

New England Swimming Officials Committee
October 20, 2021, 6:00 PM
Via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Betsy Russell (Chair), Jerry Carter, Ken Galica, Patrick Hunter, Jess Workman

Committee Members Absent: Samantha Brabeck, Caroline Cavalier

Guests Present: Eric Hukkanen, MaryAnne Lustgraaf

1. Updates from National Officials Committee

- Derek Paul is new Chair of Rules and Regulations Committee, replacing Clark Hammond. Derek is the past Chair of the National Board of Review, and is a coach, attorney, former swimmer for the University of Tennessee, and former athlete representative.
 - Also copy Kathleen Scandary on rules questions for time being
- Swim-off rules updated to allow for resolution of tie by mutually agreeable manner (e.g. swimming a shorter distance)
- December 31, 2021 will be a relatively firm deadline for expiring evaluations (i.e. N3 initial evaluations where N3 final has not been completed)
- DQ slips are currently out of stock online and will hopefully be in stock soon
 - Remember that DQ slips are not required and are used at discretion of Meet Referee

2. Officials Qualifying Meets

- December Senior Championships at Brown to be OQM, evaluators Frank Ching, Ken Galica, Paul Maker, Paul Memont
- Goal is to offer multiple N2 OQMs each year and expand our base of N2 evaluators- ideally December meet, at least one February/March meet, at least one summer meet
- Multiple prospective N2 evaluator candidates within the LSC who would benefit from N2 evaluation experience

3. Training/Recertification/Advancement

- Recertification clinics have been well-received, particularly overview of Chief Judge position as well as situations discussion
 - Will solicit situations/questions for discussion from sign-ups in advance of future clinics
- October Referee clinic was well-attended and well-received
- Recertification email sent in October was informative and assisted with many questions
 - In future emails, include a message of thanks/gratitude for volunteerism on behalf of clubs, swimmers, and New England Swimming, prior to outlining requirements

4. Suspension of Travel Reimbursement

- Officials' travel reimbursement program is suspended for FY2022 due to budgetary constraints across the LSC

5. Website

- Transition of officials' content to NE Swimming website has been well-received
- Jerry and Patrick to work to add basic forms for use at local meets to website- i.e. sign-in, relay take-off, lap counting sheets

6. Next Meeting

- Tentatively planned for before February/March championship meets

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Hunter