

***Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2006 (Tuesday)***  
***Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.***  
***University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha***

**Participants:** Bruce Barbee, Joe Barta, George Geanon, Patty Kramer, Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Ben Radloff, Jackie Vargas, Susan Zblewski, Chair

Susan Zblewski convened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

**Review of March 21, 2006 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as read.

**New Officials Certification Clinics:** A stroke and turn officials clinic was held April 18 in DeForest. Patty Kramer was the instructor. There were 11 new trainees who attended, and one person came to redo the clinic. Patty also trained 6 new stroke and turn officials on May 13 in LaCrosse. Judy Linsley and Tim McAvoy trained 5 new starter/referees on May 6 in Cedarburg.

A tentative training date was set for June 1 in Kenosha with Joe Barta as the trainer. There are 5 or 6 other people interested from NBSC, OZ, and NSSC. A date needs to be scheduled for this group.

A concern was expressed about the lack of follow-up with people who take the class but then don't certify. This will be an agenda item at our next meeting.

**Officials Roster:** Judy will update the roster on the WI Swimming website in May. It would be helpful to also have a list of officials by club. This will be done during the summer.

**USA Swimming Officials meeting:** Jackie Vargas will attend the USA Swimming officials training in Colorado Springs, May 27-29. Previous attendees to this clinic expressed the desire to send 2 officials to the meeting. The additional cost would need to be included in the LSC budget. Susan will try to get our budget increased for next year to send 2 officials.

There was much discussion of questions or concerns to take to the meeting. These include the following:

- Should coaches ranking of officials be considered when assigning state meet officials?
- Which LSCs require clubs to send officials to meets as a condition to participate?
- Will the USA Swimming officials training videos be update to reflect recent rule changes?
- Can a declared false start be use to avoid a failure to scratch (clarification needed on the national scratch rule)?
- How are place judges used in other LSCs?

**WI Administrative Code:** Lifeguard requirements were discussed at the last LSC meeting. Patty shared some relevant information from the WI administrative code, Chapter HFS 172, Safety, Maintenance, and Operation of Public Swimming Pools. According to the code, a certified lifeguard is required whenever any swimmer is in the water at a swim meet. The meet referee and meet director should be sure that the lifeguard is in place. Patty will add an alert to the WI Swimming website to relay this information.

**Meet Requirement Cards:** The committee reviewed the current meet requirement card and suggestions on changes were discussed. Susan will be having the cards reprinted before the fall swim season.

**National Certification Meets:** George reported that 2 nationally certified trainers are required for a national certification meet. Their travel and other expenses would need to be covered. A lot of time is needed in order to get this set up. A formal proposal for a national certification meet should be made to the LSC. If this is done in early September, then expenses can be included in the LSC budget. Jackie will get more information on national certification meets at the meeting in Colorado Springs.

**Long Course State Meet Officials:** Paul Young and Joe Barta were appointed as head officials for the 12-under meet, July 28-30. Patty Kramer, Susan Zblewski, and Steve Brandl were suggested for the 13-over meet, August 4-6. Susan will make the final assignments.

Concern was expressed over duplication of duties for the appointed officials. A subcommittee of George, Ben, Judy, and Paul Young will meet to define the duties of the appointed officials.

**Rules:** Some potential changes to WI Swimming rules were discussed. These changes include the use of place judging (deferred to the next meeting), minimum number of officials for dual meets (there should be a minimum of 2 officials, both starter/refs), and compensation (wording will acknowledge that most officials volunteer their time). Patty will bring these suggestions to the next rules meeting in September.

**New Business:** Tim brought up the need for diversity or outreach, and noted that there is information on the USA Swimming website. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 11, 2006 (Tuesday).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, June 27, 2006