

Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: December 18, 2007 (Tuesday)
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha

Participants: George Geanon, Chair, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Ben Radloff, Paul Roehr, Kim Thompson, Jackie Vargas, David Wardecke

George Geanon convened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Review of October 16, 2007 Minutes: Accepted.

Recertification Clinics: Attendance at the clinics was excellent. Ben has compiled an attendance record that was reviewed. A number of individuals registered but did not attend the clinics. They will need to complete the online recertification tests. Where possible, some officials with special circumstances may be individually mentored/instructed. The Timing presentation prepared by John Borja was well received, and should be incorporated in the Starter/Referee class, perhaps in a revised format. Briefly discussed merits of recertification every one or two years.

Timers Test for New Certifications and Recertifications: Discussed whether the Timers test should be required for New Certifications and Recertifications at the Stroke/Turn position. The consensus was to continue the requirement for New Certifications, but not for Recertifications. Will discuss at next meeting with those not in attendance at this meeting.

New Officials Binder: Suggestions for improvement include and expanded Table of Contents and to place all forms and inserts at the end of the binder in a separate section. The binder will be passed to Dave and Cindy, followed by officials from the SE WI region. The goal is to have an updated binder for use by September, 2008.

Wisconsin Referee Checklist: Some officials at the Recertification Classes requested a checklist for referees to help guide preparations for a typical LSC meet. A Checklist was presented and approved by the Committee. It will be placed on the Officials Page of the WI LSC website.

LSC Championship Meet Officials: Ben presented a list of officials who indicated on the Recertification Registration their desire to be considered for the LSC appointed positions. After discussion, the Officials Committee selected Ben Radloff as Meet Referee and Paul Roehr as Head Chief Judge for the 12 and Under Short Course State Championship Meet in Madison. Their names will be forwarded to BAC, the host team, and at the House of Delegates Meeting 1/22/08. A slate of candidates was selected for the Meet Referee, Administrative Referee and Head Chief Judge for the 13 and Over State Meet. The first to be asked will be Steve Brandl as Meet Referee, John Borja as Admin Referee and Judy Linsley as Head Chief Judge. If those individuals are unavailable, other candidates listed included Paul Friedemann, Steve Suprenant, Bruce Barbee, and Don Steinberg. George will speak with these individuals and present the final slate at the next meeting.

New Agenda Item for next Meeting: YMCA officials and their transition to USAS officials

Next Meeting Date: January 15, 2008 (Tuesday).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by George Geanon, January 14, 2008