



# Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee Meeting - Minutes



Monday, February 18  
UW-Waukesha, Room A100  
Waukesha, WI

- I. Call to order – Rick Potter – 7:10 pm
- II. Attendance: Tim McAvoy, Paul Roehr, Patty Kramer, Kim Stoll, George Geanon, Rick Potter, Mike Patton, Michael Harbert, Ben Radloff, Cindy Raatz, & Patrick Weisling. Absent: Maurice Pheil
- III. Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: (prior approval by email)
- IV. Standing items
  - a. Officials' Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Patty Kramer: Patty has five DVDs; Paul has ten each DVDs; Potential new rule for breast (unlimited dolphins; surface by 15m): hold off on massive DVD purchase; Common materials list should be developed; Online tests needed for S/R certification: Admin Ref, Clerk of Course, Ref, Starter, ST/Timer (Re-cert. or full), Timing Judge; For Stroke & Turn: ST/Timer; YMCA dual certified clinics will only be offered in a joint environment
  - b. OTS Meet Entry – Cindy Raatz – No issues to report.
  - c. Observed Swims – Maurice Pheil – Rick discussed various requests made for observing high school Conference and State Sectional Championship meets. We will endeavor to support Sectional meet requests “as best we can”. However, we won't advertise that observations could be available for Conference championship meets.
  - d. Officials of the Year Award – Tim McAvoy – No new nomination received. We'll try to have ballot forms available at the State Championship meets.
  - e. Officials' Roster – Ben Radloff – No Changes
  - f. Officials' Incentive Gifts – Kim Stoll – Shirts ordered for SC State Championship meet. Good to go...
  - g. Recertification Clinics – Ben Radloff/George Geanon – N/A
  - h. Policy and Procedure Documents – George Geanon - *Becoming an Official* document reviewed. Some suggestions for changes were made, and George will send a final version out for approval via email or at the next meeting.
  - i. Officials Webpage – Rick Potter – Just routine updates.
  - j. Officials' Newsletter – Patrick Weisling – Only a few email addresses seemed bad in sending out the latest newsletter.
  - k. Treats & Refreshments – Provided by George. April: Rick

## V. Open issues

- a. Proposed OQM Policy – George - *Officials Qualifying Meet* document reviewed and approved with minor changes to remove all possessive forms of “official” or “officials”. Final version to be sent out and posted.
- b. Implementation of Administrative Official Certification – All
  - George suggested Level 1 & Level 2: Level 1 is admin “Official”; Level 2 is admin “Ref”
  - Grandfather in to Level 2 any Ref who has been Meet Ref or Admin Ref at a Prelim/Final Meet or, at the OCC discretion, “veteran” non-official who has demonstrated proficiency with Prelim/Final experience
  - Grandfather in to Level 1 any Ref or, at the OCC discretion, “veteran” non-official who has demonstrated proficiency who has no Prelim/Final
  - We will use AO1 & AO2 designations in OTS
  - Name badges will be required of AO officials; uniforms are encouraged
  - Subcommittee will meet to finalize (George, Michael, Paul, Cindy, Kim: Paul and any two of these); Michael will Duddle for meeting time
  - State Meet Refs will communicate to coaches that this is coming
  - AO1 will need Timing Judge, Timer, and CoC; AO2 will also need Admin Ref

## VI. New business

- a. “Becoming a Starter/Referee” Document – George – Will begin working on this next.
- b. State S.C. Championship Meet – Ben discussed an issue with too few radios available for officials at the BAC Regional meet. Deck Ref duties were divided between the designated Deck Ref and the Meet Referee. The Deck Ref had no radio but “managed” the deck, while the Meet Ref was sitting at table for DQ issues. The Committee consensus was that it would be better in the future to use one less radio for Chief Judges so the Deck Ref has a radio, and to not split the Deck Ref duties.
- c. Speedo Zone 1 Sectional Meet
- d. Starter’s bells (distribute) – Rick ordered 2 dozen new starter’s bells, and distributed them to Committee members to hand out.

## VII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location: April 15, 2013 at UW-Waukesha, at 7:00 pm. (room subject to verification)

## VIII. Adjournment