

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2005(Wednesday)
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha

Participants: Bruce Barbee, George Geanon, Patty Kramer, Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Ben Radloff, Steve Surprenant, Dave Wardecke, Susan Zblewski, Chair

Susan Zblewski convened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Review of August 16, 2005 Minutes. Tim McAvoy moved approval and Ben Radloff seconded; passed unanimously.

WIAA Girls Championships: These Meets are observed Meets meaning that the two USA Swimming certified Officials will observe all swimmers for conformance USA Swimming Technical Rules and report any violations to the LSC NTV Coordinator, Dave Joyce. The Observers are:

- Division 2, November 11, 2005 (Friday) Zblewski will recruit Officials.
- Division 1, November 12, 2005 (Saturday) Dave Wardecke, Bruce Barbee

NOTE: For the October 25, LSC House of Delegated meeting, Zblewski identified Phil Brown and Jim Tobakos as the Observers for Division 2.

Jackie Vargas now present.

Dealing with Hostile Persons on Deck: After some discussion, the Committee decided on the following:

- If a non-credentialed person or a credential person not working in an official capacity approaches an Official, or any other person working the Meet, in a hostile manner, the Official should ask the person to review the matter with the swimmer's coach. Then, if appropriate, ask the coach to discuss the matter with the Meet Referee. The Committee concludes that part of a Coach's job is responding to questions regarding a swimmer's race.
- If a non-credentialed person becomes belligerent with a Coach, then the Meet Marshal, Meet Director, and/or Meet Referee, depending on the availability of staff and severity of situation, should eject the person and/or call the police.

Orders for Officials Polo Shirts and Name Badges: Patty Kramer reported that Carol Graham, LSC Registration Coordinator, mailed order forms to all certified Officials in mid-August with their 2006 USA Swimming membership applications. Kramer also asked Dale Nickels, LSC Webmaster, to post the order form on the LSC website. Zblewski approved providing, without charge, any Officials Committee member with a name badge who did not have one with the magnet closure (6). Order due date is October 1, 2005. Suppliers are Walters Swim for Polos and Hasty for name badges.

Stroke Rule Change --Breaststroke: Effective September 21, 2005, USA Swimming Rules Committee approved rule changes for the breaststroke. Now, at the start and after each turn, during or after the first arm pull down, a downward dolphin kick, if followed by a breaststroke kick is permitted, though not required. The downward dolphin kick is not permitted prior to the first arm pull down. The cycle of arm stroke, then kick remains the same. Also, language was added that the movements of the legs must be in the same horizontal plane and without any alternating movement. Changes incorporate language used by FINA.

Stroke Rule Change – Backstroke: Effective September 21, 2005, USA Swimming Rules Committee approved a rule change so toes may be above the surface of the water at the start, provided that they are not above the lip of the gutter or curled over the lip of the gutter. Change incorporates language used by FINA.

Re-Certification Clinics Agenda: After discussion, the Committee identified the following topics for the 2006 Re-Certification Clinics: New USA Swimming Rule Changes, Making Reasonable Accommodation for Swimmers with Disabilities, Policy for Apprentice Officials, Chief Judge Responsibilities, Review of Deck Jurisdictions and Making the Disqualification Call, Judging Relay Exchanges, Start Protocol, Responding to Disputed Calls, as well as several announcements regarding Health and Safety at Meets, Interest in participating in a National Certification Meet, and Volunteering for the LSC Championships. Kramer will draft an Agenda and notes for critique by Committee members. Presenters also will ask Officials to review contact information on the “Officials Directory” and, if not done previously, to complete the “Release of Contact Information” to approve release of the information, limitation on its release, or withhold the information. Presenters also will ask Officials working a Meet to not share the radio frequency with non-Meet persons.

Re-Certification Clinic Presenters are:

November 1, 2005 Tuesday	Appleton YMCA	Cindy Maltry Dave Wardecke
November 2, 2005 Wednesday	UW-C, Waukesha	Joe Barta Judy Linsley Susan Zblewski
November 3, 2005 Thursday	Memorial HS, Madison	Patty Kramer Ben Radloff
November 7, 2005, Monday	UW-C, Waukesha	Bruce Barbee George Geanon Susan Zblewski
November 8, 2005, Tuesday	Memorial HS, Madison	Ben Radloff Steve Surprenant

New Officials Certification Clinics: EBSC and BAC plan Clinics for Stroke and Turn Judges on October 15th and October 22nd respectively, in conjunction with their Meets.

Understanding Meet Management Software: Both Bruce Barbee and Ben Radloff know individuals who are knowledgeable about Hy-Tek Meet Management software and may be available to conduct Clinics for Starter-Referee Officials. These Clinics would be limited in size and available on a first come-first served basis. Barbee and Radloff will try to determine dates prior to the Re-Cert Clinics so the dates may be announced then.

Old Business:

Apprentice Officials: George Geanon presented a revised policy. Basic changes include:

- An apprentice may apprentice one session prior to taking the USA Swimming on-line test.
- A mentor must provide direct supervision, must remain close to, the apprentice.
- An apprentice may be assigned to write disqualification slips for part of a session, but not for an entire session.
- A Stroke and Turn Judge candidate apprenticing at an LSC Championships is not appropriate; a Starter-Referee may apprentice at the LSC Championship with the approval of the LSC Officials Committee Chair.
- A Stroke and Turn Judge apprentice session may not consist only of freestyle events.
- A Stroke and Turn Judge apprentice may make Disqualification calls, if the calls are observed also by the mentor.
- A Starter-Referee apprentice may perform the functions of those positions in the latter sessions of his/her apprenticeship provided the mentor also observes any disqualification.

Kramer will modify the "Officials Training and Certification Requirements" to consistency with the "Policy on Apprentice Officials." Both will be distributed at the Re-Certification Clinics.

Next Meeting Date: November 15, 2005 (Tuesday)

Prepared By _____ November 1, 2005
Patty Kramer, Member
LSC Officials Committee