

Officials Committee Minutes: September 17, 2003 (Rev:10/22/03)
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

Participants: Joe Barta, George Geanon, Patty Kramer, Dan Lapin, Judy Linsley, Jackie Vargas, Susan Zblewski

Approval of July 8, 2003 Minutes: Deferred.

Re-Certification Clinics: The Committee scheduled the following dates, locations, and presenters for 2004 Re-Certification Clinics:

November 4, 2003 (Tues)	Middleton	Kramer, Surprenant
November 6, 2003 (Thurs)	Waukesha	Linsley, Zblewski
November 10, 2003 (Mon)	Waukesha	Lapin, Zblewski
November 13, 2003 (Thurs)	Middleton	Kramer, Surprenant
November 18, 2003 (Tues)	Appleton	Kramer, Others Suggested

Steve Surprenant now present.

The Committee began a discussion of Re-Certification Clinic Agenda items, including guidelines/procedures for "Delay of Meet" and new situations/questions developed by the USA Swimming Officials Committee. The Committee decided to defer establishing an agenda until the October Meeting to permit members to review the new situations/questions.

Officials Review Board Hearing of July 8, 2003: An Officials Review Board of Michelle Koehler, Steve Surprenant, Chair, and Susan Taylor reviewed a complaint against an Official for conducting a Meet with only two Officials and only one team. The second Official at the Meet made the complaint. By consensus, and effective immediately, the Committee agreed:

- 1) To reassign the Official from Starter-Referee to Stroke and Turn Judge until the Official participates in a Starter/Referee Officials Clinic, achieves a score of at least ninety percent (90%) on the written USA Swimming tests for Starter, Referee, Administrative Referee, Clerk of Course, and Timing Judge and completes the shadow requirements for Starter/Referee of five (5) sessions in two (2) Meets for Starter and six (6) sessions in three (3) Meets for Referee; and
- 2) To revoke the individual's certification as USA Swimming Official should the person continue to work as a Starter/Referee prior to completion of these requirements.

Zblewski will revise the Wisconsin Swimming Officials Directory on the website.

Fall New Officials Training Clinics: These Clinics have the following registrations to date:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i># Starter/Referee</i>	<i>#Stroke & Turn</i>	<i>Presenters</i>
September 27 th	Hartland	2	10	Lapin, Linsley Zblewski
October 4 th	Eau Claire	No Session	2	Kramer
November 9 th	Madison	0	2	Kramer, Surprenant

Headsets: Zblewski reported that neither Amateur Electronics (Milwaukee) nor Radio Shack any longer sell the headsets that the LSC uses as the technology has changed. George Geanon will consult with USA Swimming, other LSCs, and other sources to determine availability of another method for communicating on deck.

LSC Championship Meet – National Certification: Zblewski will inquire at the USA Swimming Officials Chairs meeting in October about having USA Swimming National Certification available to Officials who work the LSC Short Course Meets. Such Certification may encourage more Officials to volunteer to work the Meets.

Wisconsin Swimming Officials Newsletter: Discussion deferred to next meeting.

New Committee Member: A nationally certified Official has relocated to the LSC. Zblewski will invite her to attend the next meeting.

Unfinished/New Business:

1. *Meet Requirement Card Revisions:* In addition to having the date of the Meet, the level worked, and a signature, the Committee suggested adding to the card, Name of the Meet, specifying the time period during which the Official must satisfy the requirements (September 1st through August 31st) and adding instructions for submitting the Card with USA Swimming annual membership fee to the LSC Registration Coordinator.
2. *Observers for WIAA Girls Championship Meets:* Zblewski will advise the WIAA that the following Wisconsin Swimming Officials are available to observe swims:

November 14, Fri., Division II	Koehler, Schwartz
November 15 th , Sat., Division I	Geanon, Koehler
3. *Officials' Polo Shirts and Name Badges:* Kramer will get prices and send notices to all Officials to permit distribution at the Re-Certification Clinics or via USPS.

Next Meeting Date: October 22, 2003, Wednesday, University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha.

Prepared by _____
Patty Kramer, Member
Officials Committee

Date: October 21, 2003