

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2009 (Tuesday)
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha

Participants: George Geanon (chair), Patty Kramer, Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Michael Patton, Maurice Pheil, Paul Roehr, Susan Zblewski

George Geanon convened the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Review of March 24, 2009 Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.

Committee Membership: Maurice Pheil, WAVE, was welcomed at his first meeting as a new member of the committee. Susan Zblewski announced that she will be retiring from the committee at the end of the term in August.

Long Course State Meet Officials: The meet referee for the 12-under championships will be Bob Wesel, SWAT. George Geanon, LAKE, will be head chief judge. The meet referee for the 13-over championships will be Bruce Barbee, LAKE. Judy Linsley, NSSC, will be the administrative referee. Patrick Weisling, SHOR, will be head chief judge.

April Swimposium: Patty Kramer reported that 44 adults paid to participate in the Swimposium, with 59 attending lunch. Jay Thomas, a FINA starter, referee, and open water referee, was the featured speaker for officials. The officials who attended are now on their way to being able to officiate at open water events. The zone swimmer camp was very well received. Thank you to Patty Kramer for all of her work organizing the Swimposium.

Official's Meet Report: Paul Roehr presented a revised official's meet report. It features drop down lists as well as text areas. Paul will revise the document based on feedback from the committee.

Division of Committee Work: Committee members volunteered to assume responsibility for the following positions:

Training Coordinator:	Patty Kramer
Recertification Coordinator:	Ben Radloff (Tim McAvoy, backup)
Officials Roster Coordinator:	Judy Linsley
LSC Championship Meet Coordinator:	Paul Roehr
USA Swimming Observer Coordinator:	Maurice Pheil
Recruitment and Retention:	Kim Thompson
Information Technology Coordinator:	Michael Patton

Officials of the Year: Vicki and Dave Stone, TIDE, were selected as stroke and turn officials of the year. Patty Kramer was selected as starter/referee official of the year. These officials will receive a plaque at the 13-over state meet. The committee very much appreciated the nominations that were received.

YMCA officials: The requirements for YMCA officials who would like to become USA Swimming officials will be posted on the website. George Geanon will be sure to have the YMCA officials chair look over these requirements. Possibly in the future we will jointly train

YMCA and USA Swimming officials so that officials can get both certifications at the same time.

LSC Officials Chair Meeting: George Geanon presented a summary of the meeting. There was much discussion about the new 1-swimsuit rule. A 2nd swimsuit may only be worn for privacy, and it must be a brief and/or bra top. Swimmers can wear multiple suits to the block area, but then will need to remove excess suits. Meet referees should be sure to discuss the new suit rules at coaches meetings prior to the start of the meet. If a swimmer is found to be wearing 2 suits during a race, they should be disqualified. 12-under swimmers must wear swimsuits that do not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor past the knee. Swimmers entering senior or open events are not subject to these restrictions. These suit restrictions may be extended to 14-under swimmers this fall. Swimmers can receive a suit exemption letter for religious or medical reasons from Bruce Stratton.

FINA will be publishing a list of approved technical suits.

Coaches must now certify 10-under swimmers for racing starts. This is the responsibility of the coach and parent rather than the officials.

Next Agenda:

- Separating training for starter and referee

Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2009 (Tuesday), at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, June 14, 2009.