

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: September 21, 2009 (Monday)
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha

Participants: George Geanon (chair), Patty Kramer, Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Maurice Pheil, Rick Potter, Cindy Raatz, Kimberly Thompson, Patrick Weisling

George Geanon convened the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Introduction and Welcome of New Committee Members: The committee welcomed three new members: Rick Potter (DFAC), Cindy Raatz (SSTY), and Patrick Weisling (SHOR). Congratulations to longtime member Patty Kramer on her selection as starter/referee of the year.

Review of August 25, 2009 Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.

Official's Meet Report: The committee reviewed Paul Roehr's revised official's meet report. Some computers cannot open the officials drop down list. There is a concern that MS Office files are problematic on some computers. Perhaps the new officials report needs to be created in Open Office.

George reported that coaches would like to see a summary of DQ logs by quarter. This will help them to identify the swimming rules that swimmers and/or coaches do not understand as well as identify disqualifications that are perhaps overcalled by officials.

In the future we will post meet reports from the state meets on the WI Swimming website.

Observed Swims: Observed swims have not been done according to USA Swimming guidelines, and we need to tighten up our procedures. Observed swims are always done at WIAA state meets, but some are requested for other meets. George reported that USA Swimming does not accept observed swim requests from parents or swimmers. Observations must be requested by a governing body such as the WIAA, NCAA, etc. George proposed that WIAA state meets always be observed, and WIAA sectional meets should be observed if requested.

Fall Clinics: The fall social in the Fond du Lac area will be at the Appleton YMCA on October 21, 2009. The Madison area social will be at Babe's Sports Bar on November 4, 2009. The Milwaukee area social is still to be determined. Ben Radloff will collect the registrations. There will be a \$10 registration fee. George will put together a list of rules changes. Tim McAvoy will modify the flyer. Each social should seek input from the officials in attendance.

Officials Conference: Ben Radloff and Rick Potter will be attending the clinic in San Antonio on October 9-10.

Convention Report: George presented a written report. The committee discussed some of the highlights of the report. The new swimsuit policy is effective October 1, 2009. Swimmers may not use any sports tape. National certification for officials will be changed to a 3-year cycle. If an official does not renew, they have another 3 years before they revert back to stroke/turn only. George was appointed to the USA Swimming online testing committee.

Declared False Starts: George distributed a document for our review. He will send the document to Bruce Stratton for review on the national level. Eventually the document will be posted on the WI Swimming website.

Budget: George presents a budget that includes money for 2 national certification meets (NIKE and Zones). George also requested about \$4,000 to purchase 12 radios like we have rented for our recent state meets. Rental costs have been about \$1,200 per year.

Vice chairman election: Tim McAvoy moved that Ben Radloff be elected vice chairman for the next 2 years. Cindy Raatz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Agenda:

- State meet officials

Next Meeting Date: November 17, 2009 (Tuesday), at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, November 13, 2009.