



Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, June 5, 2012
UW Center-Waukesha, Room A100
Waukesha, WI

- I. **Call to order** – Rick Potter, Chair, @7:10 PM
- II. **Attendance:** George Geanon, Michael Harbert, Patty Kramer, Tim McAvoy, Michael Patton, Cindy Raatz, Ben Radloff, Kim Stoll
- III. **Review/Approval of Minutes from Meeting of April 24, 2012:** April meeting minutes by consensus
- IV. **New Committee Member:** Rick Potter introduced new Committee member, Michael Harbert, WAYS, Rothchild. The Committee appreciates his commitment to Wisconsin Swimming.
Cindy Raatz now present.
- V. **Standing Items**
 - a. Officials Training – Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Patty Kramer:
 - i. LSC Spring Clinics: Kramer reported the following participation in the LSC Spring 2012 Training Sessions: 4 Starter/Referee Clinics with 11 participants and 3 Stroke and Turn Judge Clinics with 22 participants. While the Brown Deer and Oshkosh Clinics were announced as joint USAS and Y, only USAS participants attended. See attachment for Clinic by Clinic participation.
 - ii. LSC Fall Clinics: Committee decided to conduct Fall LSC Clinics for Starter/Referee and for Stroke and Turn Judge in early October. Radloff will get dates for Madison; Patton, for Stevens Point; Raatz for Brown Deer by July 1st to Kramer, who will prepare announcements for inclusion in the LSC LC Championship Heat Sheets. All Clinics will be announced at joined USAS and Y; Kramer to send announcements to Club Presidents and Coaches, Meet Directors, an Officials
 - iii. Review Starter/Referee Slides and other issues:
 1. Slide 3: “Officiating Forms,” Michael Patton will send to members a list of the forms that he includes in training.
 2. Slide 6: Lead-Lag: Lead Official goes to the corner of the Pool whenever possible. Use only for 2 Stroke Judge on each side of a 50 M pool.
 3. Slide 8: “Stationary” and “Still” for Start: Consider distinguishing terms as a tree is stationary, but branches move.
 4. Slide 19: Add report by swimmers’ last names with list of events entered to determine next event(s) if swimmer needs to prove time.
 5. Slide 17: Change Administrative Referee serves as “Deputy Meet Referee.”
 6. Timing Slides: Add slides 25 & 26 from STJ Slides to the S/R slides
 7. Tests for S/R (7): STJ-Recertification, Timing Judge, Timer, Starter, Referee, Administrative Referee, Clerk of Course
 8. Laminate Stroke Briefing and Timer Briefing for S/R Clinic participants

- b. **OTS Meet Entry:** “Going Swimmingly” per Cindy Raatz
- c. **Observed Swims:** No Report, Maurice Pheil not available
- d. **Officials of the Year:** Committee reviewed prior year’s recipients:
 - i. 2009 STJ: Dave and Vicki Stone, TIDE S/R: Patty Kramer, UN
 - ii. 2010 STJ: Frosty Girdley, BAC S/R: Don Heinz, UN
 - iii. 2011 STJ: Suzanne Gibbons-Burgener, DFAC S/R Judy Felts, SCSC
 - iv. For 2012, Committee selected awardees:
 - 1. STJ: Mike and Marisue Horton, BAC S/R Kim Stoll, LAKE
 - 2. Awards to be announced in the Officials Newsletter after June 19, LSC HOD meeting.
 - 3. Awards to be presented at 2013 Re-Certification Clinics
- e. **Officials Roster:** Ben Radloff reported the last update was May 28, 2012. He adds an apprentice STJ after Carol Graham, LSC Membership/Registration Coordinator, informs Radloff that the individual has joined USAS (and taking the USAS Background Check and the Athlete Protecting Training) and sends him the form with information the apprentice wants included in the Officials Roster on the LSC website.
- f. **Officials Incentive Gifts:** Kim Stoll suggested beach towels for the LSC LC Championships; the Committee agreed.
- g. **Recertification Clinics:** George Geanon will try to obtain rooms at the Country Inn (Waukesha, Saturday afternoon), and the Marriott Inn West (Madison, Sunday Morning) as a Coaches meeting also is meeting there. Michael Patton will secure a meeting room at the Oshkosh Y for Saturday afternoon. Geanon will contact the speaker, Amy Hoppenrath, after the USAS Olympic Trials to discuss an agenda.
- h. **Policy and Procedure Documents:** George Geanon reported that some modifications are in progress.
- i. **Officials Webpage:** The new LSC website is operational. Rick Potter has access to make changes on the Officials page.
- j. **Officials Newsletter:** No report, Patrick Weisling was unavailable. Committee would like to have a newsletter sent soon after the LSC HOD Meeting on June 19th to announce all of the upcoming LS Championships and Central Zone Central Meets with their dates and their hosts, to urge all Officials to volunteer often, and to give Meet contacts for Officials to volunteer.
- k. **Treats and Refreshments:** Provided again by Rick Potter; Michael Patton volunteered to provide treats for the next Meeting.

VI. Open Issues

- a. Training Clinics-Covered above
- b. Revised 12 & Under LSC SC Championships Meet Report: Patrick Weisling not available.
- c. *Officials Deck Coverage* Document Revisions: Paul Roehr not available to discuss.
- d. Administrative Referee for 13 & O LSC LC Championships:

- i. Steve Surprenant has accepted this position for the 2012 LSC LC Championships.
- ii. Geanon will work with Roehr to develop a consistent LSC “packet” of information and materials for Administrative Referee.

VII. New Business:

- a. **New LSC Website Operational**, with Officials page also operational. Rick asked everyone to review the existing Officials’ page content and be prepared to provide suggestions for changes at the next meeting.
- b. **Meet Referee for State Silver Meet hosted by WEST – July 20-22:** Lee Polacheck has resigned as an Official so WEST is recruiting another Meet Referee for this Meet. The Committee named a couple of potential Officials that Rick Potter could suggest to Blaine Carlson, Meet Director. However, the Committee suggested that Potter not get into the position of being responsible for obtaining the services of a Meet Referee as this is a Host Club responsibility for the State Silver Meet.
- c. **Proposed Revised Stroke Briefing:** While the Committee appreciated the time and efforts of Fred Raatz in proposing changes to the USAS Stroke Briefing, the Committee decided to avoid competing with the USAS Stroke Briefing. The Committee acknowledged that the USAS Stroke Briefing needs updating (Current version is 2009) to include changes in the backstroke turn language. Potter will talk with Clark Hammond, Chair of USAS Officials Committee, and will suggest changes.
- d. **Racing Start Certified Swimmers Starting from Edge of Pool:** Such certified swimmers may start from the pool edge, in the water, or from the starting platform. If not so certified, the swimmer must start in the water. If a swimmer starts from the pool edge, the Meet Referee will assume that the swimmer is “dive certified” as this is a responsibility of the coach or the swimmer’s guardian. However, the conditions for starting from the pool edge is a good topic at a coaches’ meeting.
- e. **Resignation:** Kim Thompson has resigned from the Officials Committee due to added responsibilities at PX3 with the departure of Luke Schumm. Committee decided to not designate a replacement for Thompson as the Committee structure soon may have to include a 20% Athlete Representation, which could make the Committee quite large. The Committee decided to let attrition reduce the Committee to 10 members, which would require 2 athlete members.
- f. **New Scribe:** Tim McAvoy volunteered to serve as the Committee Scribe. Committee unanimously agreed.

VIII. **Next Meeting:** July 10th, Tuesday at UW Center, Waukesha, 7:00 PM, Room to be determined.

IX. **Adjournment:** 9:25 PM by consensus.

Prepared by: Patty Kramer, June 10, 2012