Spring 2014

Southeastern Officials’ Committee Report

 We have added Clay Minatra to our Officials’ Committee, in the Nashville area. Clay is an experienced Referee and was recently Deck Referee at our Southeastern Championship.

Clay Minatra and hopefully Robbie Dellinger will be attending the USAS officials clinic in May.

We currently have approximately 490 including apprentice officials & AO’s. Of those officials, we have 55 Meet Referees, of which 28 are certified to run prelims/finals meets.  We have 31 Deck Referees, 56 Starters and the rest certified as Stroke & Turn although anyone certified above stroke & turn can fill that position.  We currently have 34 Admin Officials although most, not all, of our referees can also fill that position.  We all have done a fine job in recruiting for the AO position, but really need to get more folks certified at this position since every meet now has to have that position filled and the position cannot be filled by the acting meet or deck referee.

 The Officials certification minimum standards are on the LSC website and if you don’t understand them, please feel free to call me.

Online Tests will be unavailable April 15 through April 30

We had a good number of officials selected to attend the SC Nationals at Knoxville last year. Clark Hammond was also in attendance, but I couldn’t tell you what job he was doing.

A new requirement by USAS has been put in to effect concerning apprentice officials.  
Any apprentice official has to complete the new apprentice official form and send it to Tom Healy the LSC registration chair. They then only have 60 allowable days from the start date to apprentice or cannot step back on the deck until they complete the full registration, background check, and APT.  
Ultimately this was put in place to protect the athletes. In some incidences people were gaining access to the pool deck as apprentices who could never pass a background check.  
Some LSC's have been requiring the full process for some time. This at least gives an individual some time to decide if this is something they would like to do.

Walter Smalley

SES Officials’ Chair