

Officials Committee, Panera Blvd. of the Allies

October 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

In attendance were:

Kathy McFaden Chair

Jamy Pfister

Scott Wilshire, scribe

Mike Kosco

Dave Watterson

Michelle Schonbachler

Alyssa Schonbachler, Athlete

Ryan McFaden, Athlete

The AMS Convention Officials Clinics were discussed. The feedback from each of the sessions was positive. For future clinics, should consider more time for the on-deck portion of the Stroke and Turn clinic as this was too rushed.

The Policy for Officials with multiple club affiliations was discussed. The draft policy previously distributed was reviewed relative to counting the number of sessions for officials to be credited. The Committee felt that the session requirement from an officials standpoint is intended to ensure sufficient sessions for the official to remain proficient. The draft policy relates more to the AMS requirement for number of officials per club as addressed in the AMS Policies and Procedures. The Committee felt that the policy is a BOD matter and requested that it be referred back to the AMS BOD.

The AMS Officials Code of Conduct was discussed, and approved by the Committee unanimously. The Code of Conduct will be sent out to all officials and posted on the website. Officials are not required to sign individually. This will also be included in information provided for new officials.

Integration of YMCA officials was discussed. AMS wants to be open and welcoming to officials moving into USA Swimming from the YMCA. It was agreed that YMCA officials would train at their YMCA level and feedback would be provided by the trainer to the Officials Chair. This will be addressed on a case basis in terms of the number of sessions required to be worked in order to be certified with the final determination to be made by the Officials Chair in conjunction with the trainers.

Trainers Lists. The Committee discussed the current Trainers Lists and agreed to eliminate the Trainers Lists. Officials meeting the requirement of being in position for a minimum of 12 sessions or one year may train new officials. Trainees will be limited to no more than two

sessions with any individual trainer. The training card will be updated to include the trainer's signature in addition to the Referee's signature. Mike Kosco to update the training card and remove the Trainers Lists from the website. The posted rosters were also discussed and it was agreed that these should be updated to include minimal information including name, phone number, email address, and qualifications. USA Swimming ID numbers to be removed. Mike Kosco to update the rosters.

Admin Referees and Admin Officials were discussed.

Jamy Pfister reviewed changes to be made to the Sanction Applications to eliminate some errors:

- 4 hour requirement to be revised. Age Group meets must be structured to meet the four hour requirement for 12 & U swimmers, however, meets may not be stopped in order to meet this requirement.
- The requirements for Admin Referees to be updated.

The need for Meet Manager clinics was discussed and the Committee agreed that this should be pursued. Jamy Pfister to discuss with Tech Planning as this would fall under their jurisdiction. DAK training would also be beneficial.

Mike Kosco to update website to align training materials, Meet Marshal card, etc. for easier access.

#### Other Discussions

Dave Watterson reported that the Officials Chair would be welcome to participate in AMS Board Meetings.

Kathy provided updates from USA Swimming:

- 15M mark must be marked on pools if lane lines do not have markings.
- Swimsuit rule – Swimmers should be allowed to swim and then disqualified after the event for non-compliant suits. The Committee agreed that being proactive and engaging coaches/athletes as non-compliant suits are identified is the preferred approach.

The standing schedule of meetings will be the Second Monday of each month, Panera, Blvd. of the Allies, Oakland 7:30pm. This standard is subject to amendment as necessary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm