

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday July 6th 2021 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Connie Christensen, Lily Cole, Maddalyn Goodman, Michelle Kiser, Carri Oviatt, Trent Weight, Theresa Werner, Susan Winter, Mike Wynn

ABSENT: -

June minutes approved via email after last meeting and meeting called to order by Alicia Simon.

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership

Chair: Alicia Simon

Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt

Advancement: Michelle Kiser

Athlete Rep: Lily Cole

Athlete Rep: Maddalyn Goodman

Communication: Theresa Werner

Mentoring and Retention: Mike Wynn

Safety: Trent Weight

Team Rep: Susan Winter

Training: Connie Christensen

Officials Certifications and Advancements

Five advancements were approved and two are pending based on completion of requirements.

- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming is updated as of 04/19/2021.

National Certifications

- More officials wanting to certify or recertify for starter than there are slots for; deciding on how to assign slots fairly for this.
- Two mentors Sandy from Hawaii and Mary Jo from California will be at LC State.
- Will plan to make Senior State SC an OQM, will use our own Utah mentors.
- Carri and Alicia already have one confirmed out of state mentor for LC State 2022.

Committee Business

- Repeated issues with a parent who has repeatedly been video-recording behind the blocks, as an official and safe sport we have to remove them from the area, also can utilize your facility director to escort them off the deck and delay the meet if needed.
 - Susan will reach out to that team's officials rep and/or head coach to discuss
- Dennis (WOW) spoke to Alicia to set up zoom training the day before and then work one of their meets the next day to train as official
 - Zoom training Sept 13 at 6:30pm, then on deck meet training on Sept 14-Mike Wynn is ref
 - Also, Dennis is planning meets in Oct and Nov and we can do the training again (our Oct training is planned for during Swimposium).
- Officials track for Swimposium (10/23/2021). Will consider bringing in a speaker if budget allows, otherwise we can do virtual format for guest speaker. Will plan to have several officials clinics during the event as well.
- Lily brought up a swimmer with a disability that was disqualified at a recent meet on fly; asked her to put the swimmer and parent in contact with Theresa who can help them navigate adaptive swimming and US Para certification.

- Discussed penalties for missing championship meet finals as per Utah sanctions and USA Swimming rule book.
 - Recent issues at CHAT prelims-finals meets about swimmers scratching late out of finals for illness and pushback to meet ref for requiring negative COVID test and physician's note that they could return to swim prelims the next day (safety of all attending the meet if someone is sick and misses finals it could be due to COVID and should be evaluated.
 - Championship committee could review and discuss guidelines for meet directors.

Officials Clinics

- Mike sent out email to all AOs that referees are being asked to do one session with an AO (and one session with TEO); if they want to become an AR they will need to do the four sessions required to become an AO.
- Our plan is for set months for officials trainings, at least quarterly.
 - Possible months of offering training clinics: January, April, September, October (during Swimposium), maybe November depending on interest level.
 - We will not be able to post precise dates until closer to the month due to working with the clinic instructors' schedule.
 - September 13th stroke and turn clinic
 - October 23rd stroke and turn clinic at Swimposium
 - We will continue doing them virtually so everyone gets the same training throughout the state.

Goals, ongoing agenda items

- Continue to work on Mentoring and Training Goals (need more mentors).
- Susan will finalize our designated official for each of the teams and then we will decide mentor groups for each of the teams.
- We want to do a "touch base" meeting with referees and AOs to update the groups and re-connect.

Theresa has set up upcoming Zoom meetings as recurring meeting.

Taking August off.

Next meeting Tuesday September 7th 2021 at 7:30pm.