

WSI OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

(Sunday, January 10, 2016 7:30 p.m.)

Attendance: Clint Beaver, Cathy Fisher, Cindy O'Dwyer, Chuck Schmitt, Teri Oursler; Pippen Robison **Absent:** John Galindo

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved.

Clint national meeting conference call report:

1. Time adjustment rule: from Clint national meeting/call; the software companies are supposed to be putting out the new software. Suggest that all LSC's hold workshops to train admin officials to handle the changes. Chuck suggested that we do it in March at state. Cincy suggested we get together and then take it back to our areas. Chuck suggested we have a web meeting. He also told us that the meets are NOT easy to fix if there is more than one wrong time in a heat. There is software changes coming out to fix this problem. We need to see the updates from the companies.
2. Compression tape: Clint thought it was at the discretion of the referee, but we should never approve compressive tape on swimmers as referees, not even with a doctor's note.
3. IM or medley relay, freestyle portion: how do you judge if the swimmer is doing backstroke. You need to look as they come off the wall, and watch the swimmer's feet leave the wall and then look at the shoulders to decide if the swimmer is on his back. The swimmer who rolls over during the swim was not part of the discussion. If they come off the wall on their back, they are disqualified.

Old business:

1. Chuck: Stroke and turn clinic at winter state suggests that this is a good time for a lot of our officials. They are needed every 2 years. Cathy agrees it is a good time to provide one. Cathy said she will have the clinic. Cindy said there are some new videos on the USA website.

New Business:

1. **Cindy:** HOD changes that affect winter state. Most do not go into effect until 2017. We do not have 11-12 1650, but anyone with a senior time, regardless of age, can swim the 1650 at state in the open division. The only problem can be when events are combined in meet manger. Cindy sent the fix to this to Clint and Cathy to fix for our

coming state meet. The q-times that are B times are too slow and the meets are getting too big.

2. **Cindy:** Each club will only have one relay entry at state, and that takes effect now; there will be 8 and under, 10 and under and 12 and under.
3. **Cathy and Teri:** There is a WSI rule that said each team has to have an official to hold a meet. This was passed in 2005. The rule was passed in 2005 and got left out of the book. We need to reinstate the rule and make it effective March 2016. Per Cathy: we need to have a proposal that has some teeth in it, taking away ribbons? Teri emailed the 2005 HOD minutes that showed it passed.

Cathy suggests: Hosting teams and the meet Referee will have NO AUTHORITY to waive the required participation of Officials. Failure to enforce this provision shall result in a \$100 penalty to the hosting club and they will be barred from holding a swim meet for 1 calendar year.

4. **Clint:** Policy and procedures: If you have spent your own money on a background check, you can deduct the amount you paid from your registration fee. The background receipt could be included with the registration application and the fee deducted then.

Next conference call April 10, 2016; 7:30 pm.

Minutes by: Teri Ann Oursler, DVM