

Southeastern Swimming Officials Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 20, 2016

Members Present	Members Absent
Donna Williamson, Chair	John Fellows
Walter Smalley, Immediate Past Chair	Mary Franklin
Robby Dellinger	Larry Alexander
Gary Heapy	Stephanie Nadeau
Clay Minatra	
+Clark Hammond	
+ Dave Smith	
+Brett Troia	
+ Non-members present (Individuals who cannot vote on issues)	

The February 20, 2016, Southeastern Swimming (SES) Officials Committee meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm in the Officials Preparation Room of the Auburn Aquatic Center, by the Chair. The Athlete Representative(s) were not available as they were preparing for finals.

OTS Access

The Chair shared with those present the events that unfolded after restricting OTS access for everyone. It turns out that there were many people within our LSC accessing OTS using a committee member login and password. Some of those who contacted the Chair to ask why they could not access, had gotten the access information from someone other than the committee member. In addition, it was not communicated to everyone that changes to OTS should only be made by a committee member. As a result people other than committee members were making changes to OTS. It was noted that it was possible that some of the changes may have looked as if a committee member was modifying information for someone outside their area of jurisdiction without communicating with the committee member responsible for the person/team.

Everyone was instructed to log into OTS, change their own password, and to let Donna know as soon as this occurred. Once everyone made this change, she would request that full access be restored. She emphasized that no one should share their personal login information with anyone. While this process was painful, it was eye-opening and was noted that this should eliminate many problems going forward.

Official Advancement

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the progression of Officials to the level of Meet Referee. Since this is a position that is awarded based upon the recommendation of the SES Officials Committee and not a single individual, it was decided that each committee member would bring a list of potential individuals to each biennial meeting so that the entire group could discuss and assist with their mentorship. The group as a whole would make the determination of whether or not to advance someone from DR to MR.

Several individuals were discussed as potential future candidates. It was decided by the group that Tom Schumann should be advanced to MR.

Respectfully submitted by:



Donna S. Williamson, Chair
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