

Call to Order - 7:35

Ward, Wendell, Clint, Chuck and Teri

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Approval of Minutes (Provided by Teri)

Welcome to Jenny Holwell and Maggie Clerkin who are our new athlete members replacing Logan Anderson and Pippin Robison.

Thank You to Chuck Schmitt for his many years of service to WSI- 4 years of general chair, secretary and many, many years of officiating. **Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!! Thank you!!!**

Reports:

National Officials Conference Call (Clint/Wendell) - Jan 4, 2017.

Deck pass is ok to prove membership.

Drones can be exempted for open water swims - we need to include that drones cannot be used.

Suits that tie in back are illegal in competition, but can be used in warmups.

Mixed relays - 1 in 3, 3 and 1 or 2 and 2.

4 Hour rule - do your best.

Old Business:

Update on ordering/distributing shirts to new officials (John)

New Business:

Jennifer Page entering meets now (Clint). She will enter into OTS as she gives the sanction.

Interpretation of breaststroke arm recover rule (result of Green protest) (Clint). Jay Thomas are calling the rule too literal, so even knowing that the arms are crossing, this is not a violation of the rule. The times for the swimmer were reinstated. The call was made again this weekend and we are reminded not to call this. We need to talk about this at Winter State.

New HOD rule for scratches at prelims of State Meets (Clint). Template for the state meet uses the old template. The language for Championship meets refers to the scratch rules for National Championship meets, which means if you miss a race in prelims, you will be out for the day. HOD has amended our template to reflect that we will not enforce this for prelims, but we still enforce this for finals.

Changes to WSI sanctions to accommodate USA rule changes (Teri).

Cindy will work with Jennifer to get the changes to the template.

Defining a session in reference to officials training in reference to input from Cindy (Clint/Wendell). A session needs to have all strokes for training purposes. - Time may vary from trainee to trainee.

Discussion regarding a modification to S&T training form (Montana example of certain amount of time required to make calls on each stroke) (Wendell) This is probably overkill from the point of view of our officials, the meet referee needs to consider how the trainee is doing.

6 session rule (Clint), he finally got a report done and some of our most experienced referees would be out. Is that really good? Clint is not going to enforce that this year. We have others that are keeping up with the sport but are not doing enough USA meets as they are not traveling (no kids). Should we have a form that each official fills out at the end of the season to make it easier to track? Maybe would allow us to accept some high school meets and logging will keep everyone informed as to what they are actually doing.

Adjourn 8:25 pm.

Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2017