The meeting was called to order by Officials' Chair Stephen Plapp at 2:28 p.m.

AGENDA

Plapp stated that the purpose of the meeting was to finalize and approve the language of the proposed changes to Section 8.2 of the Policies & Procedures manual for Florida Swimming. This finalized document would be submitted to the Florida Board of Directors for approval. Specifically the committee would review and make recommendations to the proposed modifications to the certification and re-certification requirements set forth in the section. All references are to the proposed requirements set forth in the document entitled Substitute Section 8 and 8.2 for PP.
Section 8.2.1 Requirements for Certification for all Officials' Positions in FL

The committee recommended that Section 8.2.1.e.iii be deleted. This change was approved without opposition.

Section 8.2.2 Stroke & Turn Judge

Section 8.2.2.e.iv was modified to change the time required for completion of apprenticeship from 6 months to 1 year. The language of Section 8.2 as modified was approved without opposition.

Section 8.2.3 Starter

Except as noted below, the committee approved without opposition the language set forth in the proposed requirements.

The following modifications were recommended by the committee:

- 8.2.3.d

  The time on spent on deck as a certified stroke & turn judge prior to beginning apprenticeship for starter was changed to 12 sessions and 3 meets. Tom McCaleb objected and a vote was taken:

  For the change:

  Roger Deary
  Bart Smith
  Kay Caldwell
  Deborah Landis
  Judi Wojcik
  Clay Parnell

  Against the change:

  Tom McCaleb

  A majority approving the recommended change was accepted.

- 8.2.3.d.iv

  Without opposition the committee adopted the recommendation that this section be deleted.

Section 8.2.4 Deck Referee
Except as noted below the committee approved without opposition the language set forth in the proposed requirements.

The following modifications were recommended and approved without opposition by the committee:

- **8.2.4.b**

  Clarify that the candidate can begin apprenticing for deck referee one (1) year from the date of their certification as S&T judge and remove the word "or" from the phrase "S&T Judge and/or certified Starter".

- **8.2.4.b.i**

  Insertion of the word "additional" as follows: "Three (3) additional sessions worked as a certified S&T Judge".

  The committee noted that this would clarify that the candidate would need to work 3 more sessions in addition to those they had worked (12) before beginning their Starter apprenticeship.

- **8.2.4.e.iii**

  Reduce the number of sessions an apprentice must work to 5.

- **8.2.4.e.iv**

  Delete this section.

**Section 8.2.5 Meet Referee**

Except as noted below the committee approved without opposition the language set forth in the proposed requirements.

The following modifications were recommended and approved without opposition by the committee:

- **8.2.5.c.i.(1)**

  Modify the language to indicate that the Meet Referee Clinic must be completed BEFORE starting the apprenticeship.

- **8.2.5.c.i.(3)**

  Add requirement that the candidate must apprentice at a minimum of 5 sessions and that time spent apprenticing DOES NOT include time on deck with or as DR,
SR, or S&T.

8.2.6 Administrative Official

Except as noted below the committee approved without opposition the language set forth in the proposed requirements.

The following modifications were recommended and approved without opposition by the committee:

- 8.2.6.e
  
  Delete phrase "depending upon prior experience".
  
  Reduce number of apprentice hours required to 8.

8.2.9 Recertification

Except as noted below the committee approved without opposition the language set forth in the proposed requirements.

The following modifications were recommended and approved without opposition by the committee:

- 8.2.9.b.ii.(2)
  
  Language modified to allow candidates seeking recertification as meet referees to fulfill sessions worked requirement by working 2 sessions as either DR or MR. This replaces the requirement that they must have been at the highest position for which certification is sought.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Deary will incorporate the aforementioned changes into a final document which will be distributed to the members of the committee by Labor Day. Any comments from the members should be forwarded to Roger no later than the following Thursday (September 4).

Stephen Plapp wants to include area championships as meets to which officials are assigned by the committee. He would like to have those ready by October.

He also would like to identify those meets which will serve as Officials Qualifying Meets. This is necessary to avoid overtaxing our national evaluators.
Mark Davis will forward the recertification clinic materials to the area representatives so they can complete the process locally.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Jeff Breault.