



Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee Meeting - Minutes



Monday, April 15, 2013 - 7:00 PM
UW-Waukesha, Cafeteria
Waukesha, WI

- I. Call to order – Rick Potter
- II. Attendance: Rick Potter (Chair), Ben Radloff (Vice Chair), George Geanon, Paul Roehr, Michael Patton, Michael Harbert, Cindy Raatz and Tim McAvoy. Drew Walden attended.
- III. Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: Approved without objection
- IV. Standing items
 - a. Officials' Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr: **There is a difficulty scheduling a training clinic for Stroke/Turn Judges at WEST. George will contact Mike Hamm. Cindy is teaching a class at Lake Geneva. Ben has finished a class with 10 participants. Discussion on use of Dropbox technology to store teaching materials was held. Currently, materials are kept on a USB drive which are individually updated. George informed the Committee that USA Swimming is looking at requiring apprentice officials to complete background checks, athlete protection training and become a member within ninety days of registration.**
 - b. OTS Meet Entry – Cindy Raatz: **All summer meets are entered in preparation for the Long Course season. There is not yet a final accounting of the Short Course season.**
 - c. Observed Swims – Maurice Pheil: **No report. The Committee discussed re-assigning the Observed Swims responsibilities if Maurice's status on the Committee were to change. Michael Harbert volunteered to take on those duties in that event. A motion was made to that effect and was seconded, followed by a unanimous vote to approve.**
 - d. Officials of the Year Award – Tim McAvoy: **Several nominations were received after the State Meets. All American is donating the awards for the Officials of the Year. The decisions on the awards will occur at the May Officials Committee meeting.**
 - e. Officials' Roster – Ben Radloff: **Last update posted on the website is from 1/27/2013. Ben has a newer version to post that he will re-send to Rick for posting.**

- f. Officials' Incentive Gifts – Kim Stoll: **The Committee expressed there seemed to be satisfaction with the shirts awarded during the State Meets.**
- g. Recertification Clinics – Ben Radloff/George Geanon: **No activity.**
- h. Policy and Procedure Documents – George Geanon: **The Policy for Officials Qualifying Meets for Wisconsin Swimming was approved as amended.**
- i. Officials Webpage – Rick Potter: **The webpage has been updated to remove stale content and to highlight new content. A memorial message regarding Patty Kramer was added as well. There was discussion about leveraging the TeamUnify system to maintain the officials' list info, allowing for effective group emails to be sent. Drew asked Rick to contact Dale Nickels about setting that up.**
- j. Officials' Newsletter – Patrick Weisling: **No report. The Committee plans June for the next issue.**
- k. Treats & Refreshments (May) – **Paul will provide.**

V. Open issues

- a. Implementation of Administrative Official Certification:
 - i. Establish Subcommittee: **George, Michael Patton, Paul, Cindy and Kim comprise the Subcommittee. They plan a combined class with the training for Level 1 Administrative Officials and then adding Level 2 training. Training classes are planned to be regionally located in Madison, Milwaukee, Oshkosh and Wausau areas. Paul has been working to develop training curricula and materials, leveraging examples from other LSCs. He will send an initial draft to the Subcommittee for review.**
 - ii. Additional communications: **The Committee plans to communicate the updated training plans and requirements at the April HoD meeting, and in the June Officials' Newsletter**
- b. 2013 13 and Over SC State Meet Report: **The 13 & Over Meet had some interesting deck situations discussed.**
- c. 2012 12 and Under SC State Meet Report: **The situation in the boy's 1000 freestyle was reviewed as was a false start that contested by a parent with a video recording. The Committee affirmed that video is not to be reviewed in the judging of infractions.**

VI. New business

- a. Patty Kramer's passing: **The Committee mourns the passing of a stalwart of officiating and plans a contribution in her name to the University of Wisconsin Ovarian Cancer Research Center.**

- b. Officials monitoring session length – Due to sessions exceeding the 4 hour time for age group sessions, the question arose if Meet Referees can report when a session exceeds 4.5 hours and reports it to Jeanne, the Admin Chair: **The Committee discussed informing the Meet Referees in the June newsletter.**
- c. Officials pre-meet meeting – Consider discussing other issues such as the proper Declared False Start protocol and use the meetings more for education with less emphasis on S/T briefing: **The Committee concurred with the use of the meeting to cover a variety of matters. This was done with very good success during the 13 & Over State Meet briefings.**
- d. Concern about the imbalance of officials on deck for the 12 & Under State Meet versus the 13 & Over State Meet: **Deferred**

VII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location: **Monday, May 20 at 7:00 pm at UW-Waukesha, Conference Room C158**

VIII. Adjournment: **9:50**