

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday November 1st 2022 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Connie Christensen, Ralph F., Maddalyn G., Lori Onsae, Carri Oviatt, Trent Weight, Theresa Werner, Mike Wynn

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd, Susan Winter

October 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 Onsae
Athlete Rep: Ralph F.	Training: Connie Christensen
Open Water: Julie Floyd	

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- The following advancements and certifications were discussed tonight:
 - Eight candidates were discussed.
- We discussed these at the last meeting (in October):
 - Three candidates were discussed.
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming is updated as of 10/09/2022.

New Committee Business

- Names from meets need to be entered as their official name as registered within USA Swimming or they will not show up in SWIMS 3.0.
- Congratulations to Connie who was Utah Official of the Year for 2022!
- Trent is the new President of Utah Swimming (congratulations!) so we will replace him on this committee.

Upcoming Meets

- Senior State Championships are February 23-25, 2023.
 - Susan as MR, Sarah as AR, Connie as starter, Gail is meet director.
 - Working on finding AO for senior state.
 - If OQM evaluators will be: Carri and possibly Julie and Trent.
 - Carri can train Trent to be an evaluator.
 - Alicia will work with Gail on securing hotel rooms.
- AG State Championships are March 1-4, 2023.
 - Connie as MR. Working on AR, AO for this meet.
 - Consider making this meet an OQM this year.
- Long Course State Championships Age Group July 13-15, 2023.
- Long Course State Championships Seniors July 20-22, 2023.
 - Lori will be meet MR for one of the LC meets, checking her schedule.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- OTS was officially sunsetted in September.
 - Existing OTS will be ported over and available in SWIMS 3.0 Database.

- Now can check credentials on deck, need new USA Swimming app.
- Apprentice officials are having difficulty getting online training and testing completed as well.

Officials Training and Clinics

- S&T clinic was at Swimposium, in person training was better. The virtual participants could not hear some things.
- AO Clinic is November 3, 2022, 6:30pm via zoom.
- S&T Clinic is November 17, 2022, 6:30pm via zoom.
- 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

- One of our goals is to have more of our senior officials trained as mentors.
- Also utilize our mentors and officials to help recruit more officials.

Upcoming and/or ongoing agenda items

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

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

Next meeting Tuesday December 6th 2022 at 7:30pm.

Old Business

Retention

- Officials Committee will pay for registration and background check for officials who are unaffiliated with a club, with the promise that they will work at least one meet per season (short course and long course).
- Clubs are supposed to have certified officials in a 1:20 ratio officials to swimmers. We need to get a list of ratio of swimmers to officials for each team so we can see which teams we need to help get more officials.

Mentoring

- Mike sent out email (Jan 2022) regarding club mentors.
- Will have all senior officials make note of any interesting situations that arise at meets that we can utilize in our training clinics for existing referees, starters, and AOs.

Officials Training and Clinics

- We will allow select new trainees who missed the live S&T clinic watch the video recording of the session and then do a follow-up 30 min Q&A session with the trainers and they will be provided with the [USA Swimming Situations and Resolutions document](#).

LEAP Procedure

- Policy 430 regarding financials was reviewed by committee this meeting.