

***Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2007 (Tuesday)***  
***Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.***  
***Venice Club, Brookfield, WI***

**Participants:** John Borja, George Geanon (chair), Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Ben Radloff, Susan Zblewski

The committee met at 7:00 PM for dinner at the Venice Club in Brookfield. After ordering and small talk, George Geanon convened the meeting at 7:20 PM.

**Review of July 10, 2007 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as read.

**Recertification Clinics:** Tim McAvoy presented the third draft of the recertification clinic agenda. One of the discussion items is stroke briefings at swim meets. Officials should not dwell on particular calls to avoid over-sensitizing other officials.

Another topic on the recertification agenda is the need for consistency in how alternates are handled at prelim-finals meets. Alternates should always be called over the loud speaker. There was discussion about when the deck referee should close the heat so that alternates can be called. This is especially important in backstroke events so that swimmers do not waste energy hanging on the backstroke grips, and then have to exit the water to wait for an alternate.

Due to the length of the recertification agenda, the committee decided that some items are appropriate for handouts that officials would read at their convenience. George and Tim will edit the agenda so that it can be finalized at the committee's October meeting.

**Officials Workshop:** A workshop for USA Swimming Officials will be held October 12-14, 2007, in St. Louis. John Borja will attend as the WI LSC representative.

**Speedo and National Certification Meets:** There will be four opportunities for officials to advance in the national certification process at the following swim meets:

- NIKE meet hosted by WEST, December 7-9, 2007
- Speedo regional meets, March 6-9, 2008 at Waukesha South and July 17-20, 2008 at Schroeder YMCA
- WGLO meet hosted by LAKE, June 27-29, 2008

**Officials Committee Elections:** Ben Radloff was elected Vice Chairperson and Judy Linsley was elected Secretary of the committee.

**Administrative Referee Class:** John Borja confirmed that he and Jayne Spittler, a nationally certified official from Illinois, will co-teach a class on the role of the administrative referee at Waukesha South High School on Sunday, September 23.

**Long Course State Meets:** The appointed officials for the long course state meets will present their reports at our October meeting.

**Meeting Dates:** The committee decided to establish the third Tuesday of the month as our meeting date. There will not be a meeting in November.

**WI Swimming Officials Manual:** It has become increasingly difficult to provide updates to the WI Swimming Officials Manual to all certified officials. The committee agreed that updates could be made available on the WI Swimming website, as most of the information in the manual is already posted online. Information provided in the sections of the manual pertaining to rules, and the roles of the starter and referee are available on the USA Swimming website. It is the intent of the officials committee to use the websites for updates in the future.

**New Business:** The role of meet marshals will be placed on the next agenda.

**Recognition of Susan Zblewski:** The remainder of the meeting was spent honoring and thanking Susan Zblewski for her years of service as chairperson of the WI Swimming Officials Committee. During her tenure, Susan increased the professionalism of officials, improved relationships among officials and between officials and coaches, and strengthened and energized the committee. Susan was presented with a card and gifts.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 16, 2007 (Tuesday), at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, October 12, 2007.