Minutes of the Officials’ Committee Meeting/Teleconference  
Saturday, February 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Plapp, Committee Chair, at 1:35 p.m.

Attending were Stephen Plapp, Chair; Roger Deary, Vice-Chair; the Athletes’ Representative; Area Representatives Jeff Breault (Area 1), Ellen Johnson (Area 2), John Jansen (Area 3), Debbie Landis (Area 5) and Joe Glennon (Area 6); Area Assistant Representative Keith Powell (Area 1), Mike Brewer (Area 2) and Alec Kercheval (Area 6); Helen Kelly, FL Executive Director; Robyn Anthony, Pam Breaugh, Dave Nesper and Chris Wojcik.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2016 were approved without correction.

Old Business:

1. Chair reported that the recertification process was evolving and should be ready for review by committee in April or May. Recertification clinics would begin at the summer Championship meets. USA Swimming Recertification tests would be required at the highest level for which the official is seeking re-certification. Any official certification received in 2016 would not need re-certification until 2018.

2. Lead Team assignments for the summer meets were discussed. Tentative assignments were suggested as follows:
   - Senior Champs - MR - To be Determined, AR - Kristy Gavin, CJ - John Russo
   - FLAGS - MR - To be Determined, AR - Joe Glennon, CJ - Keith Powell
   - Sectionals - No recommendations at this time.

New Business:

1. LSC Training was discussed.
   - Administrative Official Packet is being updated. Waiting on USA Swimming clarification on new FINA timing rule implementation.
   - Stroke & Turn Judge and Starter Packets are also being updated and should be ready by May.
   - Certified Clinic Instructors for AO position will be handled the same as other CCI’s - Area Reps to recommend person(s) to Officials’ Chair for approval.

2. Discussion of adding new LSC classifications for Chief Judge and Administrative Referee.
   - Motion to convert all FL certified Administrative Referees to Administrative Official was made, seconded and passed. Chair to implement in OTS.
   - Certification of Chief Judge in LSC was tabled for further discussion in order to give Area Reps time to discuss with officials in their area.

3. Suggestion made to use the FL web site to publish more information for officials. Chair to check with web master about utilizing the web site’s email feature for officials; would require officials to create their own personal account on the web site.

4. Request was made to formalize Committee’s meeting procedures, specifically publication of agendas prior to meetings and notice of meetings being made earlier.

Next Meeting - Date to be determined by Chair, most likely in late May.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Roger Deary