Utah Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 4th 2022 at 7:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE: Alicia Simon (chair), Connie Christensen, Lori Onsae, Trent Weight,

Theresa Werner, Susan Winter

EXCUSED: Julie Floyd, Ralph F., Maddalyn G., Carri Oviatt, Mike Wynn

August 2022 minutes approved via email after last meeting and meeting called to order by the committee chair. [We took the month of September off for Labor Day holiday.]

Utah Swimming Officials Committee Membership

Chair: Alicia Simon Communication: Theresa Werner Vice Chair: Carri Oviatt Mentoring and Retention: Mike Wynn

Advancement: Susan Winter
Athlete Rep: Maddalyn G.
Athlete Rep: Ralph F.
Safety: Trent Weight
Team Liaison: Lori Onsae
Training: Connie Christensen

Open Water: Julie Floyd

Officials Certifications and Advancements

- Three advancements and certifications were discussed tonight.
- We discussed one advancement at the last meeting (in August).
- Officials list posted on Utah Swimming is updated as of 09/06/2022 (new one will be posted after tonight's meeting).

New Committee Business

- Julie wants to set up a subcommittee for Open Water Swimming; committee was in favor of this.
- We will not be doing in person training sessions at Swimposium due to the fact that the
 virtual sessions are going well and make our training standard and the officials audience
 at Swimposium is quite limited. Will consider doing trainings that weekend as there are
 no swim meets that weekend.

<u>Upcoming Meets</u>

- Senior State Championships February 23, 24, 25, 2023
 - o Susan as MR, Gail is meet director.
- AG State Championships March 1, 2, 3, 4, 2023
 - o Connie as MR.

National Certifications and Opportunities

- OTS was officially sunsetted in September.
 - o Existing OTS with be ported over and available in SWIMS 3.0 Database.
 - o Having issues with checking 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

- Have done two S&T clinics, referee, starter, and AO clinic in the last month, well attended. Many apprentice officials are doing on deck training.
- New trainings will have set dates in October/November (these will be 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, and November/December depending on interest level, January, and April.

Mentoring

• 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 meets to review special championship protocol, including chase starts.

Theresa has set up upcoming Zoom meetings as a recurring meeting. Next meeting Tuesday November 1st 2022 at 7:30pm.