



Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2015 - 7:00 PM

Meeting via web-conference:

<https://join.me/wsi-officials>



- I. Call to order and Welcome: 7.08 pm**
- II. Attendees:** Rick Potter, George Geanon, Chadd Chatterton, Michael Harbert, Jacqueline Jugenheimer, Julia Krueger, Ben Radloff, Cyndy Raatz, Paul Roehr, Patrick Wesling through Join me, audio conference.
- III. Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: Approved.**
- IV. Standing items**
 - a. Officials Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Ben Radloff The Committee received quite a few inquiries for training. Madison training: May 6 Stroke and Turn and on May 13 Starter/Referee training (not the 15th as previously noted) at Memorial High School (Ben and Jacky); May 2 Stroke and Turn and Starter/Referee clinic, conducted by Cyndy and Patrick at Shorewood High School; Michael Harbert will conduct a Stroke and Turn Clinic only in Medford; it will be during a meet in April, date will be confirmed soon. Chadd Chatterton will offer a clinic on May 11 or 18 and see if there are takers.
 - b. OTS Meet Entry – Cyndy Raatz:
 - c. Observed Swims – Michael Harbert:
 - d. Officials of the Year Award – Chadd Chatterton. 9 nominations, 8 SR, 1 ST. The Committee discussed and voted on Stroke and Turn Official of the year and Starter/Referee of the Year. The committee decided to not award a Lifetime Award this year.
 - e. Officials Roster – Ben Radloff Only a few updates (like address changes), will try to include new info in a revised version before spring break.
 - f. Officials Incentive Gifts –Nicole Rundahl:
 - g. LSC Rules Committee – George Geanon/Michael Patton:
 - h. Policy and Procedure Documents – Rick Potter: (see under New Business)
 - i. Officials Webpage –
 - j. Officials Newsletter –
- V. Treats & Refreshments – April – N/A**
- VI. Open Issues**
 - a. SC Championship meets – Discussion of how the two championship meets went.
 - Cyndy 12 and under:
 - All her observations are in the meet report. She also noted some issues that would normally not be in meet report.
 - She suggested that if the 1000 event would have been in between sessions as separate session, the session would not have been 6 hours. George and Rick noted that having

the 1000 event as a separate session would not have alleviated the problem of the 4 hour rule.

- Also, large traffic jam of spectators occurred, as some families were still watching the relays from the morning, while those for the next session who wanted to watch the afternoon relays already arrived.
- Having a vendor on the pool deck proved to be problematic and should be avoided in the future.
- 3 or 4 events per session needed to be reseeded due to late deadline for proofing of times. In the future this deadline should be moved up.
- Michael Harbert, 13 and up:
 - Prior to the meet a meet committee needed to be created to deal with a protest of the Schroeder coach.
 - Meet ran generally smoothly and coaches seemed happy.
 - Air quality deteriorated significantly during the meet and was likely impacted by a defect in the ventilation system.
- Lessons for future meets, to be raised with Senior/Age Group Committee:
 - Find a way to reduce noise and have fewer people on deck, like Illinois is able to do. Find announcer with a voice strong enough to serve both pools.
 - On Thr., scratch deadline for 800 relay and 200 relay during the mile, otherwise, heat sheets cannot be created in a timely manner for relays.
 - Find a consistent pattern of how distance events and relays are seeded, that are split between pre-lim and finals sessions (keeping in mind that fastest athletes get the most rest) and those that are timed final events. Currently, too many inconsistent rules.
 - Raise possibility of fines for not scratching from finals on Sunday to avoid having empty lanes in final.
 - Not have 50 free as the first event in the prelim and final session. For state meets there is no assigned team and 50 free had the most false starts, as starts matter here the most and swimmers have not heard starter before.
 - Properly load state records into Hy Tec, as this year there were again several errors. The issue is that different teams host state and thus the records, need to be entered every year.

b. Committee membership: Postponed

c. Swimposium: Promotion of event, sign-up deadline April 10, so far 2 signed up

VII. New Business

- a. LSC Policy for Postponement, Suspension or Cancellation of a Meet.** This policy is proposed also in response to the air quality issues at the 13 and up meet. The issue is which rules apply regarding suspension, postponement or cancellation of meet due to air quality. It is clarified that a meet referee can suspend a meet in consultation with the meet committee (recommended) after the start of a meet. Before the start it is in the hands of the meet committee (USA rule book). In case of a championship meet such a decision should probably also be derived in consultation with the age group committee. Issue: Most officials have not been in a situation where a suspension or cancellation of an indoor meet was an issue. George suggested a larger meet committee to spread the burden, as the impact of such a decision is

significant and should not rest on the shoulders of a few people. Chad: The proposed rules do not contain any quantitative measures George: No, as the USA swimming rules also have no objective criteria used in the decision to suspend or cancel a meet, that's why people at the meet need to make the decision. An indoor meet is unlike an open water event where temperature threshold, bacteria contamination levels etc. exist. For the first time in many years, the LSC surveyed coaches and athletes. The results will be discussed senior age group meeting. The athlete survey did contain a question about air quality. Next steps for LSC policy. Discussion at age group senior group, then to rules committee. A good share of the policy is copied straight out of the USA Swimming Rule book. George would like input from Jay Thomas to make sure that there is no problem (once it is through age group senior and rules committees).

VIII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location: Subject to change: April 20, 2015 via phone.
Members agreed to use the mute feature to try to keep background noise to a minimum next time..
Adjourned 8.52 pm

IX. Closed Session: 8.53 pm Closed at 8.55.

X. Adjourn: Back in open session: Adjourned at 8.56 pm.