

## Southeastern Swimming Officials Committee Meeting Minutes July 23, 2016

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Non-Members Present</b>
Donna Williamson, Chair	Gigi Broadway
Walter Smalley, Immediate Past Chair	Brian Haddad
Miles Kredich, Athlete Representative	Phil Kraus
Keenan Williams, Athlete Representative	Lee Patrick
Abby Williamson, Athlete Representative	Dave Smith
Larry Alexander	Tara Todd
Robby Dellinger	
John Fellows	
Mary Franklin	
Gary Heapy	
Clay Minatra	
Stephanie Nadeau	

The July 23, 2016, Southeastern Swimming (SES) Officials Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at approximately 1:10 p.m. in the Officials Preparation Room at the Centennial Sportsplex. All members were present. Committee members, including the athlete representatives, introduced themselves. Guests introduced themselves and were welcomed.

### **Athlete Perspective**

The athlete representatives were asked if they would like to provide the committee with any thoughts. Each athlete indicated that they thought the meet was running smoothly. They offered that they thought that warm ups were really crowded and that they would appreciate two separate assigned sessions. They also asked us to keep a closer eye on the sprint/pace lanes when they opened and make adjustments as necessary to reduce wait times for the athletes. All three said that they had been talking with fellow athletes about the addition of the bonus events and the 50s. They said that all athletes were happy with the bonus and loved having 50s. They suggested that we consider reinstituting theme days for the meet for fun and to assist with team sprit.

### **LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program (LEAP)**

Dave Smith announced that SES had achieved LEAP 2 status and that there is a group working toward LEAP 3 status. This program is good for SES, as it provides a framework for better operation and provides financial reward for completion. Dave provided a number of initiatives that were in the works.

### **Meet Director/Timing Operator Certification**

The Meet Director and Timing Operator certifications were discussed. It was noted that the Meet Director handbook was recently updated and available to all online. Everyone was reminded that there is an AO Powerpoint training available on the Officials page for SES. Dave Smith indicated that he would be conducting a Meet Director Seminar at the next Auburn Aquatics meet.

### **Meet Referees in the Making**

In SES, being certified as a Deck Referee (DR) does not automatically mean that one can serve as a Meet Referee (MR). To become a MR, the individual must apprentice as a MR for all sessions

of a multiple day meet. Certification is approved and issued by the Officials' Committee and the Officials' Chair. For this reason, all DR who are progressing toward MR are discussed at the biannual Officials' Committee meeting so that Committee members can assist them on their journey by offering support, encouragement, and sharing any documentation that might be helpful. The following DRs were noted as potential candidates:

- Robert Clemons
- Alex Hughes
- Tommy Hosea
- Brett Parra
- Chris Tarsitano
- Gregg McAdams
- Heath Clifford
- Lance Sanchez
- Jack Gump
- Dave Willis

### **OTS Access/Issues**

All were asked if they had any issues with access to OTS and if any problems were noted. As no one noted any issues, the required change in password seemed to fix the problems that were previously noted. One of the guests, who is also a MR, asked if it would be possible to grant MRs access to OTS. Donna indicated that when she contacted USAS to grant each Committee member access, she was questioned why so many were needed. Some LSCs only have one or two people with full access. Since SES has so many Officials spread out over a large geographical area, she was able to justify this. MRs were encouraged to work with their area Committee representatives who could provide them with copies of reports they generate from OTS. Donna asked if it would be helpful to have the individual's contact email display in OTS when the "Edit certifications" was clicked (to assist with easier communication). All agreed that it would, and Donna said she would bring it up at the next quarterly Officials Committee Chairs conference call.

### **Continuing Education and Advancement**

The recent changes to N2 and N3 certification and recertification were discussed. It was announced that Mary Franklin and Larry Alexander would attend the We ARRE Mentors Workshop in Chicago in October. It was discussed that currently one slot was open for attendance at the October Referee Workshop in Dallas in October. It was thought that two spaces would be available, and Donna was still waiting to hear from USAS. Mary Anne Petruska and Tarra Todd were selected SES. It was noted that anyone attending a meeting or workshop as a representative of SES would provide a short overview to the Committee of their experience and any knowledge gained. All agreed.

### **Budget**

Donna indicated that the budget year parameters recently changed from a calendar year to a more swim-friendly September 1 to August 31 year. Budget numbers for the Officials Committee were already included in the SES budget for the upcoming year and include: \$2000 for Mentoring Workshop, \$2000 for Referee Workshop, \$1500 for first time attendance at a National level meet, \$1000 for equipment, and \$1500 for National Evaluator attendance at an SES Championship OQM meet.

### **Minimum Standards**

The SES Minimum Standards document was reviewed and comments, corrections, and recommendations provided. Donna will amend this document and provide for inclusion on the SES website.

**Radios**

Donna noted that two new SES radios and a dozen headsets were recently purchased to replace worn and broken equipment. The importance of radios and the use of radios and radio protocol at meets was discussed. All indicated that the proper use of radios during the meet allowed for a better-run meet. It was noted that radios are imperative for SES Championship and that new radio purchases could be programmed to match the frequency of the current SES radios. NAC did this, and it allowed them to have a more than adequate number of radios for the two pools. Several larger teams already have radios. It was suggested that we provide radio guidance for any team building a pool so that they can include this in their budget, and so they might consider having them programmed to the same frequency. Donna will send the information on the current SES radios to HSA.

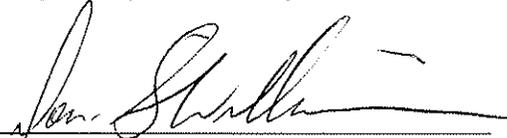
**Officials' Committee Chair Election**

The Committee was reminded that the Chair of the Officials' Committee is elected to serve a two-year term, and may serve two terms. The current Chair term will end at the end of September. Donna Williamson was nominated and seconded to serve a second two-year term. There were no other nominations or volunteers. All that voted, voted in favor.

**Comments and Questions**

The Chair asked if there were any questions, comments, or if anything additional required discussion. There being none, the meeting was adjourned in time for the beginning of warm-up for the Finals session.

Respectfully submitted by:



Donna S. Williamson, Chair  
Southeastern Swimming Officials' Committee