



## Officials Committee Meeting, May 16, 2018

Robert Fry, 5/17/18

Meeting started 20:00

### **Roll Call**

Committee: Travis Albang, Robert Fry, Jason Horras, Anya Koenigsfeld

Others: Kirstin Oppel

Apologies: Trinity Sadecky

### **Adoption of minutes**

Minutes from the committee meeting held January 31, 2018 were approved.

### **Unfinished (Old) Business**

Do we have an evaluator confirmed for LC Champs?

- Travis is hoping to confirm an individual within the next week.

### **New Business**

Update to ISI Policies and Procedures, Section G

- Original draft text by Phil Barnes:  
<https://www.teamunify.com/iaso/UserFiles/File/Section%20G%20-%20Officials%20180424%20draft%20pb.pdf>
- Each section of the draft document was briefly discussed.
- Section III 1 e: Regarding the scheduling of committee meetings, it was proposed to revise the text to require a meeting every quarter, with each meeting scheduled no later than during the preceding meeting.
- Section III 2: A revised paragraph was proposed by Curt Oppel, adding detail to the committee election process. It was agreed to include this in the next draft revision.
- Section III 5: Per Travis, the secretary's duties cannot include maintaining OTS, as only the Chair and Vice Chair are given access by USA Swimming. This will be moved back to the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Section III 9: If subcommittees are set up to fulfill the additional duties of the committee, they will need to meet USA Swimming structural requirements, including athlete representation. It was suggested that these duties are best allocated in some other way amongst the committee members to avoid creation of specific subcommittees.
- A number of typos were identified to be fixed.
- Robert Fry will work on an updated draft document, based on discussion from this meeting, to be further discussed at the next committee meeting. The goal for the committee is to approve a final draft to be voted on at the next HoD meeting.

### Iowa HF2442

- This Iowa bill, a change to interscholastic concussion policy requirements, became law April 26, 2018. <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=HF2442&ga=87>
- The committee's understanding is that the law is not applicable to USA Swimming officials.
- The safety page of the ISI Officials website already includes a USA Swimming checklist to follow for possible concussion at a meet, as well as a link to Heads Up online concussion training on the Federal Government CDC website.
- There was a consensus to make a recommendation to ISI to consider whether a more detailed LSC policy regarding concussion is required. The committee would then base any new requirements for officials on this policy.

### Support from the officials committee for mentors and evaluators

- Phil Barnes requested that the committee implement some form of support, both for officials asked to mentor and recommend certification for new officials, and for officials evaluating at OQM meets.
- Phil has previously sent material to the committee on this.
- Kerry Barnes is attending a mentor workshop, and should have additional material from this.
- It was also noted that Illinois Swimming has documentation to help guide mentors.
- Action by the committee was deferred to follow receipt of further material from Kerry.

### **Any Other Business**

- Kirstin Oppel requested the committee to improve communication with its officials, and specifically for emails to be sent out covering:
  - Clarification of the procedure for Meet Referees to follow if a 10&U swimmer is observed to be wearing a non-compliant "tech" suit.
  - Reminder to officials about the updated apprentice forms.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 21:23