

## Official's BOD Report

July 9, 2013

I attended the Official Chair's Meeting in Orlando in May. The majority of the meeting was spent talking about the new Administrative Official. Some of the changes made at the meeting are requiring only two apprentice sessions not four and the apprenticeship can be done with the same mentor. The date has not changed; we will still need to have an Administrative Official after September 1, 2013. The official's committee will be updating the web site with new official requirements shortly.

As of today we have two people who have completed their training, eight people who need to complete their apprenticeship and five people who still need to take the tests.

We have four new referees who are working on their apprenticeships and ten starters working on theirs.

We will be running new S & T classes in the fall and at least one more Admin Official class.

One other item discussed at the meeting was the four hour rule. This discussion applied to our 12 and unders. Swimmers may not attend two different sessions in the same day. If distance events are a different session swimmers who are 12 and under may only attend one of the sessions. This is not a new rule, just a clarifying interpretation. This rule does not apply to championship meets.

There has been a problem with getting officials at some meets including championships meeting. We have a regulation on the books which requires teams without officials to have people signed up for each session. This needs to be enforced for at least championship meets. This needs to be done before a sanction number is assigned.

There have been several occurrences in the past few meets where coaches have not scratched swimmers. This creates a problem with timelines and in the case last weekend in swimmers not being able to swim their event because of a weather issue. This practice is not fair to other swimmers, other coaches or officials. If swimmers come late most if not all teams will try and get these swimmers in the meets. We kindly ask all coaches to be considerate of all people at the meet and scratch swimmers who are not there when the scratch sheets are due.