

Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee
Tuesday August 10, 2004

Members present: Susan Zblewski, Judy Linsley, Jackie Vargas, George Geanon, Dan Lapin, Steve Surprenant, Dave Wardecke and Lynee Phelps

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

The first order of business was to discuss committee membership. Dan Lapin will be resigning from active membership, and George Geanon will handle the Recertification duties. Dave Wardecke and Cyndy Maltry, both FCY officials, will be sharing a position on the committee to ensure better representation from the Fox Cities area. We extend a warm welcome to both new members.

The Fall certification and recertification clinics were discussed, with four clinics being scheduled and several others being arranged. The committee discussed the need for refining the clinic agenda and format, including an alternative format for clinics held at a meet. Judy and Lynee will work on the alternative format to be used at the October 9 De Forest meet. The scheduled clinics and possible presenters are as follows:

October 2, Saturday Certification, Hartland – Judy, Lynee, George

October 9, Saturday Certification, De Forest – Steve, Judy, Lynee

October 14, Thursday Recertification, Madison – Steve, Patty, Ben

October 18, Monday Recertification, Madison – Steve, Patty, Ben

October 20 Wednesday Recertification, Milwaukee – Susan, George, Jackie

October 25 Monday Recertification, Milwaukee – Susan, George, Jackie

Dave Wardecke will make arrangements for Fox Cities' clinics, which are likely to be held in November.

Dave mentioned the difficulties he and others have had with the online tests. While the committee has no control over this, the problems will be brought to the attention of the USAS Officials Committee. In the meantime, tests can be hand-graded.

The Spring State Meets will be decided after October 26. Scheduling for possible mentoring from the USA Swimming Officials Committee during those meets will be arranged when the dates are set.

Judy has been organizing and updating the WI Swimming Officials roster information. Several officials have retired, and some have not yet responded to her emails. Those officials will be contacted by phone for their current information. Judy suggested that there be additional communication with Carol Graham on new and recertifying officials. This would allow information about address/phone/email changes to be updated on a regular basis.

More copies of the Wisconsin Officials Manual will be needed for the Fall clinics. Any corrections or additions should be emailed to Lynee as soon as possible.

Steve presented information about new FCC compatible headsets. The committee has received approval for a Wisconsin LSC radio frequency license, and Susan will complete the paperwork. The minimum requirement is an 8 GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) channel radio with 38 privacy codes. Additional information on headsets can be found at hitechwireless.com

Recommended radios are:

Motorola T710	\$80-100 for a set, headset <u>not</u> included
Midland G300	\$80-100 for a set, headset <u>not</u> included
Cobra PR31002D	\$80-100 for a set, headset included
Audio Vox GMRS 500SLK	\$50 for one, headset included

There was a lot of discussion on the number of officials needed to run a meet. The committee recognized that the USAS Rule Book wording is ambiguous. More discussion will follow at the next meeting, with probable input from the USAS Rules Committee.

George reported that the LC 14-under meet was very successful. There were less disqualifications than the Spring meet, and very little criticism from the coaches. Phil Eberle was the other Meet Referee and he was pleased with the meet as well. There were too many Colorado problems, but hopefully this will be corrected by the Spring SC meets.

Judy and Susan reported that the Senior Meet also was very smooth. There were plenty of officials. There were only 11 stroke violations, so coaches must be working with their swimmers on legal racing techniques. The Colorado also presented problems at this meet. The main difficulty was with watches for the 800 freestyle. The meet announcement stated that swimmers must provide their own timers and counters, but no mention was made about watches. The Meet Director was concerned that people might walk off with the host team watches. The situation was resolved for the meet, but future meet announcements could include definite information. There was some difficulty with printed meet results for Proof of Times that did not include the meet sanction number. This also needs to be clarified on future meet announcements.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 7:15 pm at UW-Waukesha. Note the change in time. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynee Phelps, August 17, 2004.