



Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2015 - 7:00 PM

Conference Call



I. Call to order and Welcome: 7.08 pm

II. Attendees: *Rick Potter, Michael Harbert, Chadd Chatterton, Jacqueline Jugenheimer, Julia Krueger, Ben Radloff, Nicole Rundahl, Patrick Weisling*

III. Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: *Approved as submitted.*

IV. Standing items

- Officials Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Ben Radloff :
 - *Chad will offer a S/T clinic on Oct. 3rd at 9 am at Rec Plex.*
- OTS Meet Entry – Cyndy Raatz: *Nothing to report*
- Observed Swims – Michael Harbert: *Nothing to report*
- Officials of the Year Award – Chadd Chatterton: *Award for Stroke and Turn of the Year will go to Mike Mellock, and award for Starter/Referee of the Year will go to Gregg Barta. Rick will plan to issue these at the 12 & Under LC Championship. All American Aquatics donated the award plaques again.*
- Officials Roster – Ben Radloff: *9 officials have not submitted the WI release form for 2015 yet.*
- Officials Incentive Gifts – Nicole Rundahl: *Gift cards for 12 & Under Championship were purchased. Scrip benefits could not be utilized. Would be good to get numbers of officials ahead of time.*
- LSC Rules Committee – George Geanon, Michael Patton: *Kim Stoll is wrapping up some issues.*
- Policy and Procedure Documents – Rick Potter: *Change to Official Credentials Policies and Procedures as no USA Swimming non athlete membership cards will be issued in the future. Will need to decide when this information is sent out to members.*
- Officials Webpage – Rick Potter: *Some clean-up of old info needed, as well as updating documents to reflect Michael Harbert as Chair.*
- Officials Newsletter – Julia Krueger: *Newsletters went out in order to encourage people to officiate during various upcoming meets. Topics for next newsletter: names of recipients of official of the year award, recertification, and new process for using official certification card. Chadd offered to provide some updates and insights from State Meet.*

V. Open Issues

- 2015 LC State Championship Meets – *Officiating Status, more officials are needed*
 - *12 & Under Championship - Some more officials who attended Silver State this weekend indicated that they will volunteer for 12 and under State.*
 - *13 & Over Championship - No updates right now.*
 - *George has the Championship Meet equipment boxes and they will need to get to WSAC. Rick to contact George about coordinating that.*

VI. New Business

- **National Officials Clinic** – *Chadd Chatterton will represent Wisconsin at the upcoming clinic.*
- **USA Swimming clarification on Mixed Gender Relays.** *Must specifically be comprised of 2 males and 2 females, with no other variations.*
- **Knee Brace Interpretation.** *A swimmer in the LSC has a knee issue that requires stabilization, thus Rick was approached about which bracing would be allowable. After consultation with the National Officials Committee Chair, the coach was informed that no compressive material is allowed during competition. Only taping to keep knee cap in place may be allowed by the Referee. USA Swimming considers ACE bandage as compressive in nature and thus, it is not allowable.*
- **120-day Rule Special Consideration.** *An issue with a West swimmer was brought to the committee. The swimmer was supposed to be entered as UN, the host team made a mistake, the host team was asked to show the swimmer as UN, which did not happen and consequently the home team put the UN swimmer on one of its relays. This was not considered a violation of the 120 days rule. The opinion was confirmed by the National Officials' Committee Chair.*
- **Online Registration** –
 - *Clubs often submit registration for their attached officials. If the Committee pursues online registration it is not clear how this practice could be continued. One possibility would be that officials would still need to register, but check would still come from club. There is concern that online registration through TeamUnify would not save any work for the LSC Registration Chair, and might actually add work since the information would need to be entered manually. A possible solution could come with new functionality planned by TU, and/or USA Swimming.*
 - *Official Listing: In Team Unify, people can opt out of being listed, which means that they will not be listed at all in reports available to those without TU admin rights. Currently, 25 officials of the about 320 officials have no address listed. Discussion about how meet referees can obtain information to invite officials to meets.*
 - *Conclusion: Ben, Rick and Carol would need information so that Ben can maintain roster, as not all issues have been worked out related to “unintended” consequences if we were to use TeamUnify for online registration. For 2016 current spreadsheet roster will be maintained. It might be possible to upload this list to Team Unify. Our roster could be easily altered to match Team Unify requirements for importing into their system using a template provided.*

VII. Confirmed next meeting date/time/location: September 21, 2015, tentatively Madison?
Open session closed at 8.54.

VIII. Closed Session: Review investigation of complaints about an official.

IX. Adjourn: *Closed session adjourned at 9.37. Back into open session. Meeting adjourned at 9.37*