

Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee
Tuesday June 8, 2004

Members present: Susan Zblewski, Judy Linsley, Jackie Vargas, George Geanon, Patty Kramer, and Lynee Phelps

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by chair, Susan Zblewski. The March minutes were reviewed.

The first order of business was to discuss committee membership. Dan Lapin will be resigning, and George Geanon will handle the Recertification duties. There was more discussion about adding additional members to the committee. Dave Wardecke – FCYM, Steve Brandl - SHOR and Bill Clewien-BB were suggested. Susan will try to contact them before our next full meeting. The committee is considering inviting coaches to our meetings to improve communication with them.

The Spring certification clinics were very successful, with 49 people attending the Stroke and Turn clinics, and 13 people attending the Starter/Referee clinics. The committee discussed the need for refining the clinic agenda and format.

The Summer State Meets will be held at Schroeder YMCA. SWAT will host the 14-under meet, to be held July 23-25. SEAY will host the Senior meet, held July 30-Aug. 1. Possible Meet Referees will be contacted by Susan. Judy Linsley will be one of the Senior meet referees.

Requirements for officials working any State Championship Meets have been modified. An official must have worked 6 sessions at 2 or more different meets, hosted by 2 or more different clubs each year. This will be a requirement for all levels of officials. Coaches will be given this information.

Judy began organizing and updating the WI Swimming Officials roster information. This will allow information to be quickly distributed on a statewide basis, mostly by email.

The Wisconsin Officials Manual was distributed at all the Spring clinics, and was deemed a success. Due to the cost of printing and assembling the manuals, a charge of \$15.00 per manual/and/or update was suggested. Additions, revisions and corrections will be done by Patty and Lynee.

Judy reported on the USA Swimming Referee Facilitators Clinic that she attended May 29-31 in Dallas. The purpose of the clinic was to assist and encourage the people who train officials in each LSC. Most of the USAS LSCs sent one or more representatives. Judy handed out an outline of the topics that were covered, which included Training the Stroke & Turn Official, Starting, Chief Judge, Referee, Administrative Referee, and Meet Referee.

There was a lengthy discussion about False Starts. This is a universal issue in all levels of USA Swimming, and will be addressed at the Recertification Clinics. The committee's goal is to have an evaluation and mentor process in place by Spring 2005. Coaches who question a false start need

to understand that there is no “plane” that affects the start, and that the Starter and Referee are watching the whole field, not individual swimmers.

Positive check-in for all Long Course events was discussed. This would keep the heats full and allow more swimmers to participate. Susan will bring this up at the WI Swimming Rules Committee meeting.

The committee will explore the possibility of having a member of the USA Officials Committee come to our Recertification clinic. Possible dates are Sept. 18-19 and Oct. 2-3.

The committee has received approval for a Wisconsin LSC radio frequency license. The cost is \$70.00 and takes 45 days to get the FCC license. More information should be available at the next meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday July 20, 2004 at 7pm at UW-Waukesha. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynee Phelps, August 3, 2004.