

AMS Officials Committee Meeting Minutes

Panera- Oakland

Monday, April 29, 2019

In Attendance:

Kathy McFaden – Chair

Ryan McFaden- Athlete

Jamy Pfister

Nikki Kosco- Athlete

Christie Newcamp

Mike Kosco

Dave Watterson

Michelle Schonbachler

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Agenda items discussed:

New rule as of May 1st – Deck or wall must be marked for 15meter mark on both sides (if possible) discussed using wall to mark, but some outdoor pools mas have limitations due to the layout (bumps outs etc) Kathy will send email to Referees as a reminder of the new rule. Will need to be measured prior to the start of warms up. Lane line red marker adjusted if possible. Referee needs to remind coach that they will be watching the marking on deck NOT the lane line marker. Recommended that host clubs have this marked prior to start of warm ups.

AMS Hosted meets -

Need to see who is meet director

Once Meet Ref is assigned they will assign Admin Ref.

Senior Circuit – July 12-14 – Meet Ref Scott Wilshire (Kathy to Shadow) - Admin Ref- Jamy Pfister

JO's July 26-28, 2019 – Meet Ref TBD (Dave Watterson will check calendar) – Admin Ref TBD

JO's March 5-8, 2019 – Meet Ref TBD Admin Ref TBD

Christmas Invite-

Listed as only two day meet, was there a change to format? Should we consider different meet for OQM? Need to find out what the structure of meet will be to determine if we keep this as OQM. There is another meet same time at WVU that teams are talking about going to.

Required officials by team

Current AMS Operating Procedure only address official for up to 251 swimmers.

A call to motion was made by Kathy, Jamy made the motion to change the current Operative Procedures to be that clubs with 5-25 swimmers must have one official, clubs then must have 1 additional official per 25 swimmers. The motion was seconded by Dave and unamously approved. Christie will take to Governance.

Jamy informed that Tech Planning is in charge of the fines process and teams without enough registered officials tech planning is in charge of fining them.

Additionally it has been noticed that there are clubs with large amounts of officials registered but not working meets that they are attending. Having the needed officials is vital for the success of meets. Recommendation was made that teams (not hosting meet) need to be supporting meets that they are attending with officials. It is recommended by this committee that Age Group add to meet announcements / requirements that clubs must provide at minimum 1 official session for 1- 25 swimmers entered in a meet with an additional session per additional 25 swimmers. Dave will bring this up. The expectation is still that host team officials support home hosted meets.

Mentoring and Training

Email to be sent to Referees reminding them to send in the session reports.

New Officials Training Clinics Scheduled

FAST- Kathy – Need to change original date due to conflict with HOD

MLAC- Scott- Exact date TBD- possibly May 21st.

Will look at scheduling dates this long course season for Admin, CJ, Starter, Referee

We will be developing a check list of skills demonstrated to help with the training process. Jamy has a great list for starts and we will put together ones for CJ and Referee.

Looking at training process, discussion about the new officials training sign off form. While most people need 6 session there are times when additional sessions are needed. Mike to look at possibly adding on to the form either a check off box ready or needs additional session and signature.

Kathy reported that there have been 13 YTD clinics, 1 Ref, 2 Starter, 2CJ,1 AO, 1 DAK/Meet manager, and 6 S&T clinics. There have been 140 OTS tracked in attendance.

Kathy reported on the new officials that have been signed up since September 2018

27 S&T 30 current Apprentice S&T

1 Referee 3 Starter

8 CJ 1 Admin

Sponsorship -Discussion about potentially reaching out to a company for sponsorship. Currently use them for embroidery etc. Kathy will reach out to USA swimming to see if there is any potential issue based on response Dave will take to next level if appropriate.

Jamy is putting together a booklet for prospective officials to give them an overview of what each position does on deck in the hopes of improving interest in becoming an official. May be used as a funds raiser for the officials committee.

Motion made by Mike and Seconded by Michelle to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.