

AMS OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 - 7:30 - Panera - Oakland

COMMITTEE:

Kathy McFaden – Chair
VOTING MEMBERS
Jamy Pfister
Scott Wilshire
Christie Newcamp
Mike Kosco
Dave Watterson
Michelle Schonbachler

Nikki Kosco – Athlete VOTING

Ryan McFaden – Athlete VOTING

Scott Pauley – Absent

NONCOMMITTEE OBSERVERS

Donna Beyerl
Lynne Shine

Meeting Called to Order 7:31pm:

APPROVE MINUTES - February and April Minutes previously circulated by email, for review.

February - motion to approve Mike Kosco, second Michelle Schonbachler

Unanimous approval

April - motion to approve Christie Newcamp, second Scott Wilshire

Unanimous approval

MAAP – CHANGES FOR OFFICIALS AND TIMERS – current knowledge and guidance discussed for future Meet Announcements, as well as the Meet Announcements currently under draft. Materials will be emailed to Starters and Referees distribution list, as well as Meet directors by chair, added to Website by Mike Kosco.

NEW OFFICIAL RECRUITING BOOKLET – presentation and discussion of new educational materials created by Jamy Pfister. Minor comments on draft provided. Corrections to be made and new draft presented before publication and distribution.

SAFETY – UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS – discussion of issues which arose at the Junior Olympics meet at Trees Hall pool at the conclusion of short course 18-19 season. Vomitus in pool. Discussion of Universal precautions, recommendation to disseminate information to Referees and Chief Judges, at and for each site, regarding Facility emergency plan, emergency plans for Medical issues, emergency plans for Weather related issues, as well as the County wide universal precautions for swimming facilities.

OTS – “APPROVED” Meets (7:45 start time)

Lengthy discussion regarding the USA Swimming Officials Tracking System (“OTS”) treatment in Allegheny Mountain Swimming (“AMS”) of system tracked meets (Sanctioned Meets) and those that are self-entered (Approved Meets and Observed Meets). Both system tracked and self-entered meets become part of the official record. Also discussion that only AMS Sanctioned meets satisfy the AMS Officials 12 session service requirement. Observers recognized by chair and permitted to speak. Meeting became chaotic. After 15 minutes, a Motion was made to go to executive session to facilitate an orderly and focused conversation to sort out the many issues involved in complex issue. Motion by Michelle Schonbachler, seconded by Scott Wilshire. Vote to close session 5 in favor; J Pfister, S Wilshire, C Newcamp, M Schonbachler, R McFaden “Aye”. Three opposed to motion, D Watterson, M Kosco, N Kosco. Motion carried. Approx. 8:00pm. Observers were not asked to leave. Observers continued to advance and discuss. Discussion continued with observers present and contributing. Discussion became antagonistic and warnings were given on more than one occasion. After a further 30 minutes (8:32pm), the conversation was stopped, as all issues and viewpoints had been openly aired and debated. A

comment was made by observer Shine regarding closed session, S Wilshire told all that the closed session had occurred with observers present and all issues discussed openly, in spite of motions passage.

MENTORING AND TRAINING

NEW OFFICIAL TRAINING — recent trainings and attendance discussed. Noted that we have had 15 clinics since chair elected Aug 2018,.

1 Referee, 2 Starter, 2 CJ, 1 AO, 1 DAK/Meet manger and 8 S&T Clinics. 154 OTS tracked in attendance. Clinics held at PRA, CSC, FAST, MLAC, BWA, at the HoD among others. Some sites have hosted multiple clinics. Additionally, noted that a large number of new and educationally/experientially advancing officials. **SINCE SEPTEMBER 2018 –**

29 - New Stroke & Turn Officials	30 - Current Apprentice Stroke & Turn Officials
1 - New Referee	3 - New Starters
8 – New Chief Judges	1 – New Admin

ADDITIONAL TRAINING NEEDED – The need for additional trainings discussed, as well as a suggestion for a location North of the City and West of the city. Committee members will reach out to facilities and Officials to facilitate and operate trainings prior to the beginning of short course 19-20 season. Additionally, a request for another Referee Roundtable similar to the OFFICIAL-ATHON hosted/sponsored by R Murrelstein a few years ago.

REFEREE REPORTS – Discussion of the benefits and attributes of Referee Reports by Deck Referees and Meet Referees (where appropriate), as well as a note that they are not being consistently filed. Reminder will be sent to Referees distribution list.

Items being completed, at 8:50, Non Committee members departed. Further discussion of amendment to OTS self-entry treatment of Approved and Observed meets, was a restatement of issues previously openly discussed. No new issues were discussed which had not occurred in open meeting with outsiders, due to exhaustive discussion of points and counterpoints. Motion to vote on continuing AMS treatment AMS Sanctioned meets as sole means of satisfaction of twelve session service requirement, as well as continued treatment of Observed/Approved meets as Self entered and System tracking only Sanctioned Meets made by S Wilshire, seconded by J Pfister. Vote taken. Six members in favor; Zero opposed; Two members abstained from vote. Observed and Approved Meets will continue to be self-entered into the OTS system, thereby becoming part of the official record.

NEXT MEETING - Standard Meeting date published on Officials page confirmed for July 8.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57pm