



# Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee Meeting



Monday, November 5, 2012 - 7:00 PM  
UW-Waukesha, Room C101  
Waukesha, WI

- I. **Call to order – Rick Potter: Called to order at 7:09**
- II. **Attendance: Rick Potter (Chair), George Geanon, Ben Radloff (Vice Chair), Cindy Raatz, Pat Weisling, Tim McAvoy, Michael Harbert,**
- III. **Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting. Minutes were approved absent objection.**
- IV. **Standing items**
  - a. **Officials' Training –Michael Patton/Paul Roehr/Patty Kramer: No new report. There is a shortage of apprentice cards. There was discussion of positioning clinic supplies in Madison, Milwaukee and Fox Valley.**
  - b. **OTS Meet Entry – Cindy Raatz: OTS continues to be very successful for meet referees in entering meet information.**
  - c. **Observed Swims – Maurice Pheil: Rick gave preliminary report. Maurice had lined up officials for all Girls Sectional Championship Meets requested to be observed, except for one at Waukesha, where he had been looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> official. Officials also have been lined up for the two State Championship meets.**
  - d. **Officials of the Year Award – Tim McAvoy: No new report.**
  - e. **Officials' Roster – Ben Radloff: Ben will send an updated roster for Rick to post which includes information from recertifications.**  
**Officials' Incentive Gifts – Kim Stoll: No new report.**
  - f. **Recertification Clinics – Ben Radloff/George Geanon. See report below.**
  - g. **Policy and Procedure Documents – George Geanon: George presented a document with a proposed OQM policy for the LSC. The Committee members will consider the policy, comment and adopt at the next meeting.**
  - h. **Officials Webpage – Rick Potter: The main Officials webpage has anchors for the main topics. Fresh content will be in initial announcements. Currently, LSC officials are not visiting the website as frequently as they should.**
  - i. **Officials' Newsletter – Patrick Weisling: The Newsletter is one of the anchored areas of the Webpage now. Pat is soliciting new topics.**
  - j. **Treats & Refreshments (Nov.) – Ben provided snacks. George will provide for next meeting (Dec).**

## **V. Open issues**

- a. Recertification Clinics: George collated participant responses.**
  - i. Results/Feedback: Small group activities were very successful. Having a National Official, Amy Hoppenrath, was very well received. The raffles were also popular. The Sunday morning clinic, held in Madison this time, should be moved to Oshkosh in 2014.**
  - ii. Make-up sessions: Relatively small numbers of officials are signing up for Make- up Clinics. 58 officials needing recertification have not yet been heard from by Ben. There are only about 25 or so officials currently identified for the three clinics. The break-out group discussions will still be conducted, but with fewer and smaller groups.**

## **VI. New business**

- a. Admin Official Certification – Scenarios/Questions to submit: The National Officials Committee requests input on questions or issues from the LSC Officials Chairs concerning implementation of the Admin Official rule. The Wisconsin Officials Committee suggests that the small clubs and AO's may be stressed if they must be non-athlete USA swimming members or if coaches are utilized as AO. Should MR serve as CJ's if the MR is serving as AO? Will there be an on line training module and a test to delineate the role of the AO? Does a “Trainee” as provided for in the rule, have to be a non-athlete USA swimming member? Do the AOs require recertification of some type?**
- b. 2013 Speedo Spring Sectional Meet: Rick and George gave the Committee an update.**
  - i. Referee Assignment - Stephen Potter indicated there is a preference for the Meet Referee to come from within the Section. Rick will consult with Blaine Carlson and the Central Zone Officials Chair on potential Meet Referees.**
  - ii. Evaluator(s) – Try to find someone who can do as much N3 level position evaluations as possible.**
- c. October LSC BOD/HOD Meeting**
  - i. Criminal Background Check: The Background checks will be reimbursed for initial and repeat checks by the LSC.**
  - ii. Rules proposed/passed; Rules concerning meet announcements and deck changing were updated. Proof of times will be revisited by Age Group Committee and Rules Committee. Fees were waived for YMCA State Championship as Approved Meet.**

- d. 2012 LC State Championship Meet Reports – Rick/Cindy: The Committee discussed the next event scratch penalty in Prelim-Finals meet format. It is the next event that this applies to, not the next swim that is penalized. In a prelim/finals format, the finals are still the same event as the prelims.**
- e. National Officials Workshop Report – Cindy/Michael H. Deferred.**
- f. OTS LSC Instructor/Evaluator Levels: Rick will establish OTS LSC Instructor/Evaluator levels. The initial idea of establishing a “Mentor” level was viewed as of limited value compared to the administrative effort.**
- g. Patrick discussed TeamUnify TouchPad (alternative to Hy-Tek Meet Manager) issues at recent WEST meet. The projected meet timeline was substantially faster than reality. Also, timer sheets did not have anything on them when lanes were empty for a given heat, causing some confusion.**

**VII. Confirm next meeting date/time/location. Next meeting will include State Officials appointments. The Committee will try to standardize meeting on Mondays. Tentative next meeting was set for December 10, 2012, subject to meeting room availability. (Meeting later moved to 12/17 in Room A100)**

**VIII. Adjournment: At 9:39 PM**