



Meeting started 20:00

Roll Call

Committee: Travis Albang, Robert Fry, Julie Slater, Anya Koenigsfeld, Don Spellman

Others: Kirstin Oppel, Curt Oppel, Curtis Witt, Janna Carter

Adoption of minutes

Minutes from the committee meeting held May 16, 2018 were approved.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Do we have an evaluator confirmed for LC Champs?

- Travis is hoping to confirm Fran Werner this week.

Support from the officials committee, for officials asked to mentor and recommend certification for new officials, and for officials evaluating at OQM meets. (Phil B)

- This item was tabled as Phil was not on the call.

New Business

Update to ISI Policies and Procedures, Section G

- A start was made on reviewing the updated draft:
<https://www.teamunify.com/iaso/UserFiles/File/Section%20G%20-%20Officials%20180528%202nd%20draft%20rjf.pdf>
- Input was received prior to the meeting:
 - The document should be written in the active tense.
 - Improvements to grammar and punctuation are still needed. Specifically, the committee should be referred to as the Officials Committee (no apostrophe)
 - Miscellaneous additional edits were provided by Phil Barnes.
- The Officials Committee does not have authority to specify any additional requirements on qualifications to hold committee office other than those specified in ISI Bylaws. It is not sufficient to specify these in Section G.
- Due to poor telecommunications connections for two of the committee members, further review was deferred to the next meeting.

The new S/T apprentice form now reads as though you have to get everything, test, APT, background check AND all apprentice sessions finished within 60 days of the training. Is this the intent or does the form need to be revised? (Kirstin Oppel)

- Only APT, background check and registration must be completed within 60 days. The time limit for completing apprentice sessions is 1 year. The form needs to be revised.

Since Iowa is interested in bringing open water (OW) to the LSC, what does it take to become OW certified?
(Kirstin Oppel)

- OW LSC certification does exist. This can be added to certification card.
 - One issue is that no communication is sent to ISI Officials Chair when someone completes an OW certification class.
- The specific OW certified positions (judge, referee) can be added to the ISI Officials website under the Positions tab.
- Travis will send out an email to find out which ISI officials have fulfilled OW certification requirements.
- (Kirstin Oppel and Andrea Kelley are working to bring an OW meet to Iowa in 2019 or 2020.)

Section 7b. of the Iowa Scratch Rule (b. It is determined by the meet's referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstance beyond the control of the swimmer.) Consistency in the interpretation of this clause is needed. (Phil Barnes)

- The rule sometimes leads to swimmers no-showing after scratching into finals, because they were unaware they had scratched in. Is it fair to exclude them from the rest of the meet because of this?
- Correct interpretation was discussed:
 - ISI rule is different from MN LSC scratch rule, which applies penalty only if swimmer was in the original list of swimmers announced prior to scratches.
 - Meet Invite may specify a notification method for swimmers, e.g. tell swimmers to check Meet Mobile.
 - Alternates are never penalized for a no-show.
- A consensus was agreed that a swimmer should not be penalized if the final list of Finalists after scratching is not published within a reasonable length of time after the scratch deadline. This implies publication should take place well before the start of the Finals session.
 - Publishing can include announcing, posting the list to an agreed location at the meet venue, or other methods.
- The Officials Committee needs to issue an interpretation of the rule.

Any Other Business

- In water starts – clarification that a false start occurs if the hand leaves the wall prior to the start. This is distinct from an in-water relay take-off, when an early take-off occurs only if the swimmer loses all contact with the wall before the incoming swimmer touches.
- Official acting as parent on deck – an official has no special privileges on deck to question a call made on their child. Any question over a call should go to the swimmer's coach. A request was made to clarify this in the newsletter.
- Date of next meeting: July 11th at 8pm.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 21:15