



## Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2012 - 7:00 PM  
UW-Waukesha, Room A100  
Waukesha, WI



- I. **Call to order – Rick Potter: at 07:10**
- II. **Attendance: Rick Potter (Chair), Ben Radloff (Vice Chair), Kim Stoll, Patrick Weisling, Paul Roehr, Michael Harbert, Michael Patton, Tim McAvoy, Cindy Raatz.**
- III. **Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting: Minutes are approved without alteration.**
- IV. **Standing items**
  - a. **Officials Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Patty Kramer: Possible training session for Stroke/Turn in Stevens Point at the end of January, possibly Friday, 25 January 2013 by Michael Harbert.**
  - b. **OTS Meet Entry – Cindy Raatz: Rick plans on entering members who have taken recertification clinics in OTS.**
  - c. **Observed Swims – Maurice Pheil: Dave Joyce, the National Times Verification Official for the LSC, has been contacted concerning Tri County College Days Meet on January 4, 2013 for approval as a Form B observed swim meet. Suzanne Heath has previously informed the Committee that meets of this kind are appropriate for consideration using Form “A” applications. Therefore, the Officials Committee would support LSC and USA Swimming approval of this request.**
  - d. **Officials of the Year Award – Tim McAvoy: A nomination for Official of the Year for Starter/Referee was received today.**
  - e. **Officials Roster – Ben Radloff: The roster has been updated and posted on the Officials page.**
  - f. **Officials’ Incentive Gifts – Kim Stoll: Shirts are available for the LSC championship meets.**
  - g. **Recertification Clinics – Ben Radloff/George Geanon: The Committee recognizes that taking the Starter/Referee training classes may be considered sufficient to recertify as a Stroke/Turn official, subject to the approval of the LSC Officials Chair. To provide as much advance notice as possible, plans are made to establish and announce the schedule for initial and make-up recertification clinics early in 2014.**

- h. Policy and Procedure Documents – George Geanon: **See OQM policy review under “Old Business”.**
- i. Officials Webpage – Rick Potter: **No major changes planned, but there was positive feedback on the tabular index added to the Officials page that provides direct links to content.**
- j. Officials Newsletter – Patrick Weisling: **A newsletter will be sent out before the end of the year. Background check and recertification clinics will be featured.**
- k. Treats & Refreshments (Jan.) – **Rick**

## **V. Open issues**

- a. 2013 Speedo Spring Sectional Meet
  - i. Referee Assignment: **Bob Welsh is the referee.**
  - ii. Evaluator: **Paul Jones is the National Evaluator.**
- b. Proposed OQM Policy – George: **The proposed draft policy was amended to reflect “N2 level or greater” for Meet Referee. The Committee discussed the mechanism for appointing LSC N2 evaluators. The term “Officials’ ” was replaced with “Officials” to be consistent with USA Swimming’s descriptions, including OQM.**
- c. National Officials Workshop Report – Cindy/Michael: **The role of admin judges was not sufficiently clarified. Mixed relays are being encouraged. Backstroke starting platforms are being considered. National scratch rules may be too strict for many LSC meets. The Urban Legend of officials staying in the same position for all events was debunked. Also, DQ slips are not essential; any written documentation to the referee, with sufficient information, will suffice.**

## **VI. New business**

- a. 2013 SC State Championship Meet Assigned Officials
  - i. Feb 22 ~ 24, 2013 - Wisconsin 12 & Under SC State Championship – UW-Natatorium: **Subject to confirmation: Ben Radloff will serve as Meet Referee. Greg Rychtik and Michael Harbert were identified for consideration for Head Chief Judge.**
  - ii. Feb 28 ~ Mar 3, 2013 - Wisconsin 13 & Over SC State Championship – WSAC: **Subject to confirmation: Paul Roehr will serve as Meet Referee, and Greg Barta will serve as Head Chief Judge. Michael Patton will be Admin Referee, Cindy Raatz will be Assistant Admin Referee.**

- b. Other: **Rick proposed that the LSC accept the printed cards from OTS and the USA non athlete membership card as proof of certification to serve as a swimming official in the LSC.**

**VII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location: Originally set for Monday, January 21, 2013. UW-Waukesha – Room A100 , but **changed to teleconference due to Martin Luther King Holiday.** The Committee plans to meet the third Monday of the month in 2013 (e.g. February 18), but will skip the month of March.**

**VIII. Adjournment: At 9:10 PM**