

WSI OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

(Sunday, December 13, 2015, 7:30 p.m.)

Attendance: Clint Beaver, Chuck Schmitt, Cathy Fisher, Teri Oursler, John Galindo, Pippin Robison, Logan Anderson.

Much scurrying beforehand and we used Teri's work conference room, rather than skype due to internet problems for Cathy and Chuck.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda approved.

Official's Clinic - John:

John Galindo: highlights of officials' conference. Great experience, good chance to meet with officials from all over the country. Discussion of LSC officiating and how things stand. We are not the only ones hurting for officials. They discussed how to bring in officials. They talked about compensation, not pay, but rewards such as vouchers for restaurants and decreasing meet fees for those officials.

Talked about different calls, etc in break-out groups. They talked about wearing arm bands, watches and jewelry.

Meeting was in Dallas -Ft. Worth.

Cathy question: did they talk about penalizing teams that do not bring officials? John: there are some meets where those teams are penalized \$100 and those teams were simply paying the final. So, it does not seem to be a panacea. Paying meet fees for the official's swimmers seems to be the biggest carrot that works.

Linda Eaton's clinics at HOD:

John: great clinic. She was a bit disorganized at the beginning, but eventually got her feet under her and she has some things that we can use to make meets run smoother.

Chuck: good clinic. She runs meets that are a lot bigger so some of her issues are different. Limiting swimmers due to timeline is one of their problems and our problems are more lack of officials. Other than our state meet, our meets are much smaller with different issues.

Clint: he talked to Linda ahead of time and she said she had to teach what she knew; she knows big meets. She did work the meet the night before with Chuck. She was starter and Chuck refereed.

Meet entry for each referee - Cathy:

At HOD we decided that each referee is responsible for looking at their own sanction and entering their own data after each meet. All meet referees will now enter their own meet report. One session is now one day or must include all 4 strokes. Once Cathy enters the meet into the Swims database, as soon as the meet referee is named, then that referee has permission to go in and enter their own data, but they cannot edit the session count, etc. If you think yours is wrong, just email her and she will fix it. Ward Anderson had some trouble entering his meet, but Cathy fixed it. Chuck: were instructions emailed out? Cathy said she sent them. Teri forwarded the email to Chuck and John. Chuck needs to get email at his work email address, as Bresnan is giving him fits.

Clint: there was an discussion in Casper at HOD about having Jennifer enter the meets when she gives the sanction. Cathy is not having problems keeping it up now that she is not looking at all of the sanctions. Cathy is going to continue entering them.

Implementation of New USA Swimming Time Adjustment - Cathy

When we have a discrepancy between pad and pickle, and we disregard the pad, the time adjustment is given by meet manager. FINA is arguing that when we use the new time, that is not a real time, it is a made up a time. FINA is doing away with it and USA Swimming is doing away with this time differential in May.

Chuck said that Linda has already done this for Colorado as they did not want to implement this change in the middle of a season. In Meet Manager, there is a button that says to adjust times, so we will no longer select that during the meet. We will only take the backup time, we won't accept the adjusted time. This needs to be set while running the meet.

We should implement this right after Winter State. Unanimous vote to implement the change on March 15, 2015. Chuck asked that this be sent out to all of our administrative officials and Cathy wants to let the meet director as well.

HOD Changes to Winter State Meet - Cindy - tabled to next meeting since Cindy did not attend.

Added - training new officials:

Chuck: some new Casper apprentices went to work a meet, but they were not supportive at an away meet. We need to make sure that all of the

referees are welcoming to new officials, regardless of what team they are from.

Chuck: Officials' clinics - is anyone getting requests for them? Teri gives one every year before Winter Fiesta and Chuck has given them when requested most all over the state, just let him know.

Cathy: A team protested a call because the official had not been to a clinic in the last 2 years. They were able to prove that the official had been to a clinic in Utah, so call was upheld. We probably ought to have a clinic at Winter State, as we used to do in the past.

Adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Next meeting January 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm; this will be after the next officials' meeting that Clint is attending with USA Swimming, so we will get any new information from USA Swimming from him.

Minutes by: Teri Ann Oursler, DVM