



WISCONSIN
SWIMMING

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2014 - 7:00 PM

Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital – Okauchee/Silver Lake Room

- I. **Call to order and Welcome : Rick at 19:10**
- II. **Attendees: Rick Potter (Chair), Ben Radloff by phone (Vice Chair), Nicole Rundahl, Michael Harbert, Paul Roehr, Tim McAvoy, George Geanon (LSC Chair) and Cyndy Raatz by phone.**
- III. **Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: 5/19/14 minutes posted to website as “approved”. Approved without objection.**
- IV. **Standing items**
 - a. **Officials Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Ben Radloff: Cyndy will teach a S/T clinic at Express. Ben did a Stroke & Turn clinic on 5/20 with 8 participants. Rick inquired about potential need for a Starter/Referee clinic since he has had a couple of inquiries. Since there were no others, the thought was to do at least on S/R clinic in the fall when interest might be greater.**
 - b. **OTS Meet Entry – Cyndy Raatz: No report**
 - c. **Observed Swims – Michael Harbert: Michael is producing a calendar to establish a window of dates for applying for Observed Swims.**
 - d. **Officials of the Year Award – Tim McAvoy: After discussion, a candidate was selected and chosen for S & T Official of the Year. A candidate for S/R was discussed and unanimously selected. A nomination and selection for an Official Lifetime Achievement Award was approved unanimously.**
 - e. **Officials Roster – Ben Radloff: He has about 5 updates pending.**
 - f. **Officials Incentive Gifts –Nicole Rundahl: Wisconsin Swimming polo shirts will continue to be the gift for officials committing to a minimum number of sessions at our LSC Short Course Championship. For this year’s LC Championships, Kwik Trip or BP gift cards will be tried based on results from the recently completed officials survey.**
 - g. **Recertification Clinics – Ben Radloff: Will be held the weekend of 9/27 & 9/28. The Madison clinic location is now confirmed to be at Cuna Mutual on 9/28. Rick has not been successful in acquiring a keynote speaker. Mellissa Helervik-Bing was identified as a potential speaker, but Rick and George thought she also would be an excellent choice for the Swimposium planned for April 25, 2015. Other speaker possibilities were discussed, which Rick will pursue.**
 - h. **LSC Rules Committee – George Geanon: No report**

- i. Policy and Procedure Documents – Rick Potter:
 - i. **Official of the Year Document – Approved at May meeting**
 - ii. **Becoming a USA Swimming Certified Stroke and Turn Judge Official: Corrections and changes were suggested for the Draft policy.**
 - iii. **Becoming a USA Swimming Certified Starter/Referee. Corrections and changes were suggested for the Draft policy**
 - iv. **Becoming a USA Swimming Certified Administrative Official. Establishing a LSC N1 AR pathway was discussed. The Committee expressed support for Rick to develop something that would be based on minimum requirements as a Starter/Referee and as an Administrative Official – Level II**
 - v. **Becoming a USA Swimming Certified Open Water Official. Corrections were and changes were suggested to the Draft policy**
 - vi. **By unanimous vote, the Committee authorized Rick to make the suggested changes to the “Becoming a USA Swimming Certified...” policy documents and to post them as approved.**
- j. Officials Webpage – Rick Potter: **No report**
- k. Officials Newsletter – Patrick Weisling: **No report – No May newsletter**
- l. Treats & Refreshments – **George**

V. Open issues

- a. Officials of the Year Award – Policy Revision & Selection for 2014. **See above.**
- b. Consideration of Official Committee Members: **A new Committee member was nominated and selected. Rick will inform the new member of the opportunity and will confirm acceptance.**
- c. Open Water Official Certification (see draft policy) **Reviewed as above.**

VI. New business

- a. 2014 Central Zone Open Water Championship @ Pleasant Prairie – Report **The meet was excellent, and Rick acknowledged the great support provided by George Geanon as Administrative Referee, running the dry-side activities. Rick did express disappointment over the relatively small number of Wisconsin Swimming athletes participating in the meet.**
- b. Storing of LSC Meet radios and supplies. **Topic deferred to next meeting.**

VII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location: Monday, July 21, 2014 at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital. The fall Recertification Clinics will be the main meeting focus.

VIII. Closed Session (if needed). Rick gave a report on his follow up related to concerns about an official that had been communicated to the Committee.

IX. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 21:30