



ISI OFFICIALS GENERAL MEETING, SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018

Robert Fry, 10/14/18

Meeting started around 10:15am

Roll Call

Committee: Curtis Witt, Julie Slater, Robert Fry, Mike Repko

Others: Kimberly Gleason, Frank Feilmeyer, Cam Naylor, John Van Meter, Susan Repko, Missy Ortman, Janna Carter, Phil Barnes, Kerry Barnes, Kirstin Oppel, Curt Oppel, Kelli Jacobs, Jodie Stone, Tim Kilcoin, Chrissy Beagle

Adoption of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from [Spring officials general meeting](#), held April 29, 2018 in Des Moines

Proposed and seconded: Approved unanimously

Report from the Officials Chair (Curtis Witt)

ISI Officials numbers

- Numbers currently stand at 255
- 31 national advancements since last report

Upcoming USA Swimming rule changes

- 12&U tech suit ban
 - Effective date: September 1, 2020
 - Details TBD by USA swimming before effective date
- Meets require designated safety coordinator/director on meet invite, must be USA swimming non-athlete member – UPDATE: It was discovered this did NOT pass at USA Swimming convention
- 15m mark to be marked on deck or wall of pool
 - Marks to be used to line up lane line buoys at start of meet
 - Judging will still be done off buoys? UPDATE – Yes, confirmed by Curtis.
 - Effective date: May 1, 2019

Schedule for Futures and Zones meets

- IA Zones team going to West Fargo in August 2019
- DSMY will host Futures meet in 2019
- Central Zones 2020 in Jenks, OK and Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 Pro Series: Jan 9-12 in Knoxville, others to be announced coming week
- Olympic Trials in June 2020 in Omaha
- Summer National, Junior National Championships in Palo Alto, CA

Unfinished (Old) Business

Officials Committee support for mentors / evaluators (originally from Kerry and Phil Barnes)

- Kerry Barnes went to workshop in June, 2018 (brief article to appear in October, 2018 newsletter)
- Purpose of workshop was to provide instruction on how best to mentor people
- Discussion:
 - Recommend ISI to send more people to same class
 - Should set up webinars internally
 - There is a big difference between deck mentors and national evaluators
 - Webinars are good, but should focus for deck mentors be more on simple guidance documents?
 - Previously sent documentation to Officials Committee
 - Action items:

- Curtis Witt to evaluate material obtained by Curt Oppel from another LSC
- Phil Barnes agreed help Curtis with this.

New Business

ST clinics for new season (Officials Committee)

- CAST looking for one (Eliot or Julie?)
- NST tentatively scheduled for Oct 20 in Decorah (Robert). UPDATE – now confirmed
- Discussion – how to attract a larger number of parents to attend ST clinics and become officials?
 - Previously held clinic in Cedar Rapids over 3 days at swim practices, 1 hour per night
 - Different geographical areas have different needs, e.g. avoid holding clinics in rural areas during harvest time
 - Previously seen one held at another LSC during a State meet
- Request for another AO clinic, Phil Barnes will schedule online class. UPDATE – Now scheduled for October 30th.

Evaluator(s) for SC Senior Champs / SC Age Group Champs (Officials Committee)

- Kim and/or Michael Downs believed to be available.
- Curtis has emailed them with both possible dates (Age Group and Senior SC Champs). Awaiting response.
UPDATE – Both are confirmed for Senior SC Champs

Open Water events and officials OW certification (Officials Committee)

Report from Kirstin Oppel:

- Meet scheduled for June 29, 2019 in W Davenport
- No specific OW certification required to officiate meet
- USA Swimming sanctioned event (all OW events are)
- Different distances for the various age groups, 10&U to Senior
- Some experienced officials attending. Meet Referee and Safety director both identified (coming from out of LSC)
- Action: Robert to add newsletter item to help certify OW judges who have previously worked meets

Review of ISI Officials certification / recert requirements document (Officials Committee / Robert Fry)

- Review is needed, as there are discrepancies between the document and the apprentice forms, and a few items that need to be added for consistency.
- Discussion:
 - Need document for Y officials requirements to convert to USA
 - Action: Phil Barnes can provide the existing document
 - Need consistency with other ISI P&P documents
 - Need effective date on all documents (version #)
 - Request consistency in requirements. Anecdotal evidence that this has not always happened.
 - Can we add a policy for LSC CJ certification to the document? (No formal requirements for CJ)
 - Should we require taking other tests as well as highest level cert, e.g. Starter test for certified referees? Note that national N2/N3 recert for Deck Ref does not extend Starter certification.
 - YMCA has different cert requirements

Mandates from new Section G (if approved by HoD) (Officials Committee)

- Officials recognition program. UPDATE – Section G not approved at this time. Can still work on recognition program, but not yet mandated.
 - Action: Committee to place on list of action items

Committee meeting schedule / calendar (Officials Committee)

- Question over holding meetings conference call vs. in person, e.g. is it possible to add conference call option to general meeting?
- Date of next meeting set for Thursday, November 8 at 7:30pm

Any Other Business (from the floor)

Can Officials Committee ST representative be restricted to someone with no certification above ST? (ISI Bylaws simply state that Chair must be certified Referee, other positions must be certified officials):

- Conflicting opinions have been expressed on this.
- This restriction has been applied for previous elections.
- The original intent of the ST representative committee position was to restrict this to an official with only ST certification, in order to best represent the views of the ST officials community.
- For the 2018 election of Chair, Western Rep and ST Rep, Officials Committee had understanding that no additional requirements or restrictions were permitted.
- Opinion expressed today that Committee (or Chair?) can make additional requirements or restrictions, so long as they do not conflict with the bylaws.
- Request made to revert to the earlier restriction of ST representative being held by an ST official moving forward. Further request made that the intent of all positions be listed in the ISI Bylaws.

Can ISI develop requirements for OW certification (or just reference USAS requirements)? Mike Repko agreed to take the lead on looking into this.

Can we put list of ISI certified Meet Referees on Officials website?

Request proposal for future HoD, to change ISI Policies and Procedures Section I to require a Meet Referee at meet, if we plan to continue with Meet Ref certification

Issue was raised with 2018 election. A candidate was allegedly not added to ballot for all positions requested by nominator

- One suggested remedy to approach the ISI ARB.

A general request was made for increased transparency by the Officials Committee on its activities.

Adjournment

Proposed and seconded: Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:25am