

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2007 (Tuesday)
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha

Participants: George Geanon, Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Ben Radloff, Jackie Vargas, Susan Zblewski, Chair

Susan Zblewski convened the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Review of March 20, 2007 Minutes: some typos were corrected.

New Officials Training Clinics: Eleven participants are expected at a clinic on April 19 at Carthage College hosted by SEAY. Bruce Barbee and George Geanon will be the presenters. Dave Wardecke and Cindy Maltry will be holding a clinic April 29 in Oshkosh. Ben Radloff is working on scheduling a clinic in the Madison area on May 6.

The online tests will be unavailable from May 1-15 as they are being updated.

It was decided to schedule a fall clinic for starter/referee training. Information would be sent in the August mailing or with recertification materials. Attending a training session counts as recertification for the year, so some officials might choose to become a starter/referee as a way to meet their recertification requirement. George Geanon will put an announcement on the WI Swimming website to try to recruit new starter/referees.

LSC Rules Proposal: Over the past several meetings, the officials committee has discussed how LSC championship officials should be appointed. The consensus of the committee is that the LSC championship meet referee, administrative referee, and lead chief judge should be selected by the officials committee rather than by the coaches. This would be consistent with other LSC selections. For example, the coaches select the coaches' representative and the athletes select the athlete's representative. The selection of LSC championship appointed officials by the officials committee will be presented as a rules proposal at the next LSC meeting.

Committee Membership: Steve Surprenant and Joe Barta have both resigned from the committee. The committee expressed their gratitude for their service. Their experience and expertise will be missed.

Officials Committee Mission Statement and Structure: The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing and revising this document. The document outlines the purpose, committee composition, committee responsibilities, and roles of the committee chairperson, vice-chairperson, and subcommittees. Ben Radloff will write a draft of a mission statement for the officials committee. Cindy Maltry moved (Tim McAvoy seconded) that we accept the modified document as our committee policy. The motion was passed unanimously. The mission statement will be approved at our next meeting.

Due to the lengthy and productive discussion on this topic, all other agenda items were tabled.

New Business: George Geanon distributed documents of interest from the USA Swimming website: Recruitment and Retention, USA Swimming – How do I become an official?, and Exit interview for non-renewing officials

Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2007 (Tuesday).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, May 12, 2007