

*Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2009 (Tuesday)*  
*Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.*  
*University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha*

**Participants:** George Geanon (chair), Patty Kramer, Judy Linsley, Cindy Maltry, Tim McAvoy, Maurice Pheil, Rick Potter, Cindy Raatz, Ben Radloff, Paul Roehr, Kimberly Thompson, Patrick Weisling

George Geanon convened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

**Review of September 21, 2009 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as read.

**Official's Meet Report Update:** The consensus of the committee is that the new meet report is easy to use. George would like to post the disqualification logs to the WI Swimming website. Paul will provide George with the ability to unlock and copy this information. Paul will also investigate using a .csv file so that information about officials who work meets can be automatically fed into the USA Swimming online tracking system (OTS). The committee commended Paul for all of his work on the new meet report.

**Observed Swims:** Maurice reported that the observed swims process went very well at the recent WIAA sectional and state meets. This is especially true considering that this was the first time that he recruited the observers. E-mail recruiting produced quick results. We are well on our way to observing according to USA Swimming guidelines.

**Fall Socials:** Three fall socials were held. Attendance was 8 officials (4 of whom were committee members) at the Waukesha social, 8 officials (3 committee members) at the Appleton social, and 19 officials (4 committee members) at the Madison social. Officials will need to attend a recertification clinic in 2010, so the next socials would be scheduled in 2011. We will need to decide if socials are worth repeating. The committee thought that the Madison social was better attended because it was held at a restaurant. The Waukesha social was at a school and the Appleton social was at a YMCA. Neither of those sites provides the social atmosphere of a restaurant. We will also need to start the organization process earlier. Ben reported that they will offer a social at the 12-under short course state meet in Madison next February.

**Officials Conference:** Ben Radloff and Rick Potter attended the conference in San Antonio on October 9-10 and presented a written report to the committee. The report will be posted on the WI Swimming website. Ben and Rick felt very good about the progress that we've made in the WI LSC with the use of chief judges and administrative referees.

**State Meet Officials:** The 12-under meet will be held February 26-28 at the UW Natatorium, hosted by BAC. The committee appointed Ben Radloff (BAC) as meet referee and Patty Kramer (UN) as head chief judge. The 13-over meet will be held March 4-7 at Schroeder, hosted by LAKE. The committee appointed Paul Roehr (MWY) as meet referee, George Geanon (LAKE) as administrative referee, and Cindy Raatz (SSTY) as head chief judge. Rick Potter will coordinate all officials supplies and gifts. The committee decided to provide shirts for officials who work 3 or more sessions at the 12-under meet and bags for those similarly working at the 13-over meet.

**Officials Training:** In order to ensure consistent and quality training of new officials, the committee would like to develop a training binder. George will begin workin on this. It was also decided to no longer charge officials who attend a training clinic. New officials benefit all clubs, not just their own club. The cost of training officials will be absorbed by the WILSC.

**Next Meeting Date:** January 19, 2010 (Tuesday), at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 44 PM. so that it could meet in closed session.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Linsley, January 16, 2010.