

Southeastern Swimming Officials and Rules Committee Meeting Minutes July 19, 2014

Members Present

1. Walter Smalley, Chair
 2. Dave Smith, Immediate Past Chair
 3. +Amelia Strum, Athlete Representative
 4. Larry Alexander
 5. Mary Franklin
 6. Clay Minatra
 7. Donna Williamson
 8. +Steve Karman
 9. +Lee Patrick
- + Non-members present (Individuals who cannot vote on issues)

Members Absent

1. Ronette Jones
2. John Fellows
3. Chris Martin
4. Stephanie Nadeau

The July 19, 2014, Southeastern Swimming (SES) Officials and Rules Committee meeting was called to order in the Officials Preparation Room of the Allan Jones Aquatic Center, by the Chair. A quorum was present.

Introductions

The Athlete Representative was introduced and welcomed. Her Mom accompanied her.

February 2014 Meeting Minutes

A copy of the February 2014 meeting minutes were previously distributed to the Committee members via email following that meeting.

The Athlete's Perspective

Amelia provided the Committee with her thoughts on how she thought the meet was going. She indicated one issue the athlete's were dealing with was the number of competitors. She said that warm-up lanes were pretty crowded. She also liked the idea of a ready room with music to march finalists to the blocks prior to competition.

Financial

There was a discussion about the current state of the SES radios used for the SES Championship meet and for other SES meets as requested. Many of the headsets are in dangerous disrepair and need to be replaced. Additional radios are needed to effectively be able to run the Championship meet. In addition, as time goes by and radios experience normal wear and tear, they will need to be replaced. A recommendation was made to increase the budget to include money to purchase several new complete sets of radios and headsets along with some additional headsets to replace those that are in disrepair. All were in favor. The budget will be provided to Chris Coraggio.

Membership

Committee Composition

There was a lengthy discussion regarding to composition of the Committee. Recent changes in the designation of Committee positions to have both "Members" and "Area Representatives" were made to satisfy membership composition percentage requirements for athlete representation. Since clarification was provided indicating that athlete representation on the Officials Committee would not be specified by a percentage of the composition, the Committee is not limited to the number of members and athlete representatives. The majority of the Committee agreed that having an athlete representative present is a benefit. The athlete representative was encouraged to communicate both positives and negatives the athletes have to the Committee, as well as bring any suggestions.

Since numbers and percentages were no longer an issue for membership, a very lengthy discussion a motion was made that the members of the Officials and Rules Committee shall be the Officials Chair and sufficient other members to ensure all areas of the Southeastern LSC are covered, with at least one Athlete Representative. All members would be voting members; the Athlete Representative would have a voice, but no vote. A quorum will consist of four members minimum. If any votes result in a tie, the General Chair will break the tie. Five voted in favor; one abstained. The motion passed.

Responsibilities

Dave Smith provided a White Paper outlining various duties of the Officials and Rules Committee membership. Dave announced that he would be retiring from the Committee following the next LSC meeting in October. He suggested that everyone review the various responsibilities and noted that the items that he currently covers will need to be reassigned. The list was lengthy and each member was asked to review the list and determine if they would be able to assume the responsibility for any of the items currently covered by Dave.

Committee Chair

Walter Smalley indicated that his two year term as the Chair of the Officials Committee was coming to an end, and that while he had enjoyed it and wished to remain on the Committee as a member, he was not interested in serving in that capacity for an additional term. Dave Smith nominated Donna Williamson for Chair. Mary Franklin seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Walter will remain as Chair until the LSC meeting in October, but Donna will attend the National Aquatics Convention in Jacksonville in September.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions, comments, or items for discussion. There being none, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:



Donna S. Williamson, Chair Elect
SES Officials Committee