

ISI Official Committee

Conference Call Notes

November 13, 2013

In attendance: Phil Barnes (Chair) Travis Albaugh (Vice Chair) Jim Anderson (Training – East) Lewis Rosser (Training West), and Curt Oppel (Secretary)

Absent: None

The meeting began at approximately 7:50 pm after a new conference call phone number was obtained.

A. Introductions of Athlete Representatives – Skipped – due to late start of the meeting.

B. Conference Calls and Meeting Protocols

Curt will take notes of our discussions. Minutes of Meetings will be reserved for in-person meetings. Secretary will distribute notes and minutes to the committee.

The secretary will be responsible for setting up times and places of meetings and notifying every one of the meetings. Any members of the committee may call a meeting.

We will try to have conference calls once a quarter.

C. Officials' Training

Phil is trying to get each member on the committee to have administrative access to OTS for our LSC. This will permit each of us to enter events and track officials. We will also have access to report writers.

It's Phil hopes that trainers will be able to enter details of each training session, like referees enter meet.

Travis is updating and maintaining the spreadsheet of officials that Phil started.

Jim and Lewis are trying to make the certifications classes uniform and consistent. There is inconsistency on what is being taught at the training sessions. Jim and Lewis will try to have conference calls and meetings apart from the committee to work on uniform training process.

We need more trainers. The east of the state has more trainers than the west side of the state, but both sides need more official trainers. The west side of the state needs more trainers. Trainers need to be DR/AR certified with 12 months experience.

We also need to encourage officials with progressing through the various levels of officials.

Phil has been sending test results to Travis. Phil will start sharing the test results with Jim and Lewis.

D. 2014 Spring Swimming Officials' Conference

Travis will send the latest flyer to Curt.

The clinic will be held at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids. The weekend remains April 12 and 13.

Travis and PPhil are working on Sponsors. Multisplash is a sponsor. It would be nice to have ATT, BMW and other USA Swimming Sponsors. Jim says Speedo is an excellent sponsor.

Right now, the most important thing is to get the date out to our officials.

Phil is asking various groups to take part in our clinic, such as college officials, high school officials, Y officials, etc.

We would also like to reach out to other LSCs

Several people have agreed to present topics, such as starting. Other presentation ideas include administrative officials and protocols.

E. Future Topics

We need to work on a Officials Board of Review to handle complaints or protests of actions taken by officials.

We should look at other LSC's to see what they do for this issue.

F. Next Meeting Date

We set two more meetings: December 18, 2013 and February 12, 2014. Both will be held at 7 pm by conference calls.