

Allegheny Mountain Swimming Official's Committee Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Zoom Call

Committee Members Present:

Donna Beyerl – Official's Chair	Melissa Brenenburg (Sec) (RXA)	Lisa Carper (PRA)
Amy Hartman (PEAQ)	Chad Schwendeman (SVSC)	Chuck Kaminski (MMSA)
Alex Hardwick (Coach-PEAQ)	Bhagwati Subramaniam (UN)	

Non-Attendees:

Mike Kosco (BWA) (Coach)	Marianne Hapeman (NGAC)	
Luke Hartman (Athlete – PEAQ)		

Guest Attendees:

None	
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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 30, 2022 - (M) Bhagwati. (S) Chuck. (C) Unanimous.

III. Reports

Meet Review

- Hampton – No real issues
- STEEL – No real issues
- MLAC – No real issues
- FAST/Hampton – No real issues
- PEAQ Intersquad – No real issues

IV. Unfinished Business

V. Athlete Discussion

N/A

VI. New Business –

S&T clinic on 10 November 2022 trained 17 new S&T.
Starter clinic on 10 November 2022 trained 6 current AMS officials seeking advancement.
Laura Crothers, Suzanne Meyer, Lianghai Zhang, Ramona Neal, Scott Zanella, and Eric Turner.

3 new S&T Officials certified: Ron Schade, ShihChia (Nikki) Thompson, and KG Bennet
1 new Deck Ref certified: Amy Hartman

PEAQ Christmas Meet 2022 will not be an OQM. If the desire is to make PEAQ Christmas Meet 2023 an OQM, the process will have to start in July/Aug 2023. Need to have N3 Meet Ref to run an OQM.

There is hope that the Senior Circuit Meet might be revived in 2023 - IF this happens, this would be a good meet to have as OQM.

OTS is still only available to the Official's Chair in a temporary format. Donna is inputting official sessions worked. Goal is for OTS to update in Dec 2022/Jan 2023 and transition to a more permanent system.

Website - Donna requested that official committee members check out the website and send her feedback. She is aware that links are not active. Donna will continue to work with Mike on updating the website.

Newsletter - The goal is to distribute the first newsletter by Christmas.

Bhagwati brought up that the process for designating Meet Ref and Deck Ref in meet announcement could be improved - there have been occasions when a person in authority (other than the person submitting the meet announcement) has contacted another Ref leading to confusion on deck. Theoretically, the meet announcement contains the "official" information.

Distribution of timelines to Officials in advance of a meet is advantageous in recruiting officials. Most recent AMS meets have done a better job of distributing timeline in advance.

Donna requested that official committee members be prepared for the next meeting to discuss recommendations regarding a standard process for officials seeking advancement to positions such as Starter, Ref, CJ, Admin, etc.

Donna requested that official committee members be prepared for the next meeting to discuss recommendations regarding a public distribution of official's phone numbers and email addresses either to meet directors or on the website.

Donna will put the agenda out 1 week prior to the next meeting.

VII. Next Meeting - Sunday, December 04, 2022 @7:00PM via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment: (M) Amy. (S) Chad. (C) Unanimous. @ 8:13 p.m.