

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday February 7th 2023 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Nancy Barton, Connie Christensen, Adelaide G., Izabel G., Maddalyn G., Lori Onsae, Carri Oviatt, Theresa Werner, Susan Winter, Mike Wynn, Cathy Vaughan (guest)

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd

January 2023 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	Open Water: Julie Floyd
Athlete Rep: Maddalyn G.	Safety: Nancy Barton
Athlete Rep: Adelaide G.	Team Liaison: Lori Onsae
Athlete Rep: Izabel G.	Training: Connie Christensen

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed tonight:
 - Two were discussed.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (in January):
 - Three were discussed.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming will be updated this week after this month's meeting.

New Committee Business

- Welcomed new committee member Izabel G. as an athlete representative.
 - Online committee roster was updated in January 2023.
- Final letters to officials (two officials) that were reviewed and edited as a committee via email were sent out yesterday.
- With new system within OTS, officials have to be designated as certified, experienced, or mentor (not the usual R1, R2, R3 for example).
- Committee reviewed final draft of the new policy regarding suspension of official certification and this will go to board meeting this month for review.
- Nancy will reach out to Pierre about attending Safe Sport Committee meetings as she is our officials representative for safety.

Upcoming Meets

- Senior State Championships are February 23-25, 2023, at Utah Tech Pool.
 - Format changed to a full three-day meet this year (6 sessions).
 - Susan has designated awards to be ordered, gotten lodging, and will be picking up the radios.
 - Susan MR, Sarah AR, Connie starter, Gail meet director.
 - Sanction is posted online and distributed to the LSC.
 - There is a new email address for entries for senior state (and the old one will be used just for age group) to avoid confusion given the overlap of meet entries and the meets.

- OQM evaluators will be: Carri, Julie, and Trent.
- AG State Championships are March 1-4, 2023, at South Davis Rec Center Pool.
 - Connie MR, Theresa AR, Lori starter, Heather meet director.
 - This meet will not be an OQM.
 - Sanction is posted online and has been distributed to the LSC.
- Beehive Finale Meet is March 10-11, 2023, at Wasatch Swim Pool.
- Long Course State Championships Age Group July 13-15, 2023.
- Long Course State Championships Seniors July 20-22, 2023.
 - We need to plan on setting the championship officials teams for both of these meets in the next few months.
 - Will also need to see how many officials we have volunteer given it is six days over the two meet.
 - Lori has agreed to be MR for one of the LC meets.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- There will be a National Referee Workshop in Denver, (this summer); Nancy Barton was nominated to attend for our LSC; she has applied to attend.

Officials Training and Clinics

- We will plan on next training clinics to be in April 2023 after short course season (instructors will work on finding dates and let us know so we can post them).
- 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/November, January, and April.

Mentoring

- Goals: 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.

Upcoming and/or ongoing agenda items

- Connie will send Alicia all the USA officials who did HS observations for Regions and States after final state meets next weekend.

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

Next meeting Tuesday March 7th 2023 at 7:30pm via zoom.