a recurring meeting.

We are taking the month of September off after Labor Day holiday.

Next meeting Tuesday October 4th 2022 at 7:30pm.