

October 30, 2022 @ 7:00 pm  
Zoom Call

**Committee Members Present:**

Donna Beyerl – Official’s Chair	Melissa Brenenburg (Sec) (RXA)	
Marianne Hapeman (NGAC)	Chad Schwendeman (SVSC)	Chuck Kaminski (MMSA)
Mike Kosco (BWA) (Coach)	Bhagwati Subramaniam (UN)	Alex Hardwick (Coach-PEAQ)

**Non-Attendees:**

Amy Hartman (PEAQ)	Lisa Carper (PRA)	
Luke Hartman (Athlete – PEAQ)		

**Guest Attendees:**

None	
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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

First Meeting – No Minutes

**III. Reports**

Calendar Meet Reports – None

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**V. Athlete Discussion**

**VI. New Business – Introductions**

Clinics - 2 S&T clinics completed, 1 Starter clinic completed. Next S&T and Starter clinic scheduled for 10 November, 2022.

Stroke & Turn Officials - The goal to certify 15-20 new S&T officials by January 2023. Need to encourage existing officials to participate at meets to help train new S&T.  
Bhagwati suggested that S&T officials need more experience in the stroke walking position.

Advancing Officials - Donna is working on possibly getting PEAQ Christmas Meet 2022 certified as an OQM. Waiting on the Head Coach at PEAQ for the next step.  
Meet Referees are now required at AMS sanctioned meets. Currently, there are only 3 certified Meet Refs within AMS. There is a need to train more Meet Refs.  
It is the responsibility of the host club to recruit a Meet Ref for their meet and have this role filled out in the Meet Announcement.

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Newsletter - The goal is to distribute the first newsletter by Christmas. Donna wants to include recognition and birthdays. Alex volunteered to assist with writing.

Website - Donna will reach out to Mike for guidance and support to get the website updated.

OTS Meets - Chad was unable to access OTS via the AMS website. Bhagwati will attempt to access OTS and let Chad know. Donna, as administrator, can access the OTS temporary system to enter officials with their time worked at each meet.

Donna is working with Tom Grassidonia on finding apprentice official names in OTS.

Registration (BGC/APT/Concussion) - It is recognized that there are still some bugs with the registration process - Donna can assist. Alex commented that coaches who took the APT training but did not get a certificate must retake the course.

Communication to Officials - Chad suggested that there may be a need for better practices when requesting officials from within the AMS community. Shaming and calling out teams is not ideal. Perhaps there is room for a "communications" officer on the Officials Committee.

Communication with Coaches - Alex suggested a pre-season meeting with coaches and officials to go over the nuances of the rulebook and the process and procedures for coaches interacting with officials both locally and outside of the AMS LSC.

Staffing Meets - Alex suggested that it might be useful for teams to have a list of officials from the teams who are attending a given meet. Donna explained that experienced Meet Official Coordinators do this well - perhaps there is a need for training for new Official Coordinators.

Meet Timelines - There is general consensus that AMS needs to get better about having and distributing meet timelines in advance of a meet. Timelines may entice/encourage officials to volunteer. Having timelines in advance would help solidify entry deadlines and limit deck entries to open lanes, not additional heats.

Distribution of DQ Slips - Alex suggested that there might be room for improvement in the way that DQ slips are distributed to coaches. Suggestion was perhaps a filing system on the admin table. There was a question as to whether a filing system would meet the requirements of the official stated in the rulebook.

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

**VII. Next Meeting - Sunday, November 13, 2022 @7:00PM via Zoom**

**VIII. Adjournment: (M) Donna, (S) Unanimous @ 8:05 p.m.**