Minutes of the Officials' Committee Meeting/Teleconference  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Plapp, Committee Chair, at 8:05 p.m.

Attending were Stephen Plapp, Chair; Area Representatives Jeff Breault (Area 1), Ellen Johnson (Area 2), John Jansen (Area 3), Deb Landis (Area 5) and Joe Glennon (Area 6); Area Assistant Representative Mike Brewer (Area 2), Brett Ewald (Area 3) and Judi Wojcik (Area 6) and Chris Wojcik

The Minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2016 were approved without corrections.

Minutes will be moved from Official’s area on the web site to LSC Governance.

Area Representatives reported the following:

1. Area 1 (Jeff Breault) - Recertification clinic at Bolles Kick Off Meet upcoming; 12 officials have completed the recertification process to date.
2. Area 2 (Ellen Johnson) - Submitted written report on status (attached)
3. Area 3 (John Jansen) - 75 officials have attended recertification clinics; 23 remain.
4. Area 4 - No Report.
5. Area 5 (Deb Landis) - 7 new S&T officials, 1 new AO have been certified. Recertification clinics being held as needed to get everyone through the process.
6. Area 6 (Joe Glennon) - Recertification clinics continuing.

Old Business:

1. Awards - Ellen Johnson is collecting ballots through Sunday.
2. Travel Policy - There was discussion of the official’s travel policy. The “old” policy remains in effect until the annual meeting and the “new” policy is voted on and approved by the BOD. New policy is to be provided to the committee prior to annual meeting.
3. Recertification - Reports have been distributed showing clinics attended as well as tests taken since May 1, 2016. Update clinic attendance report will be sent out.
4. Clinic Packages
   • Clinic packages are out of date and need to be refreshed. Jeff Breault and Joe Glennon will work on updating the packages prior to annual meeting and present to the committee.
   • AO clinic specifically needs to be updated with the new USA time reconciliation incorporated.
   • Starters need to be required to take the timer test so they can appropriately hold a timer’s briefing.

New Business:

1. FHSAA - Busy but no reports. No one reported attending District meeting.
2. Security - The issue of meet security was brought up in light of a recent occurrence where a marshal was physically assaulted by a spectator and threatened to bring a gun to the facility. The committee would like guidance from USA Swimming on adapting a security policy and a policy for what to do in the event of a situation which escalates. What are the boundaries between officials and facilities responsibilities?
3. Annual meeting
   • Items for the annual meeting were requested from the committee so there is an agenda covering items of concern to officials within the LSC.
   • Chair proposed OTS training as a possibility.
   • Stroke and Turn.com may be onsite.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Plapp, Chair

Attachment
Since our last meeting:

**Area 2 has 48 active apprentices at present.**

32- stroke and turns

6- starters

7- admin officials

3- meet refs

Newly Certified:

6- stroke and turns

2- starters

1- deck ref

3- admin officials

* we gained two much needed admin instructors (Mike Brewer and John Russo)

* we lost two experienced officials when they relocated out of state (Faith Hanger and Aliana Lopez de Victoria)

* recertification clinics planned for:
  
  Winter Haven - September 16-18
  Patriot- November 11-13
  
  possibly the Marlin and Highlander meet
* Bart and I have noticed a recent trend with apprentices at all levels being mentored by newly certified officials. i.e.: a stroke and turn got signed off Saturday morning and he is mentoring Saturday afternoon. We are trying to ensure that that doesn’t happen as much as possible. Our senior officials are more than willing to work stroke and turn if asked, some even welcome the opportunity. Our newly certified stroke and turns and starters have expressed their discomfort with being asked to take on an apprentice when they are still trying to figure things out for themselves.