Florida Swimming Officials Committee  
February 28, 2015 Meeting  
Minutes Prepared by Thomas N. Tiedt

Participants
Mark Davis – Vice Chair  
Jeff Breault – Area 1 Representative  
Roger Deary – Area 1 Assistant Representative  
Ellen Johnson – Area 2 Representative  
Thomas N. Tiedt – Area 2 Assistant Representative  
Kay Caldwell – Area 3 Representative  
Debbie Landis – Area 5 Representative  
Judi Wojcik – Area 6 Representative  
Joe Glennon – Area 6 Assistant Representative  
Josh Longfield – Athlete Representative

Other Attendees (all FL officials) – Anthony Tatti, Dean Graves, Tim Jacobsen, Bart Smith, Chris Wojcik, Sung Yi, Alec Kercheval, John Jansen

The meeting was called to order by Mark Davis at 2:00 PM in Orlando during afternoon break of the Spring Senior Championship.

AGENDA

Minutes
The minutes of the January 20, 2015 committee meeting were approved without objection.

Old Business

Officials Committee Newsletter
Because many emails to Florida Swimming officials are returned as undeliverable, Judi Wojcik suggested adding a link on the Florida Swimming web site to USAS OTS for officials to update their email address. There is a second USAS database that may contain a different but incorrect email address that only Helen Kelly may update.

Specifically regarding the newsletter, Mark Davis noted that there are repeated requests for a committee newsletter, approved at the October annual meeting of the committee. There was significant discussion about content, timing and delivery means. Frequency suggested ranged from quarterly, semi-annually to as needed. Judi Wojcik noted that getting timely and accurate content is difficult. For some information, immediate dissemination is desirable. For some other information, it may be obsolete when delivered because of the time needed for edits and approval. Debbie Landis noted that a newsletter would unify officials. Jeff Breault suggested intra-Area newsletters would be helpful.
Next steps: Judi Wojcik will seek content recommendations in near future and will author the committee newsletter, submitting a draft in the next 10 days to Stephen Plapp and Mark Davis for review. Ideas from attendees included FINA updates, new MR and ST officials, input and review from all 6 areas, dates of upcoming championships meets and assigned officials, recertification needs for AO. Alec Kercheval will investigate technologies other than emails to distribute the newsletter. Judi Wojcik plans publication during April.

FHSAA.
Kay Caldwell will contact FHSAA in the near future

New Business

Area Reports

Area 1. Jeff Breault reported that Area 1 has 52 certified officials, 7 ST apprentices and 2 AO apprentices. This year, Area 1 has conducted 5 meets. Five Area 1 officials participated in the Arena Pro Swim Series Orlando event.

Jeff reported that overlapping meet dates is a concern; coverage by officials is a challenge.

After committee discussion and discussion with Stephen Plapp, the Area Representative is responsible for nominating the Area B Championship Meet leadership and will be assumed to the meet referee until the Area Representative notifies the Officials Committee otherwise.

Area 2. Ellen Johnson reported that Area 1 has 16 not current officials who plan to get current. One entire team has yet to register.

Coach Charlie Rose (to understand the process) and Coach Mike Curley (to serve the position at meets) are now signed off as AO.

There are 2 meets in the Area during April: Highlander and Winter Haven.

Area 3. Kay Caldwell reported that there are 112 officials in Area 3, 10 need the recertification step.

Kay Caldwell continues to work on identifying the Assistant Area Representative.

Area 4. No report

Area 5. Debbie Landis reported. That there are 5-6 officials still needing to recertify in the Area. She has decided to have them do the written recertification test prior to arranging a recertification clinic. Matt Wilson continues to conduct certification clinics.

Area 6. Judi Wojcik’s reported that there are no changes since last month. A couple officials left due to differences with coaches and moving outside LSC. Recruiting and recertifying remains paramount. The Area also has meet scheduling problems in terms of availability of officials; the answer is incentives and recruiting. Discussions produced recommendations for incentives: gift cards, name tags, meet shirts.
**Officials Committee Budget**

Mark Davis suggested that the committee propose to the HOD to earmark funds for officials development beyond reimbursements to certain officials serving at National Championships. Roger Deary and Judi Wojcik feel that the HOD and BOD will be receptive. Mark Davis will ask Mark McCaw if there any such funds.

Judi Wojcik noted that $2,200 was spent regarding officials for the February 2015 Arena Pro Swim Series event (shirts, name tags and other items, not including hospitality). Judi Wojcik recommended funding to send officials to the nationals training camp for officials (the last two participants were Dean Graves and Anthony Tatti).

Mark Davis proposed a subcommittee to prepare a plan to request HOD/BOD budget funds. John Jansen volunteered to investigate the Florida Swimming and USA Swimming budget process for officials development.

Mark Davis would like the committee make a committee proposal to the HOD Fall 2015; the plan would be needed by September.

**Policy and Procedure Manual**

An issue has recently immerged – AOs serving multiple functions at a session in contradiction to the Policy and Procedure manual approved 2014. Roger Deary will consider additional language for this manual if needed.

**Florida Swimming Championships**

Summer Senior Champs: Thomas N. Tiedt – Meet Referee. Dean Graves – Lead Chief Judge. Administrative Referee TBD.


Stars: Judi Wojcik – Meet Referee. Other lead team members to be defined.

**Summer Sectionals**


**Certified Clinic Instructors**

Mark Davis noted that designation of CCIs is a responsibility of the Area Representative. CCIs serve concurrently with the Area Representative, whose term is 2 years with an additional 2 year term possible.
Mark Davis reported a concern that CCIs, particularly out of Area CCIs, are performing certification clinics but not submitting the clinic attendance from and not informing the Area Representative. Debbie Landis noted that there was no problem with out of Area CCI performing a clinic and confirmed that when an out of Area CCI performs a clinic, they need to report this to the Area Representative. Mark Davis noted that an out of Area CCI needs to inform the Area Representative and need to do a report because the Area Representative is responsible for development of officials in the assigned Area.

CCIs do not have OTS access.

Roger Deary is finalizing new CCI documents, eg updating the clinic packets. A new ST packet will be finalized in the next 2 weeks and get it to the FL web site by April 1.

**Web Portal Training**

Following up on the discussion of the strokeandturn.com developing service to provide web portal training for ST candidates at the committee’s January 2015 meeting, Roger again endorsed the program based on his use at non-USAS, private league meets last year. The company is seeking their first contract with a LSC licensing agency. Kay Caldwell viewed the training. The pricing has been reduced since the company’s presentation in January. Judi Wojcik and Joe Gannon expressed concerns over cost.

**Recruitment and Retention**

Judi Wojcik noted that we need more CCIs and in Area 6, all DRs (11 of them) are CCIs, which Judi believes aids in recruitment significantly.

**Training/Mentoring**

Mark Davis reported that we are awaiting USAS to finalize their ongoing process. Mark Davis will distribute the AO recertification process soon.

**LSC Certification Levels**

Mark Davis reported that the Stephen Plapp is considering, but this initiative will probably not advance until Fall (eg, Level I, II and III in each position).
Dates of Interest

September 29 – October 4: USAS Annual Convention, Kansas City, MO
October 10 – 11: Florida Swimming Annual Convention, Orlando, FL
Summer – FHSAA registration, online test

Next Official Committee Meeting

Mark Davis designated Tuesday May 12, 2015 8:00 PM for out next meeting. It will be telephonic. Mark will get this published, with call in instructions, on the web site.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM